

Time started 3.15pm  
Time ended 3.27pm

## **Urgent Leader of the Council Cabinet Member Meeting**

**30 June 2016**

Present: Councillor Banwait

Officers present: Janie Berry (Director of Governance), Bernard Fenton (Head of Customer Management), Kate Green (Welfare Reform Manager), David Walsh (Head of Democracy) and Wendy Wignall (Land Charges Manager)

01/16 Apologies

There were no apologies.

02/16 Late Items

The Chair agreed to consider a late item on a proposal to bid for funding from the 'What Works' Fund.

03/16 Identification of urgent items to which call-in would not apply

As neither item to be considered was a key decision, call-in did not apply.

04/16 Declarations of interest

There were none.

05/16 Local Land Charges CON29 Form Changes

A report of the Chief Executive was considered. The Director of Governance explained that changes to the CON29 Form used in land charges would result in additional time being spent undertaking residential and commercial property searches. The additional time would therefore result in increased fees. It was proposed that the cost of a residential property search should rise from £82.50 to £98 and the cost of a commercial search from £249 to £275. A schedule of revised fees was proposed.

### **Resolved to:**

- 1) Note the changes in the CON29 search form; and**
- 2) Approve the increase in CON29-related fees for property searches to ensure the council recovers its costs in respect of the additional work required.**

06/16          Proposal to bid for funding from the 'What Works' Fund

A report of the Chief Executive detailed that the Money Advice Service had launched a new fund of up to £7m to help organisations pilot new approaches to improving financial capability. It was explained by the Head of Customer Management and Welfare Reform Manager that the project fitted well with the council's Welfare Strategy. Following questions from the Leader, it was reported that funding bids could be submitted for anything from £50,000 to £1m by the deadline of Friday 8 July.

**Resolved to:**

- 1) Agree to the drafting of an expression of interest to support the implementation of the Welfare Strategy for Derby and the Single Discretionary Award Scheme Policy; and**
- 2) Delegate authority to the Director of Finance to sign off the final draft of the bid.**

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