

CABINET DECISIONS 2023/24

Decisions Made Since Last Round of Scrutiny Meetings

Date	Title	Portfolio Holder	Status	Decision	Reasons for Decision
29 Feb 2024	<p>Medium Term Financial Plan Budget Monitoring Report April - December 2023 (Q 3)</p> <p>Relevant to Services Scrutiny</p>	Councillor P R Kerry – Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership and Finance	Key & Open	That Cabinet noted the Quarter Three Budget Monitoring position as outlined in the report and detailed in Appendices 1-4 to the report.	To inform Cabinet of the financial position of the Council, following the third quarter's budget monitoring exercise for the General Fund, the Housing Revenue Account and Capital Programme.
29 Feb 2024	<p>Derby and Derbyshire Strategic Leadership Board</p> <p>Relevant to all Scrutinies</p>	Councillor N Barker – Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership & Finance	Non Key & Open	<p>Approved the proposals for the establishment of the Derby and Derbyshire Strategic Leadership Board (SLB) and the delegation of functions to this Joint Committee as set out in the Functions and Responsibilities document in Appendix 2 of the Council report.</p> <p>Noted the draft the Terms of Reference, including the Introduction and Context, Functions and Responsibilities, Procedural Rules, and Information Procedure Rules for the SLB as set out at Appendix 2 of the Council report and the position detailed in those documents regarding scrutiny and co-option.</p> <p>Appointed the Leader of the Council as the Council's representative on the SLB and the Deputy Leader of the Council, as substitute.</p>	<p>To establish the Derby and Derbyshire Strategic Leadership Board with robust governance arrangements in place and secure the Council's future involvement and participation in new governance arrangements as they develop and emerge.</p> <p>To ensure that the Council has appropriate lead Elected Member representation on the proposed Strategic Leadership Board, via the appointment of suitable Cabinet Members.</p>

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				<p>Noted the intention that the SLB be the body for the nomination of District and Borough representatives to the East Midlands Combined County Authority (the CCA), when established, further noting that this was subject to the CCA's agreement that this be the mechanism.</p> <p>Agreed that the County Council act as the host authority for the Joint Committee.</p> <p>Noted and agreed the dissolution of the D2 Joint Committee for Economic Prosperity, the enactment of which is subject to the establishment of the SLB and recommends that the Constitution is amended accordingly.</p> <p>Noted and agreed the dissolution of the Vision Derbyshire Joint Committee, the enactment of which was subject to the establishment of the SLB and recommends that the Constitution is amended accordingly.</p>	<p>To ensure that the Council has appropriate delegations in place to enable the Council to participate in finalising the details of the Strategic Leadership Board governance.</p>

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				<p>Agreed with the Council's active participation in the SLB and the associated costs of taking forward the programme of work, the maximum cost of which currently stands at £12,500 for NEDDC (assuming all Districts and Boroughs are members of the SLB) which is funded until at least March 2025 via the Business Rates pool.</p> <p>Noted that as the functions of the SLB are executive functions, Derbyshire County Council would not have the opportunity to co-opt additional members onto the SLB and the ability to co-opt is restricted within the Terms of Reference.</p> <p>Noted that, in accordance with section 9F of the Local Government Act 2000, constituent authorities who operate executive arrangements would need to make formal scrutiny arrangements to review or scrutinise decisions made in connection with the exercise of the functions of the D2 Strategic Leadership Board, and that the Council's existing scrutiny arrangements would apply.</p>	

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				Delegated authority to the Managing Director and Head of Paid Service in consultation with the Leader to agree the final terms of reference for the SLB and all other arrangements.	
29 Feb 2024	Shared Ownership Allocations Policy Relevant to Communities Scrutiny	Councillor N Barker – Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership & Finance	Non Key & Open	That the revised Shared Ownership Allocations Policy is approved.	The previous Shared Ownership Policy has now expired, and a revised Policy needs to be put in place.
29 Feb 2024	'Unlocking' The Avenue Southern Access Relevant to Business Scrutiny	Councillor J Barry – Portfolio Holder for Growth & Assets	Non Key & Open	<p>That Cabinet noted the recent progress in 'unlocking' The Avenue Southern Access.</p> <p>That Cabinet approved further officer resource and undoubtedly further investment from the Council (on a business case by business case basis), to complete The Avenue development, as outlined in the report, as a regeneration priority.</p> <p>That Cabinet supported The Avenue being discussed and promoted to partners and funders as the Council's priority regeneration scheme.</p>	To approve further officer resources and further investment from the Council (on a case-by-case basis to complete The Avenue development as a regeneration priority for the Council.

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29 Feb 2024	<p>Report on the Future of the Housing Revenue Account Car Parking Strategy (Exempt Item)</p> <p>Relevant to Communities Scrutiny</p>	Councillor J Barry – Portfolio Holder for Growth & Assets	Key & Exempt	<p>That the initial pilot parking schemes at Kelstedge and Holymoorside be no longer progressed, due to the numerous issues around delivery of the individual sites.</p> <p>That the three ‘Phase One’ sites at Killamarsh, Grassmoor and Ashover, which have now successfully received planning permission, be progressed to completion on site where feasible.</p> <p>That the three Phase One sites which have currently been unsuccessful through the planning process or withdrawn, Littlemoor, Renishaw and Ridgeway, be not progressed.</p> <p>As part of the ongoing estate management process Rykneld Homes Limited review the void specification to include the installation of hardstanding parking areas and Electric Vehicle (EV) charging points, where affordable and viable.</p> <p>That parking improvements be incorporated, whenever feasible, in future estate regeneration/redevelopment schemes.</p> <p>The budget allocation be utilised for future regeneration projects.</p>	<p>A significant amount of officer time and resources have been expended in order to develop specific schemes through to the Planning stage. The decision will allow action to now be taken to take forward appropriate schemes in the near future and so enable improvements through the Housing Revenue Account to be achieved.</p>

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29 Feb 2024	Clay Cross Town Deal - Town Centre Contractor Procurement (Exempt Item) Relevant to Business Scrutiny	Councillor J Barry – Portfolio Holder for Growth & Assets	Key & Exempt	That Cabinet agreed to enter a contract with Inside Limited to deliver the construction elements for the Clay Cross Town Centre Regeneration Scheme, as well as undertaking any other required associated ancillary agreements, subject to outstanding contract negotiation and due diligence requirements.	Agreeing to contract with the identified construction company will mean that a quality, experienced provider can be commissioned within budget to meet the objectives and delivery timescale of the Clay Cross Town Centre Regeneration Scheme.
28 March 2024	NEDDC Climate Change Strategy 2024-2030 Relevant to Environment Scrutiny	Councillor S Pickering – Portfolio Holder for Environment & Place	Non Key & Open	<p>That Cabinet agreed that the Climate Change Strategy reflects the current Council Plan’s vision and priorities in a concise and clear manner.</p> <p>That Cabinet agreed the updated Climate Change Strategy title ‘Rethink, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle’ better reflects the Council’s commitment to sustainable thinking.</p> <p>Cabinet noted that the monitoring approach on Climate Change now aligns with Government guidelines to aid transparency and cohesiveness.</p> <p>That Cabinet approves the updated Climate Change Strategy and agrees for it to be published on the Council’s website.</p>	To display the Council’s approach on tackling Climate Change and enable the Council to be more sustainable.

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28 March 2024	<p>Council Plan Objectives Update – October to December 2023</p> <p>Relevant to All Scrutinies</p>	Councillor N Barker – Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership & Finance	Non Key & Open	That Cabinet noted the progress against the Council Plan 2023-2027 objectives.	This was an information report to keep Members informed of the progress against the Council Plan objectives.
	<p>Local Plan Review – Local Plan Evidence and Position Statement</p> <p>Relevant to Environment Scrutiny</p>	Councillor S Pickering – Portfolio Holder for Environment & Place	Non Key & Open	<p>That Cabinet agreed the decision not to formally progress with a full Review of the Local Plan at this stage.</p> <p>That Cabinet approved the evidence base Action Plan at Appendix 2 of the report.</p> <p>That Cabinet approved the 'Position Statement' for publication on the Council's website.</p> <p>That Cabinet noted the notes from the first Local Plan Working Group meeting on 1 November 2023 (Appendix 3).</p>	To enable the Council to progress with evidence based work so that it is in the best position to adopt the new Local Plan making processes that are expected to come into force later this year, and to agree a statement that sets out the Council's position and updates members of the public on the approach being taken. The publication of a Position Statement would demonstrate openness and transparency around the matter of plan making.
	<p>Discretionary Power to reduce Council Tax – Section 13(a) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992</p> <p>Relevant to Services Scrutiny</p>	Councillor J Birkin – Portfolio Holder for Council Services	Non Key & Open	That Cabinet endorsed the implementation of the Section 12A Council Tax Reduction Scheme	To comply with the legislative requirement that each Council Tax billing authority in England make a scheme specifying the terms and eligibility for the Section 13A Council Tax Reductions.

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28 March 2024	Stonebroom Redevelopment Update Relevant to Communities Scrutiny	Councillor N Barker – Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership & Finance	Non Key & Open	<p>That Cabinet noted the progress to regenerate the Prefabricated Bungalows at Stonebroom, including the option to consider delivery of a new community building to replace existing provision.</p> <p>That Cabinet approved demolition notices be issued to 40 tenancies of the bungalows.</p> <p>That Cabinet approved RHL's request to award Band 1 priority housing application status to seven tenancies of the bungalows, who have expressed an interest in relocating away from the project.</p> <p>That Cabinet approved further detailed design, engineering and construction planning works be undertaken for the project with a budget cost of £0.5m (from within the approved budget) in advance of the main construction contract.</p> <p>That Cabinet noted temporary decants of existing customers will be required into current voids on the development. This is necessary to facilitate the construction programme and ensure the scheme is viable.</p>	

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				That Cabinet noted existing gardens, access path and open grass spaces will need to be incorporated into the construction area in a flexible manner, to provide sufficient storage, access and working space for the construction team during redevelopment.	The regeneration scheme at Stonebroom supports the Council's commitment in its Council Plan to build, acquire and facilitate the delivery of more high-quality social housing for rent in the District.
	Rykneld Homes Ltd Senior Management Team Review Relevant to Services Scrutiny	Councillor N Barker – Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership & Finance	Non Key & Exempt	That Cabinet endorsed the proposed changes to the Rykneld homes Ltd (RHL) Senior Management Team Structure, as set out in the report.	It is a requirement of the management agreement that significant changes have prior consent of the Council. The proposed restructure provides a robust structure for delivering housing services.
	The Management of Corporate Debt – Write-off of Outstanding Amounts Relevant to Services Scrutiny	Councillor P R Kerry – Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership and Finance	Non Key & Exempt	That Cabinet agreed to write off the amounts in respect of Council Tax, Business Rates and Rents as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.	All available options to recover this debt had been explored with write off being the final option in the debt management process.