

Time started	09.02 am
Time ended	09.16 am

## **Urgent Leader of the Council Cabinet Member Meeting 13 July 2018**

Present: Councillor Poulter (Chair)

Other members present: Councillor Barker

Officers present: Alex Hough (Democratic Services Manager), Mike Kay (Acting Director of Public Protection) and Meg Tapp (Marketing Officer).

### **1/18 Apologies**

There were no apologies for absence.

### **2/18 Identification of Urgent Items to which Call-in will not apply**

It was noted that Item 4 (Re-commissioning of Speakers Corner and Assembly Rooms Water Features) was not a key decision and therefore call-in did not apply.

### **3/18 Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **4/18 Re-commissioning of Speakers' Corner and Assembly Rooms Water Features**

The Leader of the Council received an urgent report to agree funding for the reinstatement of the Speakers' Corner and Assembly Rooms roundabout water features and the associated running costs for the remainder of the financial year.

It was stated that urgency provisions were being utilised so that the reinstatement of the water features could coincide with a Deep Clean event scheduled to take place in the city centre on Wednesday 18 July 2018, which was also the date of the next Council Cabinet meeting. It was emphasised that the event represented an ideal opportunity to promote the Council's stated objective to enhance the city centre and promote Derby as an attractive place to live, work and visit.

It was reported that the one-off cost for the reinstatement of the Speakers' Corner water feature was £5,900 and for the Assembly Rooms roundabout water feature was £22,095. The running costs for the remainder of the financial year were £6,500.

It was noted that the total cost of £34,495 would be funded from the Budget Risk Reserve 2018/19, however on-going budgetary provision would need to be made as part of the 2019/20 – 2022/23 Medium Term Financial Plan.

Members queried the larger sum associated with the Assembly Rooms roundabout water feature; it was reported that costs had been included for the repair of coping stones and a waste water pipe. It was suggested that the coping stones were rendered to avoid further damage from passing vehicles.

A planned communications strategy was discussed and options were considered for sponsorship of the water features and council roundabouts in future.

**Resolved:**

- **To agree to fund £34,495 for the reinstatement of the Speakers' Corner and Assembly Rooms roundabout water features and associated running costs from the Budget Risk Reserve for the remainder of 2018/19.**
- **To note that budget provision would need to be approved from 2019/20 onwards and would be included within the 2019/20 - 2022/23 medium term financial planning process.**

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