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### COUNCIL

Minutes of a Council Meeting held on Thursday 29 September 2016 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Matlock at 6.00 pm.

### **PRESENT**

Councillor Richard FitzHerbert - In the Chair

Councillors Jason Atkin, Jennifer Bower, Richard Bright, Martin Burfoot, Sue Burfoot, Albert Catt, David Chapman, Tom Donnelly, Ann Elliott, Graham Elliott, Helen Froggatt, Alyson Hill, Susan Hobson, Neil Horton, Angus Jenkins, Tony Millward BEM, Jean Monks, Tony Morley, Joyce Pawley, Irene Ratcliffe, Mike Ratcliffe, Lewis Rose, OBE, Mark Salt, Peter Slack, Jacquie Stevens, Colin Swindell, John Tibenham and Joanne Wild.

Dorcas Bunton (Chief Executive), Paul Wilson (Corporate Director), Sandra Lamb (Head of Corporate Services), Tim Braund (Head of Regulatory Services), Karen Henriksen (Head of Resources), Simon Beynon (Housing Strategy Officer), Ian Brailsford (Business Transformation Assistant), Jim Fearn (Communications and Marketing Manager) and Jackie Cullen (Committee Assistant).

16 members of the public.

The Chairman advised the Council and members of the public that the meeting was being filmed by Officers. Members of the public who did not wish to be filmed were asked to make themselves known to the Chairman.

#### **PRESENTATION**

Councillor Angus Jenkins arrived at 6.10pm during this presentation.

A presentation was given by Richard Fletcher on behalf of the Air Ambulance Service and the Belper & Matlock District Supporters' Group, outlining the Service's remit and financial situation.

Mr Fletcher then took questions from the floor.

### **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Deborah Botham, Sue Bull, Phil Chell, Steve Flitter, Chris Furness, Vicky Massey, Garry Purdy, Andrew Shirley, Andrew Statham and Philippa Tilbrook.

### 191/16 - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

In accordance with the procedure for public participation, the following members of the public addressed the meeting:

### Agenda item – 7: Questions (Rule of Procedure 15)

Ms Joan Lye Green and Ms Jane Holmes (Representatives: Women Against State Pension Inequality (WASPI)) made a statement on the subject of the Question (see Minute No. 195/16 below).

### Agenda item – 8: Proposal of a Notice of Motion (Rule of Procedure 16)

Ms Kerry Scutts (Representative: Amnesty International) made a statement on the subject of the Motion (see Minute No. 196/16 below).

### Agenda item – 9: Gypsies and Travellers

Ms Siobhan Spencer MBE (Co-ordinator: Derbyshire Gypsy Liaison Group) made a statement on the subject of the report.

# Agenda item – 13: North Derbyshire and Hardwick Clinical Commissioning Groups – 'Better care closer to home' consultation

Mrs Pam Wildgoose (Secretary: Matlock Hospitals League of Friends) commented on the bed numbers and effect of the proposals on the public in Matlock; Mr Brian Wood (Treasurer: Matlock Hospitals League of Friends) commented on the financial aspects and lack of publicity.

### 192/16 - MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Richard FitzHerbert, seconded by Councillor Tom Donnelly and

# **RESOLVED**That the Minutes of the meeting of the Derbyshire Dales District (unanimously) Council held on 30 June and 8 August 2016 be approved as a correct record.

The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

### 193/16 - CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

A list of engagements carried out between 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016 and 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016 was distributed at the meeting.

### **194/16 - COMMITTEES**

It was moved by Councillor Richard FitzHerbert, seconded by Councillor Tony Millward BEM and

**RESOLVED** That the non-exempt minutes of the Committees listed in the Minute (unanimously) Book for the period 30 June 2016 to 22 September 2016 be received.

### 195/16 – QUESTIONS (RULE OF PROCEDURE 15)

# Councillor Sue Burton asked the following question of Councillor Lewis Rose, OBE, Leader of the Council:

"2.6 million women born on or after 6th April 1951 have had significant pension changes imposed on them by the Pensions Acts of 1995 and 2011 with little or no notification of the changes. Indeed, some women had only two years' notice of a six year increase to their state pension age, causing considerable hardship to many of them.

Does Councillor Rose agree that this is grossly unfair and that the rise in the women's state pension age has been too rapid without sufficient notice being given and will he and this Council urge the government to reconsider transitional arrangements for this group of women, accepting that they have unfairly borne the burden of the increase to the State Pension Age with lack of appropriate notification?"

Councillor Rose OBE concurred with Councillor Burfoot and thanked the speakers for their contributions; however it was difficult to know what action could be taken to improve the situation. Cllr Rose offered to write to the District's local MP and the Secretary of State for Works and Pensions to convey the Council's concerns, and forward a copy of any responses in due course.

### **Supplementary question from CIIr Burfoot:**

I appreciate your response, and can advise that 30 Councils have already supported the aims of WASPI – I hope this Council's response will be based on the points made by tonight's speakers. It should also be noted that once the pensions are delayed, not only does this result in possible financial hardship, but these women also lose other benefits such as bus passes.

Would it be reasonable to put forward a formal motion at the next full Council meeting, in order for Members to debate this further?

Councillor Rose responded that the points raised had been noted, but he was not sure what else the Council could do. Cllr Rose suggested that if he were to write to Patrick Mcloughlin MP and the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions it should be done without delay, rather than wait a further two months for debate at the next Council meeting.

### 196/16 – PROPOSAL OF A NOTICE OF MOTION (RULE OF PROCEDURE 16)

The Council was asked to debate the following motion, submitted by Councillor Mike Ratcliffe, in accordance with Rule of Procedure 16:

"We are proud to live in a diverse and tolerant society. Racism, xenophobia and hate crimes have no place in our country. We the members of Derbyshire Dales District

Council condemn racism, xenophobia and hate crimes unequivocally. We will not allow hate to become acceptable.

Derbyshire Dales District Council will work to ensure local bodies and programmes have the support and resources needed to fight and prevent racism and xenophobia.

We reassure all people living in Derbyshire Dales that they are valued members of our community."

It was moved by Councillor Mike Ratcliffe, seconded by Councillor Lewis Rose OBE and

**RESOLVED** That the motion be supported. (unanimously)

### 197/16 - GYPSIES AND TRAVELLERS

Councillor Richard Bright left the meeting at 7.25pm during discussion of this item.

Councillors Irene Ratcliffe and Joanne Wild declared an interest in this item as they were both members of Derbyshire County Council. Councillors Ratcliffe and Wild both informed Members that in order to vote on the issue as District Councillors they would not vote subsequently as County Council members.

Members considered a report that set out the Council's duties and responsibilities in regard to Gypsies and Travellers; outlined the issues that had arisen in the Derbyshire Dales during the preceding 2 years; and facilitated Member discussion of the issues. The report sought endorsement in principle for the provision of a permanent Gypsy and Traveller site on land at Watery Lane, Ashbourne and agreement to enter into discussions with Derbyshire County Council and Derbyshire Gypsy Liaison Group, with a further report on costings, ecological and other development issues to be brought to the Council in Spring 2017.

The Derbyshire Traveller Issues Working Group (TIWG) was an Officer Group that brought together all of the Derbyshire District and Borough Councils, Derby City Council, Derbyshire County Council, Derbyshire Constabulary, the Health community, the Environment Agency and Derbyshire Gypsy Liaison Group. TIWG had produced a guidance document that set out the commitments of the various partner agencies. In relation to the District and Borough Councils these related to statutory functions such as dealing with planning enquires, receiving homelessness applications and managing both authorised and unauthorised Traveller encampments. The most recent significant work co-ordinated through TIWG had been the Derbyshire and East Staffordshire Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment undertaken in 2014/ 2015, as set out in paragraph 2.8 of the report.

The Derbyshire Dales District Council area did not currently contain an authorised Traveller site, though from time to time these sites did appear in the District. In addition to the temporary encampments of Travellers passing through the District, the District Council was also aware of one family group of Travellers with an accepted local connection to the area. The particular circumstances of this family were such that they wished to access a permanent site within the District on which to live. Options in regard to this family were set out in the report, and Officers had been informed by both the family and by Derbyshire Gypsy Liaison Group that they saw the Watery Lane site as by far the best option for their

particular needs.

In dealing with the different forms of Traveller encampments the District Council had to have regard to a number of legal duties as set out in the report. In August 2015, the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) revised the *'Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (PPTS)'*, and for the purposes of this planning policy 'Gypsies and Travellers' were defined as:

'Persons of nomadic habit of life whatever their race or origin, including such persons who on grounds only of their own or their family's or dependants' educational or health needs or old age have ceased to travel temporarily, but excluding members of an organised group of travelling show people or circus people travelling together as such'.

Local Planning Authorities were required to set pitch targets for Gypsies and Travellers and plot targets for travelling show people which addressed the likely permanent and transit site accommodation needs of Travellers in their area, working collaboratively with neighbouring Local Planning Authorities, all within the criteria as set out in paragraph 2.7 of the report.

The Derbyshire and East Staffordshire Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) undertaken in 2014/2015 indicated that 9 pitches were required in Derbyshire Dales in order to meet the needs of the Gypsy and Traveller community over the Derbyshire Dales Plan period. This requirement was broken down such that 6 pitches were required to be provided within the first 5 years and thereafter 1 pitch every 5 years. The pitch requirements for Derbyshire and Staffordshire Authorities in the period 2014-2034 as contained in the 2014 GTAA were tabled in the report.

In June 2015, planning permission was granted for the change of use of land to Traveller site with 4 no. family pitches at Watery Lane, Ashbourne (application 15/00181/FUL). Policy HC6 of the Pre-Submission Draft Derbyshire Dales Local Plan reflected this permission and safeguarded this site for Gypsies and Travellers. A Plan of the site was attached at Appendix 1 to the report. However, following the grant of planning permission, the District Council were made aware of the possibility of ecological interests being present on the site, the nature and extent of which would need to be established prior to any development taking place. The District Council had therefore invited a number of ecological consultants to submit fee proposals, which were then evaluated, and consultants were appointed under delegated authority following consultations with the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council. The cost of the Ecological Survey was £5,869 which had been met in full by the District Council. At the time of writing, the findings of the Ecological Survey were awaited, and it was anticipated that these would be brought to Council in Spring 2017. It was noted that should the study conclude that there were ecological interests on site, it may be necessary to secure a licence from Natural England.

Furthermore, in order to meet the requirements of the PPTS to provide a 5-year supply of sites for Gypsies and Travellers, there was a need to accommodate a total of 6 pitches in the Derbyshire Dales in the period 2014-2019. In this regard, land at Watery Lane was of sufficient size to accommodate this requirement. Policy HC6 of the Pre-Submission Derbyshire Dales Local Plan reflected this position.

In addition to its responsibilities in relation to the Local Plan, a Local Authority also had a duty to act in relation to homelessness; the legal tests for which were outlined in the report. Some Travellers followed a nomadic or semi-nomadic way of life, travelling around the

country and living in caravans or other vehicles, and at present there were more Traveller caravans in circulation than there were legally authorised places on which they could stop. However, within the Derbyshire Dales the number of encampments was generally low, as summarised in Table 2 in the report.

The lead role in managing an unauthorised encampment was dependent on who owned the land on which the encampment was sited, and the objectives of managing an unauthorised encampment were to balance the needs of the Travellers with those of the settled community whilst the encampment was active; to keep the site clean; to consider the welfare needs of the Travellers and ultimately to recover possession of the land.

Over the previous 5 years the District Council had received a total of 52 reports of unauthorised encampments, as tabled in the report. During 2016/2017 there had been a further 12 encampments reported to Environmental Health. The District Council's current strategy and methods of legal recourse in these instances were outlined in the report, together with further options that could be explored.

Whilst Derbyshire County Council (DCC) had confirmed that they were agreeable to the land at Watery Lane being allocated for Gypsy and Traveller use within the Derbyshire Dales Local Plan, they were not in a position to finance the costs of site construction and had no legal responsibilities to do so. It would therefore be necessary for discussions to take place between DCC (as landowner), the District Council (as Local Planning and Housing Authority) and Derbyshire Gypsy Liaison Group in order to draft heads of terms for a lease agreement and to agree who was the most appropriate body to enter into such a lease. With regard to funding, Members were advised that as the Government's Traveller Pitch Funding grant had now been absorbed into the Affordable Housing Programme, the Chief Executive had sent a letter to the Rt. Hon. Sir Patrick Mcloughlin MP asking for assistance in lobbying the new Housing Minister concerning the reinstatement of a dedicated funding source for Traveller sites. A response to this request was awaited.

Initial indications of cost based upon information provided by the Homes and Communities Agency for the 2011-2015 Traveller Site Programme were set out in the report, and further detailed work was required in order to ascertain precise cost estimates for further consideration and discussion with DGLG.

It was moved by Councillor Lewis Rose OBE, seconded by Councillor Irene Ratcliffe and

### **RESOLVED**

- 1. That Council acknowledges and accepts its duties and responsibilities to Gypsies and Travellers under the Planning and Housing legislation;
- 2. That subject to the consideration of representations received in respect of the Pre-Submission Draft Derbyshire Dales Local Plan, Council endorses the principle of development of the site at Watery Lane, Ashbourne as a permanent Gypsy and Traveller site:
- 3. That subject to (2) above, Officers investigate the development costs and explore opportunities for external funding for the construction of a Gypsy and Traveller site at Watery Lane, Ashbourne;
- 4. That subject to (2) above, Officers engage in discussions with Derbyshire County Council and Derbyshire Gypsy Liaison Group

- in order to agree the heads of terms and define the lessee for the land at Watery Lane, Ashbourne;
- 5. That subject to the findings of the Ecological Survey, application be made to Natural England, as necessary, to secure a Development Licence Agreement for land at Watery Lane, Ashbourne:
- 6. That a further report be presented to Council in Spring 2017 reporting on the outcome of the above;
- 7. That the options for introducing physical barrier systems on the Council's existing car parks be noted as inappropriate for the prevention or deterrence of unauthorised encampments.

Voting:

For 26 Against 2 Abstentions 0

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The Chairman amended the order of the Agenda to accommodate the members of public who had spoken on Item 13 on the Agenda - NORTH DERBYSHIRE AND HARDWICK CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUPS — 'BETTER CARE CLOSER TO HOME' CONSULTATION

# 198/16 - NORTH DERBYSHIRE AND HARDWICK CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUPS - BETTER CARE CLOSER TO HOME CONSULTATION

Council considered a report summarising the proposals contained in the 'Better Care' consultation document issued by North Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group and Hardwick Clinical Commissioning Group in June 2016. The report consolidated Members' responses to the various questions within the document and suggested a composite response to be submitted on behalf of Derbyshire Dales District Council.

The Leader of the Council thanked the Matlock Hospitals League of Friends on behalf of the Council for their hard work and commitment in trying to secure the best facilities for the local community.

At the Council meeting held on 30 June 2016 Members heard a presentation from North Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group (NDCCG) on proposals to change care arrangements throughout the NDCCG area, and due to Members' concerns about the nature of these proposals it was agreed that a corporate response to the consultation should be compiled and submitted.

An outline of the 'Better Care Closer to Home' consultation was set out in the report, affecting Bolsover, Cavendish (Buxton), Clay Cross, Newholme (Bakewell), Walton (Chesterfield) and Whitworth (Darley Dale) community hospitals.

The consultation asked for views on the proposals and Members had provided suggestions in relation to these responses - their specific comments were detailed in Appendix 1 to the report. The suggested composite response, based on these comments, was tabled in the report. However, concerns raised by some Councillors and members of public who spoke earlier on this item suggested that there seemed to be a compromise with regard to the way the questions were set, meaning that accurate and specific responses were not possible and as such there appeared to be a bias towards the CCG's

pre-determined answers. In support of the speakers' concerns, as endorsed by Members of the Council, and by way of general comment, the following amendments to the Council's response were proposed:-

That more emphasis be put on the Derbyshire Dales area, i.e. Whitworth and Newholme hospitals; and in particular that the Council's response should be stronger and more emphatic with regard to the closure of Oker Ward (Whitworth Hospital), based on the strength of feeling seen at the protest march on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September and the overall feelings of the community;

That the phrase 'While we agree in principle ...' (or words to that effect) be amended to read 'We cannot agree to this if it means ...';

To make it clear that this Council condemns the closure of community hospitals within the Derbyshire Dales due to the impact it would have on rural communities.

It was moved by Councillor Lewis Rose OBE, seconded by Councillor Mike Ratcliffe and

# **RESOLVED** (unanimously)

- 1. That a composite response to the 'Better Care Closer to Home' consultation, as suggested in paragraph 2.10 of the report, be agreed, subject to the amendments as set out above:
- 2. That the Head of Regulatory Services be authorised to submit that response on behalf of Derbyshire Dales District Council.

# 199/16 - ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT REVIEW 2015/16 AND UPDATE TO TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Council considered a report that determined the Annual Review of Treasury Activity during 2015/16; set out the Prudential & Treasury Indicators for 2015/16; sought a change to the strategy for Financial year 2016/17 and advised Members of a change to the Council's advisors from 1 October 2016.

The annual treasury management review of activities and the actual prudential and treasury indicators for 2015/16 met the requirements of both the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management (the Code) and the CIPFA Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities (the Prudential Code). This Council confirmed that it had complied with the requirement under the Code to give prior scrutiny to all of the above treasury management reports by the Corporate Leadership Team before they were reported to the full Council. Member training on treasury management issues was undertaken during the year in order to support members' scrutiny role.

A brief summary of market expectations was set out in the report, and the Council's treasury position (excluding borrowing by PFI and finance leases) at the beginning and the end of 2015/16 was tabled in the report. The Council's Strategy for 2015/16 was detailed in the report, together with its Capital Financing Requirement (CFR). It was noted that no borrowing was undertaken during the year.

The Council's investment policy was governed by CLG guidance, which had been implemented in the annual investment strategy approved by the Council on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016 and which set out the approach for choosing investment counterparties, based on credit ratings provided by the three main credit rating agencies, and supplemented by additional market data

(such as rating outlooks, credit default swaps, bank share prices etc.). The Council's investments held at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 were tabled in the report.

It was considered beneficial to change the strategy for 2016/17 to include investment in Certificates of Deposits, for reasons set out in the report. Furthermore, a group tender exercise was undertaken during July & August 2016 with North East Derbyshire, Bolsover & Chesterfield Councils, to appoint treasury advisors. The Council's current contract with Capita Asset Services expired on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016, and after evaluation of the tenders the 3 year contract had been awarded to Arlingclose and was due to commence on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016.

It was moved by Councillor Jacquie Stevens, seconded by Councillor Albert Catt and

# **RESOLVED** (unanimously)

- 1. That the Treasury Management Annual Review be approved;
- 2. That the Treasury Management Prudential & Treasury Indicators be approved;
- 3. That the Treasury Management Strategy for 2016/17 be amended to include investments in Certificates of Deposit (CD's);
- 4. That Members note the change in Treasury Management advisers to Arlingclose from 1 October 2016.

### 200/16 - CONSULTATION ON BUSINESS RATES RETENTION AND THE FAIR FUNDING REVIEW

Council considered a report that informed Members of government consultation on Business Rates Retention and Fair Funding, and the Council's responses.

In the 2015 Spending Review the Government announced that local authorities would be able to retain 100% of their business rates income by the end of the current parliament. The Government subsequently issued two consultation papers in July 2016:

- Self-sufficient local government: 100% Business Rates Retention
- Fair Funding Review: Call for evidence on Needs and Redistribution

The Government was still open to tailoring the new system to local needs; indeed the Secretary of State said in the introduction, "we will not impose a one-size-fits-all solution across the country". It left open the strong possibility of different arrangements across the country, especially in devolved areas.

Responses to the consultation papers were required by 26 September 2016. The District Council's responses, which were prepared in consultation with the Council Leader and Deputy Leader in time to meet the deadline, were given in Appendices 1 and 2 to the report. It was noted that as the Council is a member of SPARSE Rural and the Rural Services Network, who had issued draft responses to the consultation papers, these had been reflected in some of the Council's responses.

The current system regarding business rates retention, introduced in 2013/14, was set out in the report, together with the key points of the consultation papers.

It was moved by Councillor Lewis Rose OBE, seconded by Councillor Joanne Wild and

**RESOLVED** That the responses to the Consultation Papers, as given in (unanimously) Appendices 1 and 2 to the report, be noted.

### 201/16 - APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITOR

Council considered a report that sought Members' approval to opt into the appointing person arrangement for the appointment of external auditors for the accounts from 2018/19 onwards.

In July 2016, the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government confirmed that Public Sector Audit Appointments Limited (PSAA) had been specified as an appointing person under the provisions of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 (the 2014 Act) and the Local Audit (Appointing Person) Regulations 2015. This meant that PSAA would make auditor appointments to relevant principal local government bodies that chose to opt into the national appointment arrangements that they were developing, for audits of the accounts from 2018/19. PSAA were currently working on the details of the scheme, including a timetable, and would provide further information over the coming months. Perceived benefits of the Council opting into the appointing person arrangement were listed in the report.

It was moved by Councillor Jacquie Stevens, seconded by Councillor Albert Catt and

**RESOLVED** (unanimously)

That Members agree to opt into the appointing person arrangement being developed by Public Sector Audit Appointments Limited (PSAA) for the appointment of external auditors for the accounts from 2018/19 onwards.

### 203/16 - REVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES

Council considered a report that outlined the Boundary Commission for England's proposals to review Parliamentary Constituencies ahead of the next fixed term UK Parliamentary Election.

The Boundary Commission for England had the task of periodically reviewing all Parliamentary constituencies in England and was currently conducting a review based on the Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Act 2011. The result of the review was likely to include a degree of change to a large number of existing constituencies, based on the criteria set out in the report.

The initial proposals were published by the Commission on 13 September and the specific proposal relating to the Derbyshire Dales County Constituency was as follows:

The electorate of the existing Derbyshire Dales constituency, which already covered a large geographical extent, was very low at 60,909 and had to gain further electors in order to meet the electoral range. We propose the inclusion of five wards in the east from the existing North East Derbyshire constituency in order to meet these requirements.

(Extracted from Boundary Commission for England – Initial Proposals for new Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries in the East Midlands – available in full at <a href="https://www.boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/2018-review/ip-england/">www.boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/2018-review/ip-england/</a>)

The proposed Derbyshire Dales Constituency would, therefore, consist of the whole of the Derbyshire Dales District, the three Amber Valley Wards that were currently included in the Constituency and five Wards from the North East Derbyshire District, being:

- Ashover,
- Barlow and Holmesfield.
- Brampton and Walton,
- Dronfield Woodhouse
- · Wingerworth.

The addition of these Wards would add 13,415 electors to the Constituency, based on figures at December 2015.

A formal report to Government would be made in September 2018 recommending any changes that the Boundary Commission believed were appropriate to the distribution, size, shape, name or designation of constituencies in England. This review was therefore referred to as 'the 2018 Review'.

The proposed response to the proposals was presented for consideration at the meeting.

It was moved by Councillor Lewis Rose OBE, seconded by Councillor Jean Monks and

### RESOLVED

1. That the report is noted;

(unanimously)

2. That Council endorses the written response to the first round of consultation as attached to the report.

#### 204/16 - MOTION TO CONTINUE

It was moved by Councillor Jason Atkin, seconded by Councillor Joanne Wild and

**RESOLVED** (unanimously)

That, in accordance with Rule of Procedure 13, the meeting continue beyond 2 ½ hours to enable the business on the agenda to be concluded.

### 205/16 – CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE: HALL LEYS CAFÉ, MATLOCK

Councillor Mark Salt left the meeting at 8.35pm during consideration of this item.

Council were asked to consider approving additional capital funding required to undertake works arising from the District Council's Property Condition Survey of Hall Leys Park Café.

This matter was referred from the Governance & Resources Committee on 22 September 2016. The Governance and Resources Committee report was attached as Appendix 2 to the report and Members were reminded of the amendments to the original report (and as noted in the Minutes of that meeting):

- That the wording 'alongside other capital scheme business cases' in Recommendation 3 on page 113 be deleted, as there were none;

 That the date at the bottom of page 113 of the Condition Survey Programme undertaken be amended to read 2014 instead of 2009.

It was also brought to Members' attention that should Council consider selling the property, under the terms of the Heritage Lottery funding award the Council would have to repay 50% of the proceeds, yet would still have to carry out the necessary repairs first.

The proposed revised Capital Programme for 2016/17, including the additional £40,000 for this project, was summarised in the report, and details of the full capital programme were shown in Appendix 1 to the report. It was proposed that the additional £40,000 be financed from the Capital Programme Reserve; the overall financing package for the revised programme was tabled in the report, and the Capital Programme Proposals for 2017/18 to 2019/20 were shown in detail in Appendix 1 to the report. They were unchanged from those approved at the June 2016 Council meeting. The impact on the Council's Reserves and Balances of the above proposals was shown in the report, demonstrating that sources of funding were available to finance this additional expenditure.

It was moved by Councillor Jacquie Stevens, seconded by Councillor Mike Ratcliffe and

# **RESOLVED** (unanimously)

- 1. That the Capital Programme for 2016/17 be increased by £40,000 to finance these works arising from the District Council's Property Condition Survey of Hall Leys Park Café, resulting in a Capital Programme of £5,297,397 for 2016/17, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report;
- 2. That the financing arrangements for 2016/17 be increased by £40,000 to finance these works, as outlined in paragraph 1.4 of the report.

### 206/16 - SEALING OF DOCUMENTS

It was moved by Councillor Jean Monks, seconded by Councillor Joanne Wild and

# **RESOLVED** (unanimously)

That the common seal of the Council be affixed to those documents, if any, required to complete transactions undertaken by Committees or by way of delegated authority to officers since the last meeting of the Council.

### 207/16 - EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

It was moved by Councillor Jean Monks, seconded by Councillor Colin Swindell, and

# **RESOLVED** (unanimously)

That any members of the public or press be invited to leave the meeting for the remaining item of business for the reason shown below:

"These minutes are excluded from the meeting because they result in exempt information being disclosed."

### **208/16 - COMMITTEES**

It was moved by Councillor Jean Monks, seconded by Councillor Angus Jenkins and

# **RESOLVED** (unanimously)

That the Minutes of the Licensing & Appeals Sub-Committee dated 21 July 2016 be approved as a correct record.

### **MEETING CLOSED 8.39PM**

### **CHAIRMAN**