



**CABINET**

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To: Councillors Barkley (Deputy Leader), Bokor, Harper-Davies, Mercer, Morgan (Leader), Poland, Rollings, Smidowicz, Taylor and Vardy (for attention)

All other members of the Council  
(for information)

You are requested to attend the meeting of the Cabinet to be held in The Preston Room, Woodgate Chambers, Woodgate, Loughborough on Thursday, 14th March 2019 at 6.00 pm for the following business.

Chief Executive

Southfields  
Loughborough

1st March 2019

**REPORTS OF THE OVERVIEW SCRUTINY GROUP**

9. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S STRATEGY 2019-2024

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A report of the Head of Neighbourhood Services to consider a Children and Young People's Strategy 2019-2024.

*Key Decision*

13. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME 5 - 6

A report of the Head of Planning and Regeneration to consider a revised Local Development Scheme, so that the programme for the preparation of planning documents for Charnwood is agreed.

*Key Decision*

15. BUDGET VIREMENTS IN PLANNING AND REGENERATION SERVICE 7 - 8

A report of the Head of Planning and Regeneration requesting approval of budget virements to meet forecast expenditure on agency staff to year end.

## CABINET – 14TH MARCH 2019

### Report of the Overview Scrutiny Group

#### ITEM 9      CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S STRATEGY 2019 - 2024

##### Purpose of Report

To consider the comments and recommendations of the Overview Scrutiny Group in relation to the approval and consideration of the Children and Young People's Strategy 2019 – 2024.

##### Recommendation of the Overview Scrutiny Group

That the Cabinet be informed that the Group supports the recommendations as set out in the report of the Head of Neighbourhood Services.

##### Reason

Having considered the report and asked questions of the Lead Member for Communities, Safety and Wellbeing and the Head of Neighbourhood Services on the matter, the Group concluded that it would be appropriate for the Cabinet to approve the recommendations set out in the report.

##### Meeting Discussion

Following questions from the Group, the Lead Member for Communities, Safety and Wellbeing and the Head of Neighbourhood Services provided the following responses:

- (i) The Group was advised that the draft strategy had already been considered by the Policy Scrutiny Group and the officers had taken on board their comments. The Strategy was now shorter and more user friendly.
- (ii) The strategy covered children and young people from the ages of 0 – 19 which was the same age range used for the Children and Families Plan as well as other services and it was felt appropriate for the strategy.
- (iii) The safeguarding policies were refreshed on an annual basis and relevant staff within the Council had been trained to look out for any signs of concern and to report them to a safeguarding officer.

##### Policy Justification and Previous Decisions

Scrutiny Committee Procedure 11.12 sets out the procedure by which a report of a scrutiny committee should be considered by the Cabinet.

### Implementation Timetable including Future Decisions and Scrutiny

The information on this in the Cabinet report is not affected by the recommendation of the Overview Scrutiny Group.

### Report Implications

The following implications have been identified for this report.

#### *Financial Implications*

There are no further financial implications associated with the recommendation of the Overview Scrutiny Group.

#### *Risk Management*

There are no specific risks associated with the recommendation of the Overview Scrutiny Group.

Key Decision: Yes

Background Paper: Overview Scrutiny Group Minute 66 2018/19,  
11th March 2019

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### Report of the Overview Scrutiny Group

#### ITEM 13      LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

##### Purpose of Report

To consider the comments and recommendations of the Overview Scrutiny Group in relation to the approval of a revised Local Development Scheme (LDS).

##### Recommendation of the Overview Scrutiny Group

That the Cabinet be informed that the Group supports the recommendations as set out in the report of the Head of Planning and Regeneration.

##### Reason

Having considered the report and asked questions of the Lead Member for Planning, Inward Investment and Tourism Strategy and the Head of Planning and Regeneration on the matter, the Group concluded that it would be appropriate for the Cabinet to approve the recommendations set out in the report.

##### Meeting Discussion

Following questions from the Group, the Lead Member for Planning, Inward Investment and Tourism Strategy and the Head of Planning and Regeneration provided the following responses:

- (i) The Group was advised that the timeframe detailed in the report was achievable although the department had no control on variables such as further government regulation being issued or stakeholder input.
- (ii) Planned developments identified in the core strategy could be expected to deliver the infrastructure identified as they had been tested as part of the examination of that plan. Unplanned developments must be assessed to understand their impacts and those impacts then mitigated in accordance with the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations. Where required infrastructure is not proposed it is a matter for the Plans Committee to consider the evidence and the harm caused and whether permission should be approved or refused. The Plans Committee had approved a number of applications in the last few years where required affordable housing was not included as part of the planning permission as evidence, independently tested by the District Valuer, suggested that the proposals would not be viable if it was included.

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### *Risk Management*

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Key Decision:	Yes
Background Paper:	Overview Scrutiny Group Minute 65 2018/19, 11th March 2019
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### Report of the Overview Scrutiny Group

#### ITEM 15     BUDGET VIREMENTS FOR PLANNING AND REGENERATION SERVICE

##### Purpose of Report

To consider the comments and recommendations of the Overview Scrutiny Group in relation to the approval for the virement of budget in cost centres in the Planning and Regeneration Service, in order to meet expenditure on agency workers this financial year.

##### Recommendation of the Overview Scrutiny Group

That the Cabinet be informed that the Group supports the recommendations as set out in the report of the Head of Planning and Regeneration.

##### Reason

Having considered the report and asked questions of the Lead Member for Planning, Inward Investment and Tourism Strategy and the Head of Planning and Regeneration on the matter, the Group concluded that it would be appropriate for the Cabinet to approve the recommendations set out in the report.

##### Meeting Discussion

Following questions from the Group, the Lead Member for Planning, Inward Investment and Tourism Strategy and the Head of Planning and Regeneration provided the following responses:

- (i) The Group was advised that there had been difficulties for several years trying to recruit officers to the team, especially for the senior roles. This was due to a known national shortage of professional planners and it was recognised that the Council competes in the labour market in accordance with its organisational and employment policies.
- (ii) Agency workers were being used selectively to fill long term vacancies as well as cover vacancies arising from internal movement between posts. The Group was informed that there were currently 8 vacant posts of which 4 were being covered by agency workers.

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#### *Risk Management*

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Key Decision: No

Background Paper: Overview Scrutiny Group Minute 64 2018/19,  
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