

Time began: 6:00pm
Time ended: 8.34pm

COUNCIL CABINET 12 December 2018

Present Councillor Poulter (Chair)
 Councillors Barker, Grimadell, M Holmes, Roulstone, Smale,
 Webb and Williams

In attendance Councillors Care, Eldret, Evans Graves Peatfield, Rawson
 Shanker and Skelton
 Carole Mills – Chief Executive
 Don McLure – Strategic Director of Corporate Resources
 Christine Durrant – Strategic Director of Communities and
 Place
 Andy Smith – Strategic Director of People
 Glen O'Connell – Interim Monitoring Officer
 Greg Jennings – Director of City Growth and Development
 Claire Davenport – Director of Leisure, Culture and Tourism
 Olu Idowu – Head of Legal Services
 Keith Cousins – Communications Officer
 Frederico Almeida – Youth Mayor

This record of decisions was published on 14 December 2018. The key decisions set out in this record will come into force and may be implemented on the expiry of five clear days unless a key decision is called in.

131/18 Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Williams.

132/18 Late Items

There were no late items.

133/18 Receipt of Petitions

There were no petitions

134/18 Identification of Urgent Items to which Call In will not apply

There were no items.

135/18 Declarations of Interest

Glen O'Connell – Interim Monitoring Officer declared an interest in item 10 – New Assembly Rooms because he was the company secretary and director of the operating company for the National Ice Centre in Nottingham.

136/18 Minutes of the Meeting Held on 14 November 2018

The minutes of the meetings held on 14 November 2018 were agreed as a correct record.

Matters Referred

137/18 Recommendations from the Executive Scrutiny Board

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Recommendations from the Executive Scrutiny Board. The Executive Scrutiny Board met and discussed items contained within the Council Cabinet Agenda. The report enabled the views and recommendations resulting from these discussions to be formally shared with Council Cabinet. These were submitted to Council Cabinet as Appendix 1, prior to commencement of the meeting.

Decision

To receive the report and consider the recommendations alongside the relevant report.

138/18 Minute Extract from Council

The Council Cabinet considered a minute extract from the Council on a Motion – Creative Carers and Haven House. The Cabinet Member for Adults, Health and Housing explained that following further communication with Creative Carers the organisation confirmed they had secured additional funding and that the Council would continue to work in partnership with them.

Decision

To note the work undertaken to address the issues raised.

Key Decisions

139/18 Approval of the Council Tax Support Scheme for 2019/20

The Council Cabinet considered a report which stated that Derby's local Council Tax Support (CTS) Scheme was introduced from 1 April 2013, to replace the national Council Tax Benefit (CTB) Scheme which had been abolished by Central

Government. The CTS Scheme assists working age claimants who required financial assistance with paying their Council Tax bills. Pensioners were not affected by the CTS Scheme as they were treated separately under different legislation.

On 11 July 2018 Universal Credit Full Service (UCFS) started to be rolled out in Derby. This had, and would continue to have, significant practical implications for most working aged people on a low income who were entitled to financial help with their housing costs. It meant that these claimants would now have to make two separate claims – one for UCFS to the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), and one for CTS to the Council. This raised the prospect of UCFS claimants failing to claim CTS promptly which meant they could lose out on their CTS entitlement.

Under the Council's current CTS Scheme, CTS claims could only be backdated for up to one month from the date that the claim was made. This meant that if any claimant delayed making their CTS claim they may lose out on receiving help with their Council Tax. This could lead to them getting into financial difficulties and falling into arrears with their Council Tax payments.

On 8 August 2018 Council Cabinet agreed that a consultation would take place about making a change to the CTS Scheme, to take effect from 1 April 2019. The proposal was to extend the maximum backdating time limit from one month to three months. The Scheme must be changed by 11 March 2019 in order to take effect from 1 April 2019.

The purpose of the report was to present the Council's CTS Scheme from 1 April 2019 for approval, following the consultation that had taken place.

The Executive Scrutiny Board noted the report.

Options considered

Do nothing. This had been rejected, because the Scheme would not offer any additional help for those CTS claimants who made late claims with the Council – particularly those also claiming UCFS.

Decision

To approve the Council's CTS Scheme from 1 April 2019, which was shown at Appendix 1 of the report. This included extending the maximum backdating time limit from one month to three months.

Reasons

To ensure that those customers who did not claim Council Tax Support at the time they first needed help – particularly those claiming Universal Credit Full Service - were able to receive more help, if they were entitled to it.

Having declared an interest in the item below Glen O'Connell left the meeting.

140/18 The New Assembly Rooms

The Council Cabinet considered a report which requested approval for the renewal and enhancement of the Assembly Rooms.

The project would align to the key priority included in Derby's City Centre Masterplan 2030. It would be seen as being the focal point for city centre regeneration, a catalyst for further investment and a key development in terms of developing the cultural offer in the city and the visitor economy.

The Assembly Rooms closed after a fire destroyed the plant room in March 2014. In 2016 the Council's Regeneration service began a series of feasibility studies to explore the optimum future for the site, including extensive public consultation in 2017 on four options. In May 2018, a key priority was announced to pursue refurbishment of the existing Assembly Rooms building.

In July 2018, Council Cabinet requested further investigation into the scope and cost of renewing the Assembly Rooms so that the venue could be re-opened to the public as quickly as possible. External consultancy support was commissioned and this had been provided by 'Perfect Circle' to prepare a feasibility study to inform a decision on how to progress the project.

The feasibility study took place between July and November 2018. The first part of the study included a number of surveys of the building to establish the essential repairs required to bring the building back into use for a minimum 15 year life. The second part of the study explored a number of internal and external building enhancements to improve the look and feel of the Assembly Rooms. Different venue operator models had also been explored.

Two options had been established through the feasibility work. The first option was to only undertake essential repairs. This included the works required to bring the venue back into use for an estimated minimum 15 year life with an initial project estimated cost of £18.2m. The second option was to deliver all of the essential repairs plus a series of internal and external building enhancements to improve the look and feel of the Assembly Rooms, with an initial project estimated cost of £23m.

The report recommends that the New Assembly Rooms project be progressed on the basis of the enhanced option, up to a maximum capital cost of £24m (which included a £1m client reserve).

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved:

- To recommend that Council Cabinet withdraw the report and any decision on the future of the Assembly Rooms is deferred until such time that
 - I. An economic impact assessment of the proposed refurbishment has been completed and a cost benefit analysis of both refurbishment and rebuild options had been considered by Council Cabinet.
 - II. A full public consultation had been carried out that directly compares both refurbishment and rebuild options.

- To recommend that the delegation outlined at recommendation 2.3 is rejected and that any decision in relation to the procurement of an operator for the venue is considered by Council Cabinet and the Executive Scrutiny Board.
- To recommend that the original public consultation in relation to the New Performance Venue is appended to the report for public scrutiny and for consideration by Council Cabinet prior to any decision being made.

Options considered

1. Since the building was closed in March 2014, a number of options had been considered including selling the site for an alternative use, a new build venue (1,500 capacity Lyric Theatre or a 3,000 capacity Music and Performance Venue) and an outdoor events portal. The council decided to progress the 3,000 Music and Performance Venue new build venue option in January 2018. These options had not been pursued further given that in July 2018 Council Cabinet restricted further work on the project to consider refurbishment options only. It should be noted that the Derby Renaissance Board recently had made a number of challenging representations about the current proposals.
2. The two main options explored through the Assembly Rooms feasibility study were set out in paragraphs 4.10 and 4.11 of the report.
3. Do nothing was a further option, where the Assembly Rooms remains closed with the Council undertaking essential maintenance on the building as required. The fire damage caused to the Assembly Rooms in March 2014 had left the building redundant and the building had not been used for over four years. Doing nothing was not an option as the building would remain closed and would not support delivery of the City Centre Masterplan 2030.

Decision

1. To approve the renewal works for the “New Assembly Rooms” as described in paragraph 4.11 of the report with a total capital cost of £24m (funding sources outlined in paragraph 7.1) and with the revenue implications outlined in paragraph 7.2 of the report.
2. To delegate authority to the Strategic Director for Communities and Place, following consultation with the Strategic Director for Corporate Resources and the Leader of the Council to take all actions necessary to deliver the proposed project, as outlined in paragraph 4.18 of the report.
3. To delegate authority to the Strategic Director for Communities and Place, following consultation with the Strategic Director for Corporate Resources and the Leader of the Council to determine the optimum choice of who would operate the venue, to take all actions necessary to secure an operator and to enter into all necessary contractual arrangements to deliver the project (paragraph 4.15 refers).

4. To note that the above recommendations were subject to the full approval of the Local Growth Fund 3 funding allocation (paragraph 7.1 of the report) by D2N2, the Local Enterprise Partnership.
5. To note the re-alignment of the £13m of capital receipts from the New Swimming Pool to the New Assembly Rooms.
6. To reject the recommendations from the Executive Scrutiny Board

Reasons

1. To support the delivery of the City Centre Masterplan 2030 objectives.
2. To deliver Council Cabinet's commitment to renew the Assembly Rooms so that the venue could be re-opened to the public as quickly as possible at the lowest possible cost to the Council.

At this point Glen O'Connell returned to the meeting.

141/18 Community Managed Libraries – Review of Implementation Plan

The Council Cabinet considered a report which stated that in July 2017, the Council approved the implementation of the Library Strategic Review, LSR, outcomes. The strategic review was instigated to determine the best way to deliver and maintain a modern, high quality library service for Derby whilst delivering essential budget savings. The service was required to make savings totalling £673,000, as set out in the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan. The conclusion of the LSR was that the Council should retain five statutory libraries and aim to transfer the remaining ten libraries to a Community Managed Library, CML service model. Following Council Cabinet approval of this approach, the Council carried out an expression of interest process for the ten CMLs, which attracted a partner, Direct Help and Advice, DHA.

Following the transfer of the first three libraries to DHA by July 2018, it was recognised that a number of challenges had emerged during the handover process and the transitional period between the Council and DHA. The Council, DHA and UNISON agreed that during August 2018, it would be useful to review the implementation process to date to consider the robustness of the overall plan and assess the lessons learned from the initial transfers. This implementation review process had taken longer than anticipated and further library transfers had been paused until the outcome of the review which had now been completed and the findings used to inform this report and associated recommendations.

The review highlighted a number of issues and challenges, as well as a range of positive elements of project delivery, which were documented in the Review of the Community Managed Libraries Implementation Plan- Stakeholder Feedback Report appended to the report.

The key conclusion drawn from the stakeholder feedback that was collated in the review report was that, while there were still some challenges to overcome, with

revised timescales and support in place, the CML model could provide a positive way forward to continue the library offer across the city. Essentially this review had concluded that the original handover schedule and timeline had been too ambitious and that more resources, both within the Council and DHA, were required if we were to work towards a successful transition to a CML model for the ten non-statutory libraries.

The report recommended that the transfer of ten non-statutory libraries to DHA should continue to progress, operating under a community managed library model. It proposed significant changes to the implementation timelines and the levels of resources that should be dedicated to work towards the successful hand over of these libraries to the community.

It was proposed that;

- the timeline for the transfer of the remaining 7 libraries runs from February 2019 to February 2020;
- additional resources are allocated to the project, to support both Council staff and DHA to deliver the CML Implementation Plan and provide more support to volunteers;
- both parties should prioritise addressing the Data Protection Act 2018 requirements to enable library volunteers to access the library management system;
- communication channels should continue to be improved between the Council, UNISON, DHA and its partners, to ensure a better hand over process for library staff, volunteers and customers.

The Executive Scrutiny Board noted the report.

Options considered

A number of other options had been considered but the recommended option, considering the lessons learned from the implementation process to date and the findings of the review report, was considered to be more financially viable and deliverable, which minimised the risk of any library closures, whilst providing a sustainable and coherent library service for Derby residents. The other options considered were:

- Continuing to transfer 6 libraries to DHA and put the remaining 4 libraries through a further expression of interest (EOI) process to give local community groups an opportunity to come forward – the council would need to put in place the resources to progress this, including stimulating the local community interest, if needed, and allow time for communities to develop their partnerships – it was estimated that it could take up to March 2021 to transfer these libraries. This option would also require significantly more additional one-off funding and would delay the delivery of the savings further than the preferred approach.

- To retain the current 3 libraries with DHA and put the remaining 7 libraries through a further EOI process - the council would need to put in place the resources to progress this, including stimulating the local community interest, if needed, and allow time for communities to develop their partnerships – it was estimated that it could take up to March 2021 to transfer these libraries. This option would also require significantly more additional one-off funding and would delay the delivery of the savings further than the preferred approach.
- Moving to a Community Supported Library model, where Council staff were still employed within the library and work with volunteers. This approach would require a new libraries needs assessment and stakeholder consultation to be carried, which could take 18 to 24 months and also would not meet the current revenue budget savings requirement of £673,000.

Decision

1. To note the information provided in the Stakeholder Feedback report and thank all parties for taking part in the process.
2. To confirm support for the underlying approach to deliver a community managed library model for ten non-statutory libraries across the city.
3. To approve the continued transfer of all ten libraries to DHA; this also proposed a longer implementation period which aimed for the final library transferring in February 2020 and additional resources for DHA and the Council.
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5. To approve the setting up of a library project reserve to provide funding of up to £400,000 from the Delivering Differently reserve to support the proposed additional implementation costs.
6. To delegate authority to the Strategic Director of Communities and Place, following consultation with the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources and the Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture and Tourism to approve the terms of the required variations to the various agreements, funding arrangements and revised library transfer timeline.

Reasons

From the wide range of feedback that had been received and accepting that there were still some challenges to overcome, the headline conclusion from the review was that with appropriate time and support, there was no reason why the CML model could not result in a positive and sustainable way forward for the library offer across the city.

142/18 Enforced Sale of a Long Term Vacant and Neglected, Privately Owned House

The Council Cabinet considered a report which sought approval to initiate action to enforce the sale of a privately owned, but longstanding vacant house.

The property had stood unoccupied since the death of the proprietor in 2014. Since that time, it had remained neglected, and had become a source of complaint from local residents.

The substantial costs of the residential care provided for the proprietor in the latter years prior to her death remain unrecovered.

No council tax could be demanded from the property until either probate for the estate of the deceased proprietor had been awarded, or the property had been transferred.

No evidence was available of the long pledged application for probate for the estate of the deceased.

The action recommended would secure a transfer of the house, and its subsequent occupation would contribute towards the Council's New Homes Bonus income.

There was a compelling case in the public interest for the Council to take enforcement action to ensure that the property was brought back into beneficial occupation, to facilitate the recovery of monies owed to the Council, and to enable the re-introduction of a council tax demand for the property.

The report also recommended that the authority to initiate such action, where considered appropriate in relation to empty homes, be delegated to the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources following consultation with the Cabinet Members for Finance and Procurement and Governance and Licencing where attempts to recover monies owed to the Council and registered as legal charges, had been exhausted.

The Executive Scrutiny Board noted the report.

Options considered

1. Do nothing.

This was not considered appropriate. The Council needed to try to recover the monies owed, the property would remain a waste of potentially good housing, would continue to present a blight on the local neighbourhood, and the re-instatement of a demand for the payment of a council tax would not be available.

2. Compulsory purchase

Compulsory purchase proceedings were considered in this instance to be more protracted and more expensive to the council. Given the estimated high cost required to bring this property up to the Council's affordable housing standard, it was

considered unlikely that it would be financially viable for the property to be added to the Council's own stock.

3. Empty Dwelling Management Orders

The level of works required to bring the property up to a lettable standard were likely to be significant. This reduced the likelihood of an EDMO succeeding as these costs would need to be met through subsequent rental income. Such action would also involve the eventual return of the property to the original owner. The present proprietor was deceased and the co-operation of those claiming an entitlement to her estate continued to be denied. This was not therefore considered a desirable option.

4. Other enforcement powers

The local authority had powers to deal with structural danger, nuisance or other environmental problems. These alone were piecemeal and reactive in nature and did not provide a long-term strategic solution.

Decision

1. To approve that the Council takes action to enforce the sale of the house pursuant to the powers included in The Law of Property Act 1925.
2. To authorise the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Procurement, to take possession of and dispose of the property and take all other necessary steps to initiate and progress the action recommended.
3. That, upon the sale of the property, the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Procurement, be authorised to initiate such action as necessary, to recover monies owed to the Council and registered as legal charges.

Reasons

1. The Council was owed considerable monies for the unpaid residential care costs of the now deceased proprietor of the house identified in the Appendix to the report.
2. The house had been vacant for a number of years. The premises were in very poor condition and the subject of complaints from local residents. Its sale and re-occupation would eliminate the issues associated with this property being empty.
3. The course of action was recommended in order to:
 - recover the outstanding residential care home costs.
 - facilitate a transfer of the house in order to see it returned into use.
 - enable the Council to recover demands for council tax receipts.

- restore the house to becoming useful housing stock, thereby contributing to meeting the increasing housing needs in Derby and contributing to the Council's New Homes Bonus income.
- avoid the risk of common problems associated with empty buildings such as trespass, vandalism, fly tipping or anti-social activities.

143/18 Investment in High Quality Office Development – One Cathedral Green, Full Street, Derby

The Council Cabinet considered a report which sought approval of the Business Case for direct investment by the Council in 25,000 sq. ft. of new high quality offices on Full Street. The developers had agreed heads of terms with respective Board Approvals in place for a sale of the adjoining block (12,500 sq. ft.) to UNITE the Union for their new regional Headquarters. The investment would help deliver the Council's aspirations for new offices within the City Centre; and the Council's investment was necessary to enable the UNITE acquisition to complete and enable the full development of 37,500 sq. ft. of offices to go ahead.

The project would create quality workspace for new and existing businesses, helping to address the investment market's failure to fund the supply of larger, high quality office units in the City Centre. Whilst the overall purpose of the project was to support much needed office provision, development of this prominent brownfield site would support the wider regeneration of the Cathedral Quarter.

The report summarised the findings of the feasibility work and the rationale for the investment and sought approval to forward fund a high quality commercial development that provided for income generation with a positive rate of return. The confidential report also considered at this meeting detailed the full business case for the project.

The development required £8.965 million of Council investment funded through serviced finance borrowing; which in turn was intended to be supported through a pre-let to a third party. Broad Heads of Terms for their Management Lease had been agreed and Board Approval was now in place.

The Executive Scrutiny Board accepted a recommendation to welcome the report, whilst considering exempt detail in private session.

Options considered

Other options had been considered and were outlined in the confidential report.

Decision

To approve the terms of the property transactions the details of which were set out in the confidential report submitted to this meeting.

Reasons

1. To enable the delivery of a high quality office development and stimulate the office market within the city centre. Taking forward this development would support the delivery of the City Centre Masterplan 2030 objectives.
2. Based on the outcome of the feasibility work, the proposal would achieve a return on investment sufficient to repay corporate borrowing. The investment was self-financing and would generate a positive surplus in the medium to long term.
3. The intended pre-let de-risks the Council's investment purchase.
4. The development of 37,500 sq. ft. of grade A office space was anticipated to generate valuable economic benefits, including 180 permanent full time jobs, £35.6 million additional GVA and opportunities for local labour and skills training (apprenticeships) during the 16 month construction period.

Budget and Policy Framework

144/18 Medium Term Financial Plan 2019/20 – 2022/23 - Update

The Council Cabinet considered a report which outlined our current Medium Term Financial Plan including a proposed balanced budget for 2019/20 that takes into account assumptions from Philip Hammond's (Chancellor of the Exchequer) Budget on 29 October 2018 that outlined a further £650m of grant funding for Adult Social Care to help meet the costs of rising care bills for 2019/20. The report also sets out additional savings that we had identified as part of our financial plans across the next four years 2019/20 – 2022/23.

The Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) had now published the recommendations of the Hudson Review into Local Government Finance governance and processes. Recommendation two outlined that there should be a clear timetable agreed in advance across central government for all the decisions required for the local government financial settlement. This would be a major step forward for local government and would mean that the sector's funding, and the timing of its announcement, would be more certain and less likely for the government to delay making decisions. Where there were surprises or uncertainty "these can be better managed in the context of an agreed plan."

Hudson's third recommendation was that the final financial settlement should be announced no later than 31 January each year, and the provisional settlement around 5 December. At the time of writing the report the Government had confirmed it aimed to publish the 2019/20 provisional financial settlement on 6 December 2018.

The report provided an outline of the progress made on the delivery of the 2019/20 – 2022/23 Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) and the budget proposals to achieve a balanced position for 2019/20. Council Cabinet were last updated on 24 October 2018 where the indicative savings gap over the four years totalled £9.570m. The

year on year breakdown being £5.474m, £2.792m, £1.178m, and £126,000, respectively.

Resource projections for the next four years had continued to be updated as our financial position becomes clearer and the report outlined the latest proposals that required consultation to achieve a balanced position in 2019/20 as pressures and savings had continued to be assessed and incorporated as appropriate. The updated estimated funding gap included in the report over the next four years was £7.656m. The year on year breakdown showing a balanced position in 2019/20, £5.078m gap in 2020/21, £2.578m gap in 21/22 and a balanced position in 22/23 (if the previous two years were met) detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.

The October Council Cabinet report approved the early progression of both operational savings that did not require consultation and also approved the start of an appropriate consultation process on some savings to enable early delivery. This report outlined all the approved proposals to date, plus those requiring approval and consultation which would enable the achievement of a balanced position in 2019/20.

Further savings plans, which if agreed and delivered would unfortunately have an impact on jobs with an estimated reduction in posts by 42 full time equivalent posts. The word “proposed” here (and throughout this report) did not have the same meaning as the word “proposed” used in the Trades Union and Labour Relations Consolidation Act. This was the relevant legislation giving rise to the collective consultation obligation. No reductions would be “proposed” for consultation purposed before Council Cabinet makes its decision.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to defer scrutiny of the Medium Term Financial Plan 2019/20 – 2022/23 until the meeting of the Board scheduled for Tuesday 18 December 2018.

Decision

1. To agree the current medium term financial position as outlined in section 4.12 and detailed in Appendix 1 of the report including the balanced position for 2019/20.
2. To note the Directorate commentary, along with details of the proposed new savings and pressures at Directorate level in addition to that which was approved by Council Cabinet on 24 October 2018 outlined from 4.15 to 4.94 with further detail at Appendices 3 and 4 of the report.
3. To note the Indicative Capital Programme as outlined in section 4.95 and Appendix 5 of the report.
4. To approve the start of appropriate consultation processes with the public and stakeholders, including collective consultation if appropriate, to deliver these further savings and the preparation of equality impact assessments to recognise the impact of a decision to deliver some or all of these savings.

5. To note current list of savings options outlined in Appendix 3 of the report which would have an impact on jobs with an estimated reduction in posts by 42 full time equivalent posts (in addition to the 128.1 reduced full time equivalent posts outlined in the 24 October 2018 Council Cabinet report).

Contract and Financial Procedure Matters

145/18 Compliance with Contract and Financial Procedure Rules

The Council Cabinet considered a report which dealt with the following items which required reporting to and approval by Council Cabinet under the Contract and Financial Procedure rules.

- i. To approve the procurement process and to enter into a Partnership Agreement to establish a compliant framework of Counsels' Chambers for childcare litigation.
- ii. To approve delegation of final decision making and contract awards in relation to the Counsels' Chambers framework, to the Strategic Director of People Services in conjunction with the partnership authorities.
- iii. To ensure that necessary approvals are obtained before a bid for external funding is submitted and an award of funding is made

The Executive Scrutiny Board noted the report.

Decision

1. To approve being party to a procurement process with Derbyshire County Council (lead), Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire County Council that would provide a compliant framework of Counsels' Chambers who would be able to undertake a broad spectrum of safeguarding and care litigation on behalf of those authorities, as outlined in paragraph 4.1 of the report.
2. To approve entering into a partnership agreement with Derbyshire County Council (lead), Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire County Council to progress this procurement process and delegate the final decision making and contract awards in relation to the framework, to the Strategic Director of People Services in conjunction with the partnership authorities, as outlined in paragraph 4.1 of the report.
3. To delegate to the Strategic Director for Communities and Place following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Public Protection and the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources, the decision to submit a bid to the Transforming Cities Fund and to also accept the anticipated award of funding subject to acceptable grant conditions.

146/18 Exclusion of Press and Public

Resolved that under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting during discussion of the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 3 and 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Key Decisions

147/18 Enforced Sale of a Long Term Vacant and Neglected, Privately Owned House

The Council Cabinet considered exempt information in relation to the Enforced Sale of a Long Term Vacant and Neglected, Privately Owned House.

The Executive Scrutiny Board noted the report.

Decision

To request a report on the outcome of the process, setting out the advantages and disadvantages of this method of recovering monies owed.

148/18 Investment in High Quality Office Development – One Cathedral Green, Full Street, Derby

The Council Cabinet considered exempt information in relation to Investment in High Quality Office Development – One Cathedral Green, Full Street, Derby.

The Executive Scrutiny Board welcomed the report.

Options considered

These were set out in paragraphs 6.1 and 6.2 of the report

Decision

To approve the recommendations set out in paragraphs 2.1 to 2.6 of the report.

Reasons

These were set out in paragraphs 3.1 to 3.4 of the report.

Contract and Financial Procedure Matter

149/18 Long Term Waste Management Contract

The Council Cabinet considered a report which set out the outcome of negotiations following the Council Cabinet meeting of 20 September 2018

The Executive Scrutiny Board recommendations were reported to Council Cabinet.

Decision

1. To approve the recommendations set out in paragraphs 2.1 to 2.7 of the report.
2. To reject the recommendations of the Executive Scrutiny Board

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