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18 September 2019

To: All Councillors

As a Member of the **Council**, please treat this as your summons to attend a meeting on **Thursday 26 September 2019 at 6.00pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Matlock DE4 3NN.**

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Sandra Lamb', written over a horizontal line.

Sandra Lamb
Head of Corporate Services

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

Please advise the Committee Team on 01629 761133 or e-mail committee@derbyshiredales.gov.uk of any apologies for absence.

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To enable members of the public to ask questions, express views or present petitions, **IF NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**, (by telephone, in writing or by electronic mail) **BY NO LATER THAN 12 NOON OF THE DAY PRECEDING THE MEETING.**

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

25 July 2019

4. INTERESTS

Members are required to declare the existence and nature of any interests they may have in subsequent agenda items in accordance with the District Council's Code of Conduct. Those interests are matters that relate to money or that which can be valued in money, affecting the Member her/his partner, extended family and close friends. Interests that become apparent at a later stage in the proceedings may be declared at that time.

5. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements of the Leader of the Council.

6. CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements of the Chairman of the District of Derbyshire Dales.

7. MAIDEN SPEECHES

To receive the Maiden Speech of newly elected Members:

Councillors Steve Wain, Peter O’Brien and Claire Raw.

8. COMMITTEES

To receive the non-exempt minutes of the Committees shown below:

Committee	Date
Non Exempt Minutes to be Received	
Council	25 July 2019
Licensing & Appeals Sub-Committee	22 July 2019
Licensing & Appeals Sub-Committee	13 August 2019
Planning Committee	13 August 2019
Community & Environment Committee	21 August 2019
Governance & Resources Committee	05 September 2019
Licensing & Appeals Sub Committee	09 September 2019
Planning Committee	10 September 2019

MINUTE BOOK TO FOLLOW

9. QUESTIONS (RULE OF PROCEDURE 15)

Questions, if any, from Members who have given notice.

10. PROPOSAL OF A NOTICE OF MOTION (RULE OF PROCEDURE 16)

The Council will debate the following Motion, submitted by Councillor Garry Purdy, in accordance with Rule of Procedure 16.

That this Council

Resolves to adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance definition of anti-Semitism and in doing so undertakes to oppose all forms of anti-Semitism, hatred and harassment towards people who belong to the Jewish faith, and people with a Jewish ethnic or cultural background.

“Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.”

11. **UPDATE FROM THE CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP** **05 – 07**
- To receive a report on the work undertaken by the Derbyshire Dales Members' Climate Change Working Group, including the production of a proposed road map to assist with the District Council's pledge to become carbon neutral by 2030.
12. **ANNUAL REVIEW OF PLANNING DECISIONS** **08 – 13**
- To note a report on the performance of the Development Management Team and the Planning Committee in respect of the number of applications considered and the consistency of decision making.
13. **REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS, PLACES AND STATIONS 2019** **14 – 28**
- To note a report on the progress of the review, comments received in response to initial consultation on the Council's current polling scheme and the comments of the Acting Returning Officer, which will be the subject of a further period of consultation.
14. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2018/19** **29 – 37**
- To consider approval of the Treasury Management Annual Report for 2018/19, produced in accordance with regulation issued under the Local Government Act 2003.
15. **KIRK IRETON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN** **38 – 51**
- To receive a report on the draft comments made in respect of the Kirk Ireton Neighbourhood Plan, and its general conformity to the District Council's strategic policies within the adopted Derbyshire Dales Local Plan; the report also outlines the next steps with regard to its consultation and examination.
16. **REFERRED ITEMS** **52 - 54**
- To consider two recommendations for funding from the Governance & Resources Committee in respect of the new Electronic Recruitment Partnership and for the restructuring costs of the Joint ICT Service.
17. **EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**
- At this point the Committee will consider excluding the public and press from the meeting for the remaining items of business for the reasons shown in italics.
18. **COMMITTEES**
- To receive the exempt minutes of the Committee shown below:
- (The following minutes are exempt because they contain information relating to individuals)*
- Licensing & Appeals Sub-Committee – 22 July 2019
 - Licensing & Appeals Sub-Committee – 31 July 2019
 - Licensing & Appeals Sub-Committee – 13 August 2019

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COUNCIL
26 September 2019

Report of the Head of Regulatory Services

UPDATE FROM THE CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To inform Members of the work undertaken by the Derbyshire Dales Members' Climate Change Working Group, including the production of a proposed road map to assist with the District Council's pledge to become carbon neutral by 2030.

RECOMMENDATION

That the initial road map produced by the Climate Change Working Group is received.

WARDS AFFECTED

All

STRATEGIC LINK

Addressing the issue of climate change links with all three of the District Council's aims to be clean, safe and thriving.

1 BACKGROUND

At its full Council meeting on 30 May 2019 Derbyshire Dales District Council resolved to declare a climate emergency, to make Derbyshire Dales District Council carbon neutral by 2030, to call upon the UK Government to provide the powers and resources to make the 2030 target possible, to work with partners across the county and region to deliver this new goal through all relevant strategies, and to report back to Council within six months with the actions the Council will take to address this emergency.

2 REPORT

- 2.1 Since the Council meeting in May, a Members' Working Group has been formed to lead the District Council in addressing the elements of the resolution. This Working Group has met twice, with the aim of producing an initial road map to help guide the Council towards its ambition to identify priority actions. The Working Group members are Cllr David Chapman (Chair), Cllr Richard Bright, Cllr Mark Salt, Cllr David Hughes, Cllr Peter O'Brien and Cllr Neil Buttle. Officer support to the Group is provided by the Head of Regulatory Services.
- 2.2 The Working Group has produced an initial road map, setting out the issues and areas of work that are needed for the Council to work towards becoming carbon neutral by 2030. The road map is attached to this report at Appendix 1. In addition the Working Group has identified 4 priorities for early work, which it has termed:

- Transport;
- Estates;
- Planning Policy;
- Housing Policy.

In broad terms these areas of priority can be considered as examining the carbon footprint of the District Council as an organisation and looking at how 2 of the Council's policy areas can produce a positive impact in the wider district.

- 2.3 In addition to the work undertaken by the District Council's Working Group, a countywide officer group looking specifically at climate change issues has been formed. The first meeting of this group was held on 17 September 2019 and from this meeting it is expected that a Derbyshire Environment and Climate Change Framework will be developed.

3 RISK ASSESSMENT

3.1 Legal

At this stage the work of the Climate Change Working Group has not committed the District Council to any legal risks.

3.2 Financial

The financial implications of any commitment to further work in respect of climate change have not yet been evaluated.

4 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

In preparing this report, the relevance of the following factors has also been considered: prevention of crime and disorder, equalities, environmental, climate change, health, human rights, personnel and property.

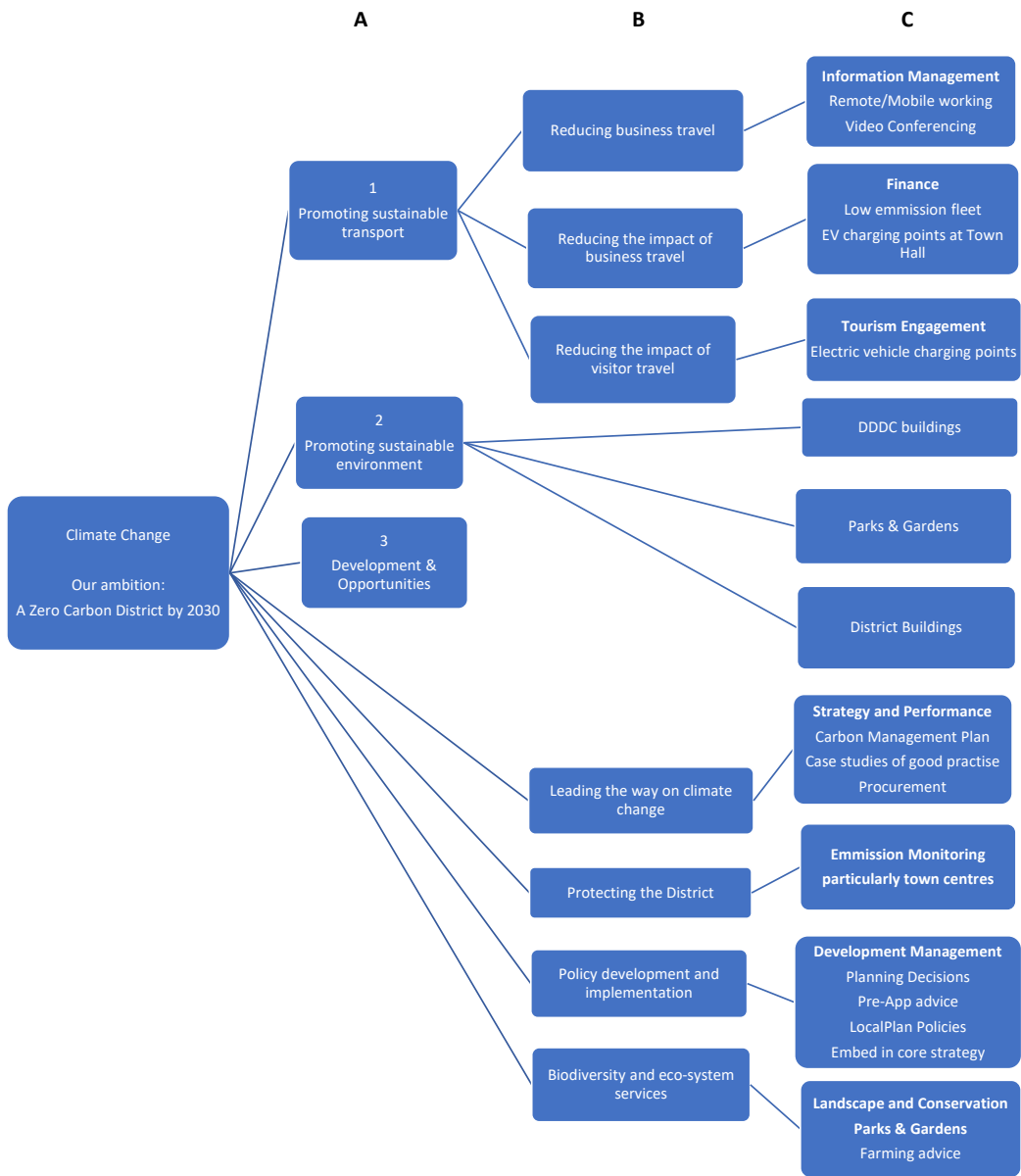
5 CONTACT INFORMATION

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6 ATTACHMENTS

Appendix 1: Climate Change Road Map – September 2019

Climate Change: A Roadmap



Report of the Head of Regulatory Services

ANNUAL REVIEW OF PLANNING DECISIONS

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

This report provides information on the performance of the Development Management Team and the Planning Committee in respect of the number of applications considered and the consistency of decision making.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be noted.

WARDS AFFECTED

All Wards outside the Peak District National Park.

STRATEGIC LINK

An effective Planning regime will help to support the District Council's priority of a thriving district.

1 BACKGROUND

1.1 The District Council's current Code of Corporate Governance was adopted at Corporate Committee in September 2013. Amongst other issues the Code aims to reinforce public confidence in the Planning system through reviewing the quality and consistency of Planning decisions. This report follows the previous reviews that have been considered by Council since 2016, and concentrates on a statistical evaluation of planning decisions, both through the Planning Committee and those determined through delegated powers.

2 REPORT

2.1 Performance statistics for all planning applications determined between 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2019 have been analysed and compared with the same periods in 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18. The same exercise has been repeated for those applications determined by Committee.

2.2 Throughout this report the term 'major application' includes developments of 10 or more dwellings, developments with floor space of 1,000m² or more and sites of 1 ha or more; 'minor applications' includes developments of less than 10 dwellings, developments with less than 1,000m² floor space and sites of less than 1 ha; and 'other applications' include change of use, householder applications and advertisements.

2018-2019

2.3 During 2018-2019 a total of 803 planning applications were submitted. This figure comprised 30 major applications, 283 minor applications and 490 other applications.

Of these 803 applications a total of 752 required determination as 51 applications were withdrawn. Of these, 687 determinations were made by officers under delegated powers.

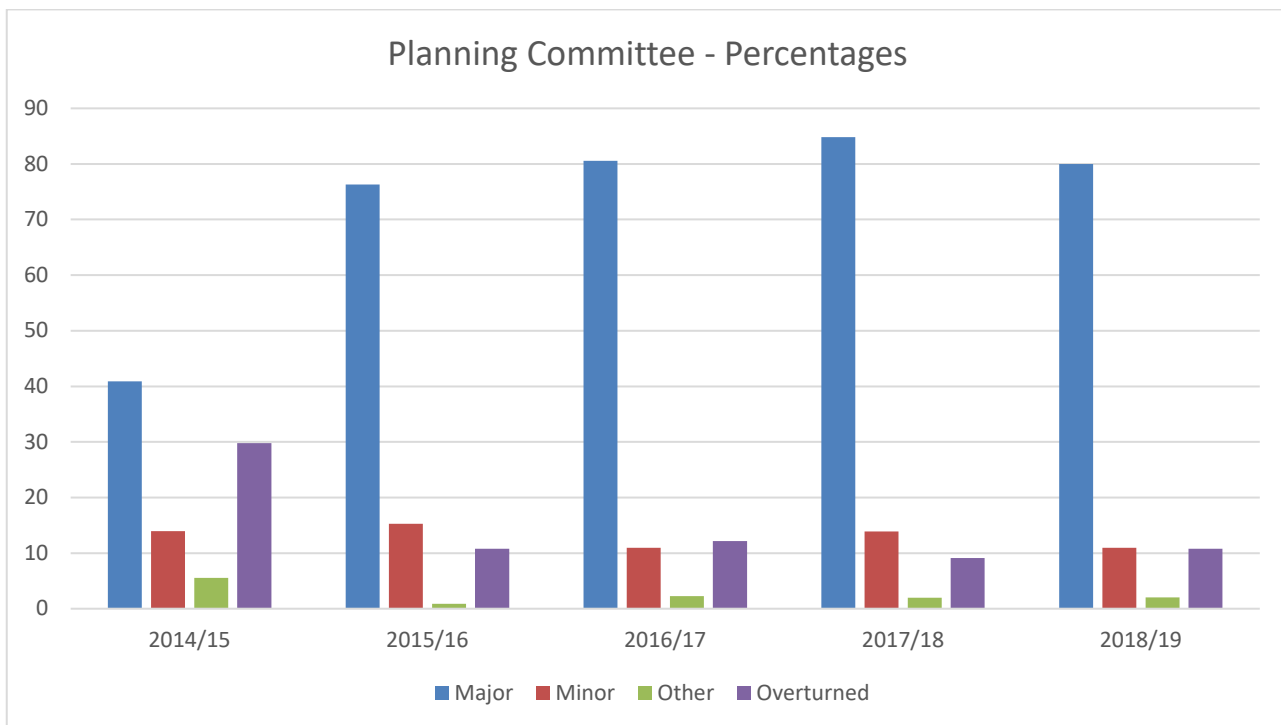
- 2.4 The Planning Committee determined 65 applications, which comprised 24 major applications, 31 minor applications and 10 other applications. This meant that a total of 8.64% of all applications were required to be determined by Committee. Breaking these figures down further shows that 85.71% of major applications were determined by Committee, as were 12.06% of minor applications and 2.14% of other applications. In total the Committee chose not to follow the officer recommendation in 7 cases, which represents 10.77% of Committee decisions.

COMPARISON

- 2.5 Comparing the last 5 years it is possible to see that whilst the overall number of applications received has reduced slightly the proportion of major applications significantly increased in 2015/16 (from 22 to 39) and has subsequently remained high. It is also possible to see that the number and proportion of Committee decisions that did not follow the officer recommendation reduced significantly from 25 (29.76%) in 2014/15 to 7 (10.77%) and has remained at around this lower level. The trend for a greater proportion of major applications required to be determined by Committee rather than under delegated powers has continue. These figures indicate that the Planning Committee is continuing, in the main, to concentrate on major applications.
- 2.6 The tables below show the total numbers of planning applications received each year since 2014/15 and the numbers and proportions of applications considered by Committee over the same period.

All Applications	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Major applications	22	39	35	33	30
Minor applications	229	275	311	273	283
Other applications	775	683	482	557	490
Total applications	1026	997	828	863	803

Committee	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Major applications	9 (40.91%)	29 (76.32%)	29 (80.55%)	28 (84.84%)	24 (80.00%)
Minor applications	32 (13.97%)	42 (15.27%)	34 (10.93%)	38 (13.91%)	31 (10.95%)
Other applications	43 (5.55%)	9 (0.90%)	11 (2.28%)	11 (1.97%)	10 (2.04%)
Total applications	84 (8.19%)	80 (8.02%)	74 (8.92%)	77 (8.92%)	65 (8.09%)
Overtaken	25 (29.76%)	7 (10.77%)	9 (12.16%)	7 (9.09%)	7 (10.77%)



APPEALS

- 2.7 A local authority's success in defending planning appeals can be used as a proxy measurement for the quality of planning decision making, in the sense that there is more likelihood of successfully defending an appeal when the decision to refuse the application was sound. In this respect the District Council considers 2 performance indicators, one a national measurement of performance and the other a local performance indicator.
- 2.8 The District Council is measured nationally in terms of the number of appeals allowed in relation to major applications divided by the total number of applications received. The Council is performing well in this respect with only 3.5% of major applications overturned on appeal.
- 2.9 The District Council also measures a local performance indicator that looks at the number of appeals against planning application decisions allowed divided by the total number of applications that are referred for appeal, which uses a much smaller denominator. This is a local indicator and as such national performance figures are not available. However it is possible to consider how our own performance has changed over time:

Year	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Performance	28%	25%	31%	33%

- 2.10 It should be noted that these figures relate only to appeals against a refusal to grant planning permission. The Planning Inspectorate also produces figures for appeals against other forms of Planning decisions, such as appeals against the service of enforcement notices, refusal of Certificates of Lawful Use etc
- 2.11 Taking all these aspects into account, there were 29 appeals determined against the Planning decisions of the District Council during 2018/19, of which 10 were found in

favour of the appellant, meaning that the overall rate of determinations against the Council was 34% This is slightly higher than the national average of 30%

GEOGRAPHICAL VARIATION

- 2.12 Members have expressed an interest in the parishes within which Planning Applications have required consideration by Planning Committee. The table below lists the top 7 Parishes for applications dealt with by Committee during 2018/19 and although the numbers are small indicates those Parishes where more minor and other applications have been brought before the Committee:

Parish	Number	Major	Minor	Other
Matlock	10	4	6	0
Ashbourne	10	4	4	2
Darley Dale	7	2	4	1
Matlock Bath	6	1	3	2
Biggin	5	5	0	0
Hulland Ward	4	4	0	0
Tansley	4	3	1	0

- 2.13 The scheme of delegation adopted by Council in May 2015 anticipates that major applications will be considered by Committee and that the majority of minor and other applications will be dealt with under delegated powers. Whilst the breakdown above is not a detailed form of analysis it can be seen that the likelihood of minor and other applications being presented to Committee appears to be greater in some Parishes than others. Comparison with last year suggests that the Parishes within which it is consistently more likely that minor and other applications will be brought before Committee are Matlock, Ashbourne, Darley Dale and Matlock Bath.

3 RISK ASSESSMENT

3.1 Legal

There are no legal risks arising from this report.

3.2 Financial

There are no financial risks arising from this report.

4 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

In preparing this report, the relevance of the following factors has also been considered: prevention of crime and disorder, equalities, environmental, climate change, health, human rights, personnel and property.

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6 BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

7 ATTACHMENTS

Appendix 1 – Detailed figures for 2018/19

APPENDIX 1: 2018-2019

Period	Application Type	Decision Type	Number	Totals
01/04/2018 31/03/2019	Major	Committee	24	
		Delegated	4	
		Withdrawn	2	
		Sub Total	30 (3.74%)	
	Minor	Committee	31	
		Delegated	226	
		Withdrawn	26	
		Sub Total	283 (35.24%)	
	Other	Committee	10	
		Delegated	457	
		Withdrawn	23	
		Sub Total	490 (61.02%)	
				Grand Total

Delegated Decisions:	687
Committee Decisions:	65
Percentage of all applications sent to Committee:	8.09%
Percentage of major applications sent to Committee:	80%
Percentage of minor applications sent to Committee:	10.95%
Percentage of other applications sent to Committee:	2.04%
Number of Committee Decisions Not Following Officer Recommendation:	7
Percentage of Committee Decisions Not Following Officer Recommendation:	10.77%
Number of Applications Sent to Committee with no Public Comments:	
Percentage of Applications Sent to Committee with no Public Comments:	

COUNCIL
26 SEPTEMBER 2019

Report of the Chief Executive

REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS, PLACES AND STATIONS 2019

SUMMARY

The report provides information on the progress of the review, comments received in response to initial consultation on the Council's current Polling Scheme and the comments of the Acting Returning Officer, which will be the subject of a further period of consultation.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the report is noted.
2. That the Acting Returning Officer's (ARO) comments are the subject of a further period of consultation.
3. That final proposals for the amendment of the Council's Polling Scheme be reported to Council on 21 November 2019.

WARDS AFFECTED

All

STRATEGIC LINK

The provision of accessible polling facilities contributes to the Council's aims to provide excellent services and to lead the communities of the Derbyshire Dales.

1. REPORT

- 1.1 Under the Representation of the People Act 1983, local authorities are required to divide their area into polling districts, to designate polling places for those polling districts, and to keep their electoral arrangements under review.
- 1.2 The Electoral Administration Act 2006 introduced a duty for all polling districts and polling places to be reviewed every four years. The Council's last Review was carried out in 2014.
- 1.3 The Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 introduced a change to the timing of compulsory reviews of UK Parliamentary polling districts and polling places. A compulsory review must be completed between 1 October 2018 and 31 January 2020 (inclusive). Subsequent compulsory reviews must be completed within the period of 16 months that starts on 1 October every fifth year after 1 October 2013.

Explanation of Terms

- 1.4 A **Polling District** is a geographical area created by the sub-division of an electoral area, i.e. a constituency, district ward or division into smaller parts.
- 1.5 A **Polling Place** is the building or area in which polling stations will be located.
- 1.6 A **Polling Station** is the room or area within the polling place where voting takes place.

2. PURPOSE OF THE REVIEW

- 2.1 Each Polling District must offer reasonable facilities for voting for all its electors, as far as reasonably practicable in the circumstances.
- 2.2 In conducting the Review the Council must ensure that:
 - all electors in the constituency have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances;
 - polling places must contain buildings that are suitable for use as a polling station by all sections of the community;
 - so far as is reasonable and practicable, all polling stations are accessible to all electors, including those with disabilities;
 - polling places must be must be located in an area of the corresponding polling district unless special circumstances make it desirable to designate an area that is wholly or partly outside the polling district.

3. THE REVIEW PROCESS AND PROGRESS TO DATE

- 3.1 The Council published a notice (Appendix 1) on 01 August 2019, announcing the Review and inviting comments and submissions in writing, from interested parties, by 02 September 2019.
- 3.2 The notice was posted in the Ashbourne News Telegraph, Peak Advertiser, at the Council's Offices and on the website.
- 3.3 The ARO (ARO) for the parliamentary constituency within the District was consulted and asked to make representations on the existing polling districts, places and stations.
- 3.4 Representations were invited from MEP's, MP's, local Political Party Agents, County and District Councillors, Parish and Town Councils, electors and from persons with particular expertise in relation to access to premises for those with disabilities. Owners / managers of current Polling Station premises were also consulted.
- 3.5 A schedule of the representations received during the consultation period is attached at Appendix 2.
- 3.6 The current polling arrangements are considered to offer suitable capacity to deal with the growth in the short term and will need to be continually monitored alongside the

electoral registration process. The District's electoral arrangements are currently the subject of a Boundary Review, which will take these factors into consideration.

- 3.7 The District Council did not propose any changes to the current Polling Scheme, except to confirm the minor amendments, made under delegated authority and already incorporated in the advertised scheme.

4. ACTING RETURNING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

- 4.1 The ARO's comments on the review are set out below and address known areas of concern, confirmed by a physical review of the Polling Places conducted at the most recent District & Parish and European Parliamentary Elections. The comments also take account of the cost per elector ratio for the polling stations scheduled for commission in the 2019 elections, set out in Appendix 3.
- 4.2 The recent inspection of the following polling stations has revealed access and privacy issues such that an alternative venues are proposed where practicable. The following table sets out the ARO's recommendations in full:-

Current Venue	Proposed	Reason
Ashbourne Portakabin, Shawcroft Car Park	Relocate to Ashbourne Library – dual use.	Access and convenience.
Cressbrook Club	New Polling Station - St John the Baptist Church Hall	Access
Cromford Institute	New Polling Station - Cromford Community Centre (subject to site visit)	Access
Curbar	Delete polling station in Curbar and redirect electors to Calver.	Access. Cost per elector
Eyam Mechanics Institute	New Polling Station Eyam Church Hall	Access
Great Hucklow	Delete polling station in Great Hucklow and redirect electors at Great Hucklow, Little Hucklow and Grindlow to Foolow Redirect electors in Hazlebadge to Bradwell	Risk of non-availability of venue.
Mappleton Pavilion	Delete polling station in Mappleton and redirect electors to Thorpe.	Access. No viable alternative available within area.
Sheldon	Delete Polling Station and redirect electors to Ashford	High cost per elector ratio.

Current Venue	Proposed	Reason
Ashbourne Hilltop	Re-draw polling district boundary of area BAS to incorporate nos. 26 to 58 Lower Pingle Road within Polling District BAH.	To correct an anomaly in polling district boundary to reflect natural break in development where all properties in Lower Pingle Road are within the same district and vote at the same polling station – Hilltop School.

4.3 The ARO acknowledges that the following polling stations are not fully accessible to people with disabilities but is satisfied that attempts to identify alternatives have been unsuccessful and, consequently, these facilities are the best practicable option to offer polling facilities to voters within the relevant polling districts.

- Stanton Lees Chapel
- Bolehill Men's Institute

4.4 The ARO has also reviewed the comments received during the first period of consultation and any responses she has made to these are noted on the schedule at appendix 2.

5. STAGE 2 OF THE REVIEW

5.1 The comments of the ARO will be published on the Council's website and will be added to the files held at the Council's Offices on 27 September 2019.

5.2 All consultees will be notified of this and will have the opportunity to make further representations in response to the comments of the ARO. The deadline for these comments is 25 October 2019.

5.3 Following consideration of all representations a final report to Council on 21 November 2019 will include recommendations for any changes to the Polling Scheme that arise from the findings of the Review.

5.4 Approved changes will be incorporated into the Register of Electors to be published on 01 December 2019.

5.5 A final report on the review and copies of all representations received will be published as the conclusion of the review.

6. RISK ASSESSMENT

6.1 Legal

The legal provisions are contained within the main body of the report. The suggested amendments to polling areas and stations seek to address elements of risk in terms of accessibility and enhance the voting experience in the more rural areas. The legal risk is therefore assessed as low to medium.

6.2 Financial

There are no financial risks arising from this report.

7. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

7.1 In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has also been considered: prevention of crime and disorder, equalities, environmental, climate change, health, human rights, personnel and property.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

Review of Polling Districts, Places and Stations 2019

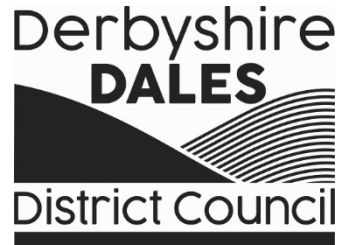
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Appendix 1 – Notice of Review of Polling Districts, Places and Stations

Appendix 2 – Comments Received at Stage 1 of review

Appendix 3 – Schedule of Polling Stations and cost analysis

Appendix 1



Notice of Polling Districts and Polling Places Review

1. Notice is hereby given that Derbyshire Dales District Council (the Council) is conducting a review of polling districts, polling places and polling stations that fall within Council's area.
2. The (Acting) Returning Officer (ARO) for the Parliamentary Constituency of Derbyshire Dales, will make comment on the proposals and those representations will be published on the Council's website in accordance with the timetable set out below.
3. Electors within the Derbyshire Dales area may make a representation. We would like to invite initial comments from electors regarding the convenience of voting at polling stations currently used for elections and would welcome suggestions for alternative sites.
4. The Council would welcome the views of all residents, particularly disabled residents, or any person or body with expertise in access for persons with any type of disability, on the proposals, ARO's representations or any other related matters.
5. Persons or bodies making representations should, if possible, give alternative places that may be used as polling places.
6. Comments and representations may be submitted as follows:

Online: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/5XX2MF7>

By email: premises@derbyshiredales.gov.uk

By post: Polling Review, Electoral Services, Derbyshire Dales District Council, Town Hall, Matlock DE4 3NN

7. Documents relating to the review can be inspected on the Council's website at www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/review or Derbyshire Dales District Council, Town Hall, Matlock DE4 3NN

Date	Detail
1 August 2019	Publication of notice and commencement of the review. Stage 1 public consultation period begins. Details of current arrangements and any proposed changes published.
2 September 2019	Stage 1 public consultation ends. Publication of (Acting) Returning Officer's comments and proposals
26 September 2019	Report to Council on proposals, submissions and Returning Officer's comments
27 September 2019	Public consultation on Returning Officer's comments on findings and proposals
25 October 2019	Stage 2 public consultation ends
21 November 2019	Final proposals considered by Council
22 November 2019	Publication of agreed scheme and all submissions

Sandra Lamb
Acting Returning Officer
1 August 2019

No	From	Comment	Acting Returning Officer's Comment
1	<p>VENUE: Great Hucklow – Nightingale Centre</p>	<p>It may be necessary at some times in the future to find alternative premises in the village, perhaps the Chapel? The disruption to guests who booked with us years ago is not really acceptable. If we have no one in that will be fine but please be aware that we may not be able to accommodate you as a Polling station.</p> <p>Stella Burney - Centre Manager</p>	<p>No change at this time.</p>
2	<p>Cllr. Clare Gamble DDDC – Litton & Longstone Ward VENUE: Cressbrook</p>	<p>The contact details for the possible Cressbrook polling station are below: Vicar of Tideswell St John The Baptist Tideswell Vicarage, Pursglove Drive Tideswell Buxton SK17 8PA</p>	<p>Alternative venue is suitable for the purpose and following inspection, is recommended as the new polling station for this area.</p>
3	<p>VENUE: Foolow – Burdekin Hall</p>	<p>Foolow Parish Meeting requests that the use of Burdekin Hall in Foolow be continued. It is central to the village, has disabled facilities and is in good repair. Alternative sites in Foolow do not exist. Alternative sites in neighbouring villages (Eyam, Hucklow, Tideswell etc) are some way away and would normally require own transport or a bus. Please therefore retain Burdekin Hall.</p> <p>Simon Wills - Chair of Foolow Parish Meeting</p>	<p>No change proposed</p>
4	<p>Cllr. Susan Hobson DDDC – Chatsworth Ward</p>	<p>My thoughts for Chatsworth Ward are that residents having access to relatively small venues is helpful, but as most people in rural areas travel by car to the polling stations there can be little merit and a great deal of cost in using small venues if not many people use them.</p>	<p>Accessibility is a major theme for this review and recommendations have been made here appropriate.</p>
5	<p>VENUE: Wardlow – Village Hall</p>	<p>We are happy with the current arrangement. Our Village Hall is fine being central to the village You can park outside the door and it is level/flat path to door. Thinking disabled there is one step at the door but this is not normally an issue. But if needed there a flat disabled entry at the rear of the Hall. So there in no</p>	<p>The venue is not fully accessible but it is considered that best efforts have been made. The polling station staff will make adaptations when required.</p>

No	From	Comment	Acting Returning Officer's Comment
		<p>reason to change.</p> <p>Philip Maltby - Chair Wardlow Parish Meeting</p>	
6	<p>Cllr. Alyson Hill</p> <p>DDDC – Bakewell Ward</p>	<p>I think it's essential that there are two polling stations in Bakewell one to serve the top of the town and the other in the town centre itself. The town hall has the required facilities the use of the school at the top of Bakewell could be improved as it impacts on the school day. Possibly two Portakabins in the large carpark at Lady manners could be used or a class room on the edge of the school for example the gym. Ashford, Sheldon and Over Haddon are all suitably located.</p>	<p>Agree with sentiment and need to keep two polling stations, but Portakabins will not best meet the needs of the electorate. The ARO works with all Schools in the District to minimise disruption wherever practicable.</p>
7	<p>Annunziata Rees-Mogg</p> <p>MEP – East Midlands Region</p>	<p>Derbyshire Dales District Council ran a very smooth election operation for the European election 2019, of which I was very appreciative. I am honoured to have been invited to contribute to the consultation but feel I have no information that would add value to the previous successes.</p>	
8	<p>VENUE:</p> <p>Tansley – Village Hall</p>	<p>There's nothing that I can add that DDDC does not know already about Tansley Village Hall as a polling station.</p> <p>Chris – Manager - Tansley Village Hall</p>	<p>No change proposed</p>
9	<p>VENUE:</p> <p>Litton - Village Hall</p>	<p>As the Chair of the Village Hall Management Committee I can confirm that there are no planned major works to the Hall envisaged over the next 4 years. We remain available as a polling station for the local community.</p> <p>Tracey Hall</p>	<p>No change proposed</p>
10	<p>Cllr. Joyce Pawley</p> <p>DDDC – Masson Ward</p>	<p>I believe the polling stations in Bonsall and Matlock Bath to be suitable, although the Bonsall Village Hall as a polling station does have quite a steep slope leading to the entrance.</p> <p>CROMFORD INSTITUTE - the current polling station</p> <p>Although there is an entrance through the railings into the courtyard which is usable for those with accessibility issues there is no parking. There are also steps up into the building itself and there are no accessible toilets. The building is cold if you have to sit there all day and the kitchen is not to a modern standard.</p>	<p>Cromford Institute has known access issues. Pending a site visit the Community Centre is the preferred location.</p>

No	From	Comment	Acting Returning Officer's Comment
		<p>THE COMMUNITY CENTRE</p> <p>This has parking and is accessible to wheelchairs, albeit up quite a slope. There are public toilets just outside and some in the building itself which are not accessible. There are also catering facilities inside if the Committee agrees to make them available. The hall, which is the only part of the building which is accessible, is large and likely to be cold in winter.</p> <p>THE METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING ON WATER LANE</p> <p>There is not much parking. The building is comfortable and warm, I am not sure if there are accessibility issues but I would think those would have been addressed as it is a building which is used a great deal by the general public.</p>	
11	<p>VENUE:</p> <p>Clifton – Clifton Smith Hall</p>	<p>At the present time Clifton Smith Hall is used for the Clifton District Polling Station. We would suggest that this would continue as Clifton Smith Hall being used for the polling station as it has excellent facilities including car parking, good disabled access, is very convenient and is the best facility available for use as a polling station.</p> <p>Mrs N. Taylor-Smith Clifton Parish Clerk</p>	No change proposed
12	<p>VENUE:</p> <p>Taddington – Bramwell Memorial Institute</p>	<p>Taddington and Priestcliffe Parish Council is happy with the present arrangements.</p> <p>Lesley Bramwell Clerk to Taddington & Priestcliffe Parish Council</p>	No change proposed
13	<p>VENUE:</p> <p>Darley Dale – Wesleyan House</p>	<p>I can confirm that as things stand at the moment our premises will still be available to use as a polling station for at least the next 4 years. We have no plans for any changes.</p> <p>Ann Esders</p>	No change proposed
14	<p>VENUE:</p> <p>Bonsall – Village Hall</p>	<p>Bonsall Parish Council considered this issue at their meeting on 20th August, and wish to confirm that there are no issues of concern in relation to the current polling station arrangements for Bonsall.</p> <p>Tony Payne - Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer</p>	No change proposed
15	<p>VENUE:</p>	<p>I write on behalf of Sheldon Parish Meeting to comment that we</p>	Deletion of polling station at

No	From	Comment	Acting Returning Officer's Comment
	Hartington – Village Hall	do not wish to see any change in the arrangements for Sheldon; it is vitally important that Sheldon retains its Polling Station in the Hartington Memorial Hall: we think everyone should have the opportunity to vote where they live and, as we have no public transport to/from Sheldon, it would be difficult for residents, particularly elderly ones, to access a station further afield; we also understand turn out to usually be high in Sheldon. Wendy Neilson - Chair Sheldon Parish Meeting	Sheldon proposed on the grounds of cost. Re-direct voters to Ashford in the Water.
16	VENUE: Bakewell – Town Hall	There are 2 polling stations one in the centre at Bakewell Town Hall and another at I believe Lady Manners School that serves the large population at Moorhall etc. The town needs 2 polling stations as access to town from Moorhall is badly served and the turnouts are not great now as it is. Paul Morgans - Bakewell Town Council	No change proposed
17	VENUE: Brailsford & Ednaston Institute	Every polling station should have facilities for disabled access and disabled toilets. I appreciate that this isn't possible in older buildings. Inclusion is very important in our society. Diane Minshall	No change proposed
18	Helen Swift Bakewell Town & Community Trust VENUE: Bakewell Town Hall	Bakewell Town Hall is a good, central location. It is well-known to residents, with a high profile, through its considerable programme of community arts activities and entertainment. We welcome having the polling station at the heart of our community and hope that this continues. We have good disabled access and facilities. Our entrance is level with no steps, the polling station is on the ground floor with adjacent disabled toilet facilities. Our doorways are double-width and we hold regular events for people with sight, hearing and mobility impairments. We have an induction hearing loop in the polling station. We have no plans for maintenance that would affect the holding of an election for the next 4 years.	No change proposed
19	VENUE: Matlock Bath – Grand Pavilion Pump Room	We have a disabled access ramp and space for wheel chairs to move around easily. However the closure of the Public toilets behind the building means that the nearest Accessible toilets are at the other end of the village.	No change proposed

No	From	Comment	Acting Returning Officer's Comment
		Clare Herbert – Peak Mines	
20	Cllr. Sir Richard FitzHerbert DDDC – Dovedale & Parwich Ward VENUE: Mappleton	The polling station at Mappleton was too far off the beaten track and rather difficult to access. I realise it has been difficult there but could we look at another place. Could we look at Local Projects Fund to provide better access? Say at the Pub?	The premises are unsuitable and no alternative has been found. Recommend merger with Thorpe.
21	VENUE: Bradwell – War Memorial Hall	Our hall has been used for many years as the local polling station. Everyone knows where to go and the hall will continue to be available as a polling station into the future. Easy disabled access is available, including a toilet for disabled people. Paul Downing	No change proposed
22	VENUE: Hognaston – Village Hall	Suggest no change needed. Current venue is central and easy to get to, with ample parking. Disabled access/toilets available and use. Suggest no change to current arrangements. Anthony Clarke	No change proposed
23	VENUE: Over Haddon – Village Hall	Looking forward over the next 4 years, there is nothing booked that can't be changed. We always give priority for use of the hall as a Polling station. Our premises are fully accessible for disabled persons and have disabled facilities. We have a disabled lift to get people from road level up to the hall. Mrs Jennifer Foxon - Management committee	No change proposed
24	VENUE: Matlock – Scout & Guide Headquarters	No comment G. Beeson	No change proposed
25	VENUE: Middleton by Youlgrave – Village Hall	Disabled access has to be via a wheel-chair through the kitchen entrance which is just possible. The toilet is not accessible. Mrs A M Marsh - Village Hall Committee	No change proposed
26	VENUE:	Current arrangements works well. Current venue good.	No change proposed

No	From	Comment	Acting Returning Officer's Comment
	Monyash – Village Hall	Lesley Fitton - Monyash Parish Council	
27	VENUE: Flagg – Village Hall	Feel that a polling station is required to be kept in the village for use by residents of the village. The Village Hall is a central village location, easy to find, of suitable size and easy access with all required facilities (light/water/heat/toilets etc) and also has limited car parking space available. The Village Hall has adequate access (and facilities) for wheelchair user disabled persons as well as for ambulant disabled persons. Mrs S. Naylor / Mr A Butterwick	No change proposed
28	VENUE: Doveridge – Village Hall	At this time I think the arrangement in place are satisfactory. DVH has adequate disabled access. I have no information on any other Polling station. Rosemarie Fleming	No change proposed
29	VENUE: Matlock – The Imperial Rooms	No comment Amanda Wilson – Matlock Town Council	No change proposed
30	VENUE: Stoney Middleton – St. Martin's Church	Current polling district well covered for local population. St Martin's Church only facility suitable in the village - all facilities - kitchen, toilet etc. St Martin's Church has full disabled access. J.T.Askey	No change proposed
31	VENUE: Bakewell – Town Hall & Methodist Junior School	Bakewell's two polling stations appear entirely suitable for the polling district and do not need changing. Maintaining excellent disabled access to polling places and polling stations should be a high priority because it also helps a broad spectrum of people who would not necessarily consider themselves disabled. John Rowe - Town Clerk & RFO	No change proposed
32	Peter Dobbs Agent – Liberal Democrats VENUE: Ashbourne Empire Club and Ashbourne Hilltop School	Could Lower Pingle Road Nos 26-58 be moved from BAS into BAH. Voters from these properties would almost drive past Hilltop on their (long) journey to the Empire. The whole of the rest of this (new) estate is in BAH. An additional polling place to split the load on Ashbourne Hilltop is needed. The situation will only get worse as new estates are completed. Alas I do not have a suggestion - a fault of planning that there are no multi use	No change proposed. Designation of electors in Pingle Road would require a Community Governance Review. It is recommended that such a review is considered in 20/21 in order to assess the full development potential in that area.

No	From	Comment	Acting Returning Officer's Comment
		community buildings in Ashbourne South. Lack of planning?	
33	Cllr. Steve Wain DDDC – Matlock All Saints	I have regularly been contacted by residents of Farley Hill Matlock, regarding development issues in the area. The area is currently on the Darley Dale Ward, but in my opinion it's location is more suited to be included in Matlock All Saints.	No change proposed pending more in depth electoral review
34	VENUE: Elton – Village Hall	The Village Hall is happy to continue being the local polling station for the foreseeable future. Our purpose is to be used by the community and local people, including being available as their polling station. We do have disabled access for the benefit of our users. Voting facilities in small communities are valued by the local people, especially the elderly. Susan Lightfoot	No change proposed

Polling District	Cost of BP's	Premises Hire	Cost per elector (100%)	At 42% turnout
Ashbourne Belle Vue	£69.12	£240.00	£0.57	£1.36
Ashbourne Parkside	£38.88	£972.00	£1.58	£3.76
Hartington Nether Quarter - Biggin	£12.96	£200.00	£2.24	£5.33
Fenny Bentley	£8.64	£150.00	£4.75	£11.31
Mappleton	£8.64	£150.00	£5.59	£13.32
Parwich	£12.96	£105.00	£1.85	£4.41
Thorpe	£8.64	£95.00	£4.42	£10.52
Tissington	£8.64	£320.00	£3.82	£9.10
Chelmorton	£12.96	£250.00	£3.14	£7.47
Hartington Middle Quarter - Earl Sterndale	£12.96	£215.00	£2.58	£6.13
Flagg	£8.64	£250.00	£5.33	£12.69
Hartington Town Quarter	£12.96	£231.00	£2.98	£7.11
Taddington	£12.96	£200.00	£2.07	£4.92
Elton	£12.96	£120.00	£1.96	£4.67
Winster	£17.28	£315.00	£2.09	£4.98
South Darley	£21.60	£204.00	£1.40	£3.33
Tideswell	£51.84	£240.00	£0.78	£1.85
Monyash	£8.64	£130.00	£2.62	£6.23
Middleton & Smerrill	£4.32	£170.00	£7.26	£17.29
Youlgrave	£34.56	£204.00	£0.90	£2.14
Ashbourne Hilltop	£77.76	£100.00	£0.68	£1.61
Ashbourne St. Oswalds	£51.84	£250.00	£0.66	£1.57
Brailsford	£30.24	£300.00	£0.90	£2.15
Hollington	£8.64	£500.00	£6.63	£15.79
Longford	£12.96	£100.00	£2.07	£4.94
Doveridge	£43.20	£300.00	£0.70	£1.67
Sudbury	£12.96	£290.00	£2.70	£6.43
Bradley	£12.96	£100.00	£2.53	£6.03
Clifton & Compton	£12.96	£102.00	£1.68	£4.00
Edlaston & Wyaston	£17.28	£165.00	£1.58	£3.76
Osmaston	£8.64	£71.00	£2.28	£5.42
Shirley	£8.64	£250.00	£4.28	£10.20
Snelston	£8.64	£120.00	£4.12	£9.81
Boylestone	£12.96	£80.00	£4.52	£10.77
Cubley	£12.96	£150.00	£2.34	£5.57
Marston Montgomery	£12.96	£225.00	£2.44	£5.82
Norbury & Roston	£8.64	£165.00	£3.49	£8.30
Baslow and Bubnell	£30.24	£128.00	£0.82	£1.95
Beeley	£4.32	£150.00	£6.22	£14.82
Edensor	£4.32	£470.00	£9.27	£22.06
Pilsley	£4.32	£175.00	£6.22	£14.82
Calver	£25.92	£350.00	£1.38	£3.29
Curbar	£12.96	£53.00	£1.94	£4.62
Stoney Middleton	£12.96	£425.00	£2.59	£6.18
Darley Dale - Mencap	£17.28	£170.00	£1.35	£3.21
Darley Dale - Arc	£47.52	£0.00	£0.57	£1.35
Darley Dale - The Grouse	£43.20	£250.00	£0.64	£1.52
Darley Dale - Whitworth	£47.52	£369.00	£0.97	£2.31
Birchover	£8.64	£157.00	£2.55	£6.08
Northwood and Tinkersley	£17.28	£200.00	£1.52	£3.62
Rowsley	£12.96	£200.00	£2.02	£4.80
Stanton Lees	£4.32	£130.00	£8.37	£19.92
Stanton in Peak	£8.64	£225.00	£4.21	£10.02
Ashford in the Water	£12.96	£140.00	£1.97	£4.69
Bakewell - Junior School	£30.24	£100.00	£0.79	£1.88
Bakewell - Town Hall	£73.44	£200.00	£0.53	£1.27
Over Haddon	£8.64	£250.00	£3.62	£8.62
Sheldon	£4.32	£375.00	£14.69	£34.97

Eyam	£30.24	£120.00	£0.83	£1.99
Grindleford	£25.92	£320.00	£1.27	£3.02
Hathersage	£56.16	£235.00	£0.54	£1.29
Bradwell	£43.20	£220.00	£0.72	£1.72
Foolow	£4.32	£120.00	£5.73	£13.65
Great Hucklow	£8.64	£200.00	£3.41	£8.13
Great Longstone	£30.24	£280.00	£1.22	£2.90
Cressbrook	£4.32	£100.00	£4.80	£11.43
Litton	£4.32	£120.00	£1.87	£4.44
Wardlow	£4.32	£100.00	£6.02	£14.32
Hulland	£38.88	£283.00	£0.83	£1.97
Kirk Ireton	£17.28	£200.00	£1.94	£4.61
Atlow	£4.32	£100.00	£6.44	£15.33
Bradbourne	£8.64	£200.00	£4.95	£11.78
Brassington	£17.28	£200.00	£1.56	£3.72
Carsington	£8.64	£100.00	£3.01	£7.17
Hognaston	£8.64	£255.00	£4.07	£9.68
Kniveton	£12.96	£150.00	£2.39	£5.69
Bonsall	£21.60	£80.00	£0.96	£2.30
Cromford	£43.20	£175.00	£0.64	£1.52
Matlock Bath	£21.60	£150.00	£1.26	£3.00
Wirksworth - Middleton	£21.60	£150.00	£0.98	£2.33
Wirksworth - Bolehill	£21.60	£180.00	£1.31	£3.12
Wirksworth Memorial Hall	£120.96	£190.00	£0.52	£1.25
Highfields School matlock	£64.80	£200.00	£0.95	£2.26
Matlock Green	£30.24	£160.00	£0.93	£2.21
Matlock Hurst Farm	£43.20	£150.00	£0.66	£1.57
Starkholmes	£21.60	£212.00	£1.41	£3.37
Tansley	£38.88	£260.00	£0.91	£2.17
Matlock - All Saints Church hall	£51.84	£250.00	£0.80	£1.91
Matlock -Imperial Rooms	£56.16	£257.00	£0.75	£1.78

COUNCIL
26 September 2019

Report of the Head of Resources

TREASURY MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2018/19

PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report seeks approval for the Treasury Management Annual Report for 2018/19. The report compares actual treasury management performance for 2018/19 to the estimates within the treasury management strategy that was approved in March 2018.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Treasury Management Annual Report for 2018/19 be approved.

WARDS AFFECTED

All

STRATEGIC LINK

Treasury Management contributes to the Council's overall financial position and, therefore, the above recommendation contributes to all of the Council's Corporate Plan Priorities

1. REPORT

1.1 TREASURY MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT

This Council is required by regulations issued under the Local Government Act 2003 to produce an annual treasury management review of activities after the end of each financial year.

This report fulfils the Authority's legal obligation to have regard to the CIPFA Code.

The Authority's treasury management strategy for 2018/19 was approved at a meeting of the Authority on 5th March 2018. The Authority has invested substantial sums of money and is therefore exposed to financial risks including the loss of invested funds and the revenue effect of changing interest rates. The successful identification, monitoring and control of risk are therefore central to the Authority's treasury management strategy.

1.2 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The Council is required to receive and approve, as a minimum, three main reports each year, which incorporate a variety of policies, estimates and actuals.

The Treasury Strategy The first, and most important, report covers:

- The treasury management strategy (how the investments and borrowings are to be organised) including treasury indicators; and
- An investment strategy (the parameters on how investments are to be managed).

A mid-year treasury management report – This will update members with the progress of the capital position, amending prudential indicators as necessary, and whether any policies require revision.

An annual treasury report - (This Report) This report provides details of a selection of actual prudential and treasury indicators and actual treasury operations compared to the estimates within the strategy.

In addition to the above, the 2017 Prudential Code includes a requirement for local authorities to provide a Capital Strategy, a summary document approved by full Council covering capital expenditure and financing, treasury management and non-treasury investments. The Authority's Capital Strategy, complying with CIPFA's requirement, was approved by full Council on 24th January 2019.

Scrutiny

The above reports are adequately scrutinised by the Corporate Leadership Team before being recommended to the Council.

1.3 EXTERNAL CONTEXT

1.3.1. Economic background

The Bank of England increased the Bank Rate by 0.25% to 0.75% in August 2018, no changes to monetary policy have been made since.

While the domestic focus has been on Brexit's potential impact on the UK economy, globally the first quarter of 2019 has been overshadowed by broader based economic uncertainty. The US continues with protectionist trade policies and tensions with China in particular, but with the potential for this to spill over into wider trade relationships, most notably with the EU. The EU itself appeared to be show signs of a slowdown in economic growth with the major economies, Germany and France, both suffering downturns in manufacturing alongside continued domestic/populist unrest in France. The International Monetary Fund downgraded its forecasts for global economic growth in 2019 and beyond as a consequence.

Gilt yields continued to display significant volatility over the period on the back of ongoing economic and political uncertainty in the UK and Europe. After rising in October, gilts regained their safe-haven status throughout December and into 2019 - the 5-year benchmark gilt yield fell as low as 0.80% and there were similar falls in the 10-year and 20-year gilts over the same period dropping from 1.73% to 1.08% and from 1.90% to 1.55%. The increase in Bank Rate pushed up money markets rates over the year and 1-month, 3-month and 12-month LIBID (London Interbank Bid) rates averaged 0.53%, 0.67% and 0.94% respectively over the period.

In February, Fitch put the UK AA sovereign long-term rating on Rating Watch Negative as a result of Brexit uncertainty, following this move with the same treatment for UK banks and a number of government-related entities.

1.4 LOCAL CONTEXT

On 31st March 2019, the Authority had net investments of £13.935m arising from its revenue and capital income and expenditure. The underlying need to borrow for capital purposes is measured by the Capital Financing Requirement (CFR), while usable reserves and working capital are the underlying resources available for investment. These factors are summarised in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Balance Sheet Summary

	31.3.18 Actual £'000	31.3.19 Actual £'000
General Fund CFR	6,369	5,898
Less: Other debt liabilities *	527	151
Borrowing CFR	5,842	5,747
Actual borrowing	5,450	5,540
Under borrowing	392	297
Usable reserves	(17,352)	(19,311)
Working capital requirement	8,803	5,079
Total Investments	(8,157)	(13,935)

* Finance leases form part of the Authority's total debt

The Authority pursued its strategy of keeping borrowing below its underlying level, sometimes known as under borrowing or internal borrowing, in order to reduce risk and keep interest costs low.

The treasury management position as at 31st March 2019 and the change during the year is shown below.

Table 2: Treasury Management Summary

	31.3.18 Balance £'000	2018/19 Movement £'000	31.3.19 Balance £'000	31.3.19 Rate %
Long-term borrowing	5,601	(151)	5,450	4.1
Short-term borrowing	376	(225)	151	
Total borrowing	5,977	(376)	5,601	
Long Term Investments	0	931	931	(2.71)
Short-term investments	0	1,999	1,999	0.76
Cash and cash equivalents	8,157	2,848	11,005	0.74
Total investments	8,157	5,778	13,935	0.51
Net investments	2,180	5,402	8,334	

Note: the figures in the table are from the balance sheet in the Authority's statement of accounts, but adjusted to exclude, accrued interest and other accounting adjustments.

1.5 BORROWING STRATEGY

At 31st March 2019, the Authority held £5.5m of loans from the Public Works Loan Board, the same as the previous year, as part of its strategy for funding previous years' capital programmes.

The Authority's chief objective when borrowing has been to strike an appropriately low risk balance between securing low interest costs and achieving cost certainty over the period for which funds are required, with flexibility to renegotiate loans should the Authority's long-term plans change being a secondary objective.

In keeping with these objectives, no new borrowing was undertaken in 2018/19.

The "cost of carry" analysis performed by the Authority's treasury management advisor Arlingclose did not indicate any value in borrowing in advance for future years' planned expenditure and therefore none was taken.

Other Debt Activity

After £0.376m repayment of prior years' finance leases liabilities, total debt other than borrowing stood at £0.151m on 31st March 2019, taking total debt to £5.601m. The Council incurred interest on its borrowing of £232,000 during 2018/19.

1.6 INVESTMENT ACTIVITY

The Authority holds invested funds, representing income received in advance of expenditure plus balances and reserves held. During 2018/19, the Authority's investment balance ranged between £6.4m and £21m due to timing differences between income and expenditure. These investments generated £133,000 of income in 2018/19. The year-end investment position is shown in table 3 below.

Table 3: Investments at 31st March 2019

Investment Held	Amount £'000	Rate %
Lloyds Bank	4,504	0.65
Cooperative Rabobank	1,000	0.83
Eastleigh Borough Council	1,000	0.78
Bromsgrove District Council	2,500	0.55
Gosport Borough Council	1,500	0.85
Treasury Bill - UK Government	2,500	0.69
CCLA Property Fund*	931	-2.71
Total	13,935	

* Returns quoted for the CCLA Property fund include initial losses on the purchase of shares. On an income only basis the fund currently returns 4.15%. The value of the fund can fluctuate but has consistently grown over the previous 5 years. At the time of writing the value of the Council's investment was £972,000.

Both the CIPFA Code and government guidance require the Authority to invest its funds prudently, and to have regard to the security and liquidity of its investments before seeking the highest rate of return, or yield. The Authority's objective when investing

money is to strike an appropriate balance between risk and return, minimising the risk of incurring losses from defaults and the risk of receiving unsuitably low investment income.

Given the increasing risk from short-term unsecured bank investments, the Authority has diversified into more secure classes as shown above. £1m that is available for longer-term investment was moved from bank and building society deposits into pooled property funds. As a result, investment risk was diversified. The average rate of income return was 0.51% compared with 0.43% in 2017-18

The progression of risk and return metrics are shown in the extracts from Arlingclose's quarterly investment benchmarking below.

	Credit Risk Score **	Credit Rating	Bail-in Exposure	Weighted Average Maturity (days)	Rate of Return (Total Portfolio) %
31 st March 2018	4.52	A+	82%	9	0.43
31 st March 2019	3.97	AA-	42%	18	0.51*
Similar LAs	4.13	AA-	53%	86	1.80
All LAs	4.20	AA-	55%	29	1.43

* Includes loss on CCLA fund

** The lower the credit score the lower the risk

Other Non-Treasury Holdings and Activity

The definition of investments in CIPFA's revised Treasury Management Code now covers all the financial assets of the Authority as well as other non-financial assets which the Authority holds primarily for financial return. This is replicated in MHCLG's Investment Guidance, in which the definition of investments is further broadened to also include all such assets held partially for financial return.

The Authority held £1.5m of such investment in directly owned property.

These investments generated £0.097m of investment income for the Authority after taking account of direct costs, representing a rate of return of 6.39% This is higher than the return earned on treasury investments but reflects the additional risks to the Authority of holding such investments.

A register of such investments is held within the council's asset system and is reviewed annually.

1.7 COMPLIANCE REPORT

The Head of Resources is pleased to report that all treasury management activities undertaken during 2018/19 complied fully with the CIPFA Code of Practice and the Authority's approved Treasury Management Strategy.

Compliance with specific investment limits is demonstrated in table 4 below.

Table 4: Investment Limits

	2018/19 Maximum	31.3.19 Actual	2018/19 Limit	Complied
Banks (£1m per counterparty)	£1m	1m	£1m	✓
Council's own bank (Lloyds)	£5.9m	£4.5m	£6m	✓
Local Authorities (per Authority)	£3m	£2.5	£3m	✓
Money Market Funds (per fund)	£3m	£0m	£3m	✓
UK Government	3m	2.5	Unlimited	✓
Pooled Funds	1m	1m	3m	✓

Compliance with the authorised limit and operational boundary for external debt is demonstrated in table 5 below.

Table 5: Debt Limits

Operational Boundary for External Debt: The operational boundary is based on the authority's estimate of prudent levels of external debt.

Authorised Limit for External Debt: The authorised limit is determined in compliance with the Local Government Act 2003 and is the maximum the Authority can legally owe. It provides headroom above the operational boundary for unusual cash movements.

	2018/19 Maximum £000	31.3.19 Actual £000	Operational Boundary £000	Authorised Limit £000	Complied
Borrowing	5,450	5,450	8,000	11,000	✓
PFI & finance leases	151	151	1,000	1,000	✓
Total debt	5,601	5,601	9,000	12,000	✓

Since the operational boundary is a management tool for in-year monitoring it is not significant if the operational boundary is breached on occasions due to variations in cash flow, and this is not counted as a compliance failure.

1.8 TREASURY MANAGEMENT INDICATORS

The Authority measures and manages its exposures to treasury management risks using the following indicators:

Security: The Authority has adopted a voluntary measure of its exposure to credit risk by monitoring the value-weighted average credit rating of its investment portfolio.

	31.3.19 Actual	2018/19 Target	Complied
Portfolio Average Credit Rating	AA-	A+	✓

Liquidity: The Authority has adopted a voluntary measure of its exposure to liquidity risk by monitoring the amount of cash available to meet unexpected payments within a rolling three month period, without additional borrowing.

	31.3.19 Actual	2018/19 Target	Complied
Total cash available within 3 months	13m	6m	✓
Total sum borrowed without prior notice	0	0	✓

Interest Rate Exposures: This indicator is set to control the Authority's exposure to interest rate risk. The upper limits on fixed and variable rate interest rate exposures, expressed as the amount of net principal borrowed was:

	2018/19 Limit	Complied
Upper limit on fixed interest rate exposure	100%	✓
Upper limit on variable interest rate exposure	30%	✓

Fixed rate investments and borrowings are those where the rate of interest is fixed for at least 12 months, measured from the start of the financial year or the transaction date if later. All other instruments are classed as variable rate.

Maturity Structure of Borrowing: This indicator is set to control the Authority's exposure to refinancing risk. The upper and lower limits on the maturity structure of fixed rate borrowing were:

	Actual	Upper Limit	Complied
Under 12 months	0%	35%	✓
12 months and within 24 months	0%	50%	✓
24 months and within 5 years	0%	65%	✓
5 years and within 10 years	0%	80%	✓
10 years and above	100%	100%	✓

Time periods start on the first day of each financial year. The maturity date of borrowing is the earliest date on which the lender can demand repayment.

Principal Sums Invested for Periods Longer than 364 days: The purpose of this indicator is to control the Authority's exposure to the risk of incurring losses by seeking early repayment of its investments. The limits on the long-term principal sum invested to final maturities beyond the period end were:

	2018/19 Actual	Limit	Complied
Principal invested beyond year end	£1m	£3m	✓

1.9 PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS

The objectives of the Prudential Code are to ensure that the capital investment plans of local authorities are affordable, prudent and sustainable, and that treasury management decisions are taken in accordance with good professional practice. In addition to indicators already covered the Prudential Code sets out the following indicators that must be set and monitored each year.

Actual Capital Expenditure: The Authority's Actual capital expenditure and financing may be summarised as follows

Capital Expenditure and Financing	2018/19 Actual	2018/19 Estimate
Total Expenditure	2,784,490	3,621,714
Capital Receipts	908,612	1,281,463
Capital Grants	435,757	453,873
Reserves	1,440,121	1,886,378
Total Financing	2,784,490	3,621,714

Ratio of Financing Costs to Net Revenue Stream:

This is an indicator of affordability and highlights the revenue implications of existing and proposed capital expenditure by identifying the proportion of the revenue budget required to meet financing costs, net of investment income.

Ratio of Financing Costs to Net Revenue Stream	2018/19 Actual %	2018/19 Estimate %
General Fund	6.84	6.88

2. RISK ASSESSMENT

2.1 Legal

The report complies with best practice and government guidance on the preparation of the treasury management strategy statement which aims in part, to mitigate financial risk to the Council. The legal risk is therefore low.

2.2 Financial

The Council prioritises security and liquidity ahead of financial return when making investment decisions. In addition, the Council receives advice from an independent advisor who specialises in local authority treasury management. This report is a retrospective look at 2018/19 that demonstrates compliance with the Council's Treasury Management Strategy. The financial risk is therefore considered low.

2.3 Corporate

This strategy sets in place a proposed structure and systems that place security of investments above yield. The risk is therefore assessed as low.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has also been considered prevention of crime and disorder, equalities, environmental, climate change, health, human rights, personnel and property.

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5. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

6. ATTACHMENTS

None

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26 SEPTEMBER 2019

Report of the Head of Regeneration and Policy

KIRK IRETON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

SUMMARY

This report sets out draft comments in respect of the Kirk Ireton Neighbourhood Plan, and its general conformity to the District Council's strategic policies within the adopted Derbyshire Dales Local Plan. The report also outlines the next steps with regard to consultation and examination of the Kirk Ireton Neighbourhood Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the draft comments made in respect of the policies and proposals contained within the Kirk Ireton Neighbourhood Plan set out in Section 2 are noted and that they are forwarded to the examiner appointed to undertake the Examination of the Kirk Ireton Neighbourhood Plan.
2. That in the event that no substantive objections are received during the statutory publicity period undertaken in accordance with Regulation 16 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 that they be forwarded to the examiner appointed to undertake the Examination of the Kirk Ireton Neighbourhood Plan.
3. That in the event that any substantive representations be received during the statutory publicity period that a further report be presented to Committee for consideration.
4. The Council discharge responsibility to the Community and Environment Committee and that a further report be presented to the Community and Environment Committee that sets out the Examiner's Report findings and any recommended modifications to the Kirk Ireton Neighbourhood Plan.

WARDS AFFECTED

Kirk Ireton

STRATEGIC LINK

The implementation of the Kirk Ireton Neighbourhood Plan will provide a wider planning framework for the Derbyshire Dales, focused within Kirk Ireton and form part of the development plan for the District.

1 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Parish of Kirk Ireton was designated as a Neighbourhood Area in accordance with Section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) on the 5th September 2014. The designation of a Neighbourhood Area is one of the statutory requirements to enable a Neighbourhood Plan to be adopted and formally become a part of the Development Plan, and be used in the determination of planning applications by the District Council.
- 1.2 Since that time the Kirk Ireton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, along with the Kirk Ireton Parish Council, has undertaken consultation amongst the local community to determine the key issues in Kirk Ireton and prepare the draft Kirk Ireton Neighbourhood Development Plan.
- 1.3 The draft Kirk Ireton Neighbourhood Development Plan was subject to local consultation under Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations (2012) between 19th November 2018 and 2nd February 2019, and was submitted to the District Council for its formal publicity stage on 3rd April 2019. Following submission of the Plan, the District Council assessed whether the Plan met the requirements of Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations (2012) and could proceed to Regulation 16 whereby statutory consultation on the Plan is undertaken to publicise the Plans proposals.
- 1.4 In accordance with Regulation 16 of the Regulations public consultation on the draft Kirk Ireton Neighbourhood Plan will be undertaken for a period of six weeks, commencing on 23rd September 2019 and finishing on 4th November 2019. As part of the consultation on the draft Plan, the District Council has sent letters to all residents and businesses within the Parish of Kirk Ireton, and statutory stakeholders and local groups, advising them where the documents can be viewed and how representations can be made upon the Plan. Further to this a press release has alerted the local media.
- 1.5 The draft Kirk Ireton Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documents have been made available to view at the following locations:
 - Derbyshire Dales District Council, Town Hall, Matlock DE4 3NN
 - The Kirk Ireton Village Shop
 - The Kirk Ireton Village Hall
 - Holy Trinity Church, Kirk Ireton
- 1.6 The Draft Kirk Ireton Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documents have also been made available on the District Council's website on the following page: www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/kirkiretonnp. To enable residents of Kirk Ireton to make any representations on the draft Kirk Ireton Neighbourhood Plan, an online form has been made available on the District Council's website at the above link and hard copies left at the deposit locations.

- 1.7 In order to progress the preparation of the Kirk Ireton Neighbourhood Plan and in agreement with Kirk Ireton Parish Council, Mr Andrew Matheson has been appointed as the Independent Examiner.

2 DERBYSHIRE DALES DISTRICT COUNCIL RESPONSE TO KIRK IRETON NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

- 2.1 A detailed review of the policies and proposals contained within the Kirk Ireton Neighbourhood Development Plan was undertaken during the local consultation (Regulation 14 Stage) undertaken between November 2018 and February 2019. Whilst there was general support for the preparation of the Draft Kirk Ireton Neighbourhood Plan, a number of comments were made by the District Council in respect of the text and policy content of the Plan, including concern that a number of policies were written in a negative manner, duplicated or were contrary to policies in the adopted Derbyshire Dales Local Plan or had an unclear evidence base. Some of the comments made by the District Council were taken into account by the Kirk Ireton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group in redrafting the Kirk Ireton Neighbourhood Plan in readiness for submission to the District Council (Regulation 15 and 16 Stage). A copy of the Draft Kirk Ireton Neighbourhood Plan is available at the following link:

<https://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/images/documents/K/KINP.pdf>

- 2.2 It is recommended that the following draft comments on the Regulation 16 Kirk Ireton Neighbourhood Development Plan are endorsed by Members as the District Councils formal response to the Plan and submitted during the statutory consultation period:

Section	Page	Officer Comments
General		In general terms it would appear that the Parish Council has submitted to the District Council those documents required under Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations (2012)
		Having reviewed the contents of both the Basic Conditions Statement and the Consultation Statement it would appear that the Parish Council has fulfilled its statutory obligations in relation to publicity and consultation on the draft Kirk Ireton Neighbourhood Plan prior to the submission of the plan to the District Council.
		The Neighbourhood Plan should clearly state the time period over which it will have effect (2019-2033 for instance). This is stated on the front cover, but needs to ensure that it is clear from the text incorporated into the Plan.
Introduction and Acknowledgments	3	Appendix F referred to – but in fact should be KINP A – Reference to Appendix F should be deleted and KINP A moved into the Consultation Statement and X-Refer in the main document.

Community Engagement	5	This section and the following section on 'Data Gathering and Analysis' tend to repeat similar points. It may be worthwhile to have one section on community engagement that then encompasses a number of sub sections detailing how community engagement has been carried out; what it sought to achieve; how the results of data collection have been analysed; what were the key outcomes and issues raised; and how this has informed the objectives for the Neighbourhood Plan and resultant policies. It would be better if KINP A is moved into the Consultation Statement so that the results can be seen more clearly. Then x- refer to the Consultation Statement for the detailed data.
	5	Para 6.11 –refers to all households but 7.01 confirms that it is all households within the Parish Boundary. It should be consistent to clarify whether all households in the village or in the Parish (i.e. Neighbourhood Area) were consulted.
	5	Clear referencing within the Neighbourhood Plan to each of the appendices should be added and it would assist the reader if the appendices were listed in alphabetical order. Para 6.12 refers to Appendix F – see comments above – suggest that this is included within the Consultation Statement. There is no Appendix C.
Historic Background and Amenities	6	Previous iterations of the Plan included a list of current amenities which was in fact a list of services and facilities present within Kirk Ireton such as the shop, hall, play area, public house etc. It would add to the contextual information contained within the Plan if an outline of existing services and facilities are included.
	6	This section provides an interesting commentary of the village of Kirk Ireton. The inclusion of sub headings by topic may aid clarity for the reader, for instance; history, employment, local services.
Planning History	8	Comments made at Regulation 14 Stage stated: Paragraph 4 refers to 'little attention to the local vernacular architecture of the historic core of the village'. This is a subjective comment and should be revised. The design and appearance of development would be considered against the planning policies and guidance at the time, and would have been deemed appropriate development in terms of scale, layout, design and use of materials. Development throughout the village has varied over the course of time and reflects the design and planning ethos at the time each application was determined. To state that 'little attention' was paid to local vernacular is incorrect and

		should be omitted/ revised. This has not been amended see Para 5.02.
	8	Paragraph 7 describes the current planning policy context and the adoption of the recent Derbyshire Dales Local Plan in 2017. A link to this document as a footnote should be added. http://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/planning-a-building-control/local-plan-2015-16
Data Gathering and Analysis	9	The first paragraph refers to the distribution of a questionnaire to all addresses within the parish boundary, whereas the text on page 5 states the questionnaire was issued to all households – the description of the community involvement undertaken needs to be consistent. Still inconsistent between Para 7.01 & Para 1.05 which refers to all households in the village. Para 6.11 refers to all the households.
	9	This section succinctly identifies the key issues raised by public consultation; however the presentation of data is not consistent. In some instances percentages of responses raising a certain issue are provided where as for other issues no numerical analysis is given (see paragraph 2 versus paragraph 6 for comparison). It is noted that the full data is presented in appendix F however it may help highlight the extent to which these issues were raised and the weight of views within the village if percentages were provided. For instance was an issue raised by a significant number of residents or a few? This information would help with the evidence base for the resultant policies within the Neighbourhood Plan. It is noted that some more detail has been added in the Section 7 of the Regulation 15 document; however the reference to Appendix F within the plan is outdated as this has been superseded. A much clearer explanation in the Consultation Statement of how the key issues were derived from the survey work would be beneficial.
	9	Paragraph 6 discusses local views towards housing within the village and states that residents recognise that a development of an appropriate scale and type can help to support local facilities and services. This is however followed by the statement that “the unpopularity of Housing Association type properties in the village meant that this type of housing was the least preferable’. This is negatively worded and unclear. ‘Unpopular’ and ‘preferable’ to what needs to be explained. The development of both market and affordable housing in reality is required to meet the

		future needs of the village and support services and facilities.
	9	<p>The last paragraph refers to a preference for development to reflect traditional styles within the village. Does this infer that any contemporary development within the village would not be supported? Development should be appropriate for its location within the village and adopted Local Plan policies seek to ensure this.</p> <p>Para 7.09 – only 28% suggested this was an issue for them – could be argued that 72% either agreed or had no view on this question. That’s not really an indication of this being an issue for the village.</p>
Kirk Ireton Community Vision	10	The third bullet point states that there ‘will have been no substantial increase in through traffic’. Comments questioning the feasibility of this aspiration have been supplied previously. It is queried how realistic this is given the location of the village, provision of public transport and the recognised need for a degree of through traffic to support the local shop, pub, school etc.
	10	The evidence that mobile communication is an issue for the community and raised in consultation is lacking from the community engagement/data gathering and analysis section and should be added. In essence the evidence identifying this as an issue is lacking from the Neighbourhood Plan. No evidence from the consultation that indicates that this is an issue. Superfast Broadband is available throughout the village area.
Policies	11	Only minor changes have been made to the policies between Regulation 14 and 15 Stage. Comments previously supplied at Regulation 14 Stage continue to apply
	11	<p>Overall there is concern that the policies within the Neighbourhood Plan tend to repeat rather than add value to the policies within the adopted Derbyshire Dales Local Plan. Furthermore the policies should be written in a manner that enables clear decision making when determining planning applications. The policies in the Neighbourhood Plan need to provide criteria which are then capable of being used to assess the extent to which planning applications should be considered favourably.</p> <p>Accordingly, it is recommended that the policies are phrased in the following manner “Planning permission will be granted for development which” and then provide a set of appropriate criteria. Policy wording</p>

		needs to be clear about how the Plan will deal with the form and nature of new development. The policies should provide a clear indication of how a decision maker should react to a development proposal.
Policy 1 - Development	12	<p>The policy has not been modified in any form since comments provided at Regulation 14 Stage. No change to the wording or any extra work had been done to justify the policy to reflect comments made at Regulation 14 stage. No change in the Submission documents and previous comments provided still apply</p> <p>It is considered that elements of this policy are not in general conformity with the Adopted Derbyshire Dales Local Plan and do not therefore meet the Basic Conditions. As outlined in previous correspondence it is recommended that reference to the existing built framework illustrated on the map on page 14 should be removed from Policy 1. The designation of a built framework to the settlement of Kirk Ireton is contrary to the provisions of the Adopted Derbyshire Dales Local Plan (2017).</p> <p>Kirk Ireton is classified as an 'Accessible Settlement with Minimal Facilities - Fourth Tier' within the settlement hierarchy of the Derbyshire Dales Local Plan (Policy S2). The adopted Derbyshire Dales Local Plan seeks to encourage new development in such villages as Kirk Ireton by way of infill and consolidation of the existing built framework of the settlement, or through development well related to the existing built framework that would not result in a prominent intrusion into the countryside; or constitutes an exception site for the provision of affordable housing (see policies S2, S4 and HC5 Derbyshire Dales Local Plan).</p> <p>Advice in the NPPF (paragraph 13) states "neighbourhood plans should support the delivery of strategic policies contained within Local Plans". As currently drafted Neighbourhood Plan Policy 1 restricts development to within a framework boundary, and infers that only 'sensitive development' within it will be supported and that all development outside it would be rejected, this is more restrictive than the Adopted Derbyshire Dales Local Plan and raises a principle issue of non - conformity.</p> <p>Reference is now to Page 17 not Page 14.</p>
	12	The policy refers to 'sensitive development' being supported, this is a subjective term and clarification on

		<p>what constitutes 'sensitive' is unclear. No Change following Regulation 14 comments and needs to be considered in the Consultation Statement by way of a response to previous representations.</p>
	12	<p>Early Local Plans – this states that the 2005 Local Plan identified all land outside the village settlement framework boundary as 'countryside' and unsuitable for residential building, this is incorrect and should be amended. The 2005 Local Plan did not identify a settlement framework boundary for Kirk Ireton and the settlement was in effect washed over by country side policy, whereby development in the countryside would only be permitted where it was required to serve the essential requirements of agriculture, forestry and outdoor sport and recreation; growth of tourism; farm based diversification, re-use or adaptation or extension of an existing rural building, or provides for other needs which can only be met in a rural area or constitutes an exception site for affordable housing.</p> <p>P1.21 refers to the 2012 Draft Local Plan – the inclusion of this as a policy tool is contrary to the adopted Derbyshire Dales Local Plan which continues to see the village washed over by countryside policies, and in effect limits what development can take place in and around the village – without any additional layer of control</p>
Existing Built Framework	14	<p>Approach being taken in the NP sees the built up boundary as a policy tool, which runs contrary to what the Derbyshire Dales Local Plan policies.</p> <p>As set out above it is considered that a map defining an existing built framework should be omitted.</p>
Policy 2 – Protecting Views	16	<p>Policies within the Neighbourhood Planning should not only support and be in conformity with, but also add to those within the Adopted Derbyshire Dales Local Plan, through locally derived policies which reflect the issues and aspirations of the local community. As currently drafted Policy 2 –Protecting Views adds little over and above the policy approach contained within policies S1, PD2 and PD5 of the Local Plan. The existing policy framework conserves the historic environment and seeks to protect, restore and enhance the landscape character of the plan area.</p> <p>In order to add value to the existing Local Plan a revised Neighbourhood Plan Policy could be included, this would need to be a criteria based policy which encompasses the desire to protect views and conserve the built, historic and natural environment. The policy</p>

		<p>would need to be based on local evidence and linked to an assessment of the local views the neighbourhood plan seeks to protect.</p> <p>No change to the wording or any extra work had been done to justify the policy to reflect comments made at Regulation 14 stage. No change in the Submission documents and previous comments provided still apply.</p>
	17	<p>It is noted that the Plan denotes valued views to and from Kirk Ireton. Further supporting evidence and justification is required for this policy. For instance is there evidence to suggest that the views identified have a specific value such that they should be protected by the Neighbourhood Plan? What criteria have been applied to determine which views are sensitive/valued and warrant retention?</p>
Policy 3 – Conservation Area	23	<p>The second paragraph refers to ‘landmark properties’ within the village. Clarification of which buildings are landmark buildings and the criteria used to define their merit should be explained. Previous suggestion that the landmark buildings could be demarked on an accompanying map and included within the Neighbourhood Plan has been included. A localised list of notable buildings to which the policy may apply would be seen to add value to the Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>As submitted the policy adds little to the policies in the adopted Derbyshire Dales Local Plan (PD2).</p>
Policy 4 – Business Development	25	<p>This policy should be re-drafted to provide a clear set of criteria upon which future planning applications for economic development may be determined. The policy needs to clarify how a proposal would ‘contribute to the sustainability of the local economy without adversely affecting that area or its community’ would be measured and determined.</p> <p>Establishing locally derived criteria may thus ensure that the policy adds value to the existing policy within the Adopted Derbyshire Dales Local Plan (policies S9, EC1, EC8).</p> <p>In redrafting the policy consideration of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) should be given, which actively seeks to support new development in the countryside which may bring economic benefits to rural areas. The NPPF states in paragraph 83 “planning policies and decisions should enable the sustainable growth and expansion of all types of</p>

		<p>business in rural areas, both through conversion of existing buildings and well-designed new buildings; the development and diversification of agricultural and other land based rural businesses; and sustainable rural tourism and leisure developments which respect the character of the countryside and the retention and development of accessible local services and community facilities...”</p> <p>It is noted that the text from the NPPF has been added into the policy – but whilst it reiterates Government policy, however as written it doesn’t add anything by way of local criteria to the policy for use in the determination of planning applications.</p>
Policy 5 - Parking	26	<p>Para 5.2 of the policy states that existing car parking areas (as identified on the accompanying map) will be protected.</p> <p>It is noted that the existing area of informal parking at Peats Close, Kirk Ireton is identified for long term protection.</p> <p>The District Councils Corporate Plan 2015-2019 sets out the Councils Priorities, one of which is the identification and delivery of new affordable housing across the District. The land at Peats Close was retained by the District Council during the time of housing stock transfer and as the Parish Council may be aware is in the ownership of Derbyshire Dales District Council.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Plan policy seeking to retain Peats Close for village car parking in perpetuity may prejudice the ability of the District Council to utilise this area of land in the future to deliver the corporate aspirations for affordable housing across the District. Accordingly, it is recommended that the site at Peats Close is removed as an area of protected village parking within the Neighbourhood Plan and accompanying map.</p>
Basic Conditions Statement Appendix A		<p>Reference is made to the SEA Screening BCS9 – but this could be enhanced by the inclusion of the screening report from DDDC in the Basic Conditions Statement. This should also contain details of the responses received from statutory consultees to the SA/SEA Screening.</p>
		<p>The Basic Condition Statement states:</p> <p>“Kirk Ireton is listed as a Tier 4 settlement in the DDDC Local Plan and is not allocated a settlement framework</p>

	<p>boundary. Kirk Ireton had a settlement boundary from 1992 up until the adoption of the 2017 DDDC Local Plan. The consultation process revealed strong support for an 'existing built frame-work'. “</p> <p>This is factually incorrect – The only defined Built Up Area that has been included within a Local Plan was in 1988 Southern Parishes Local Plan.</p> <p>The 1998 and 2005 Local Plans did not include an settlement boundaries for Kirk Ireton.</p> <p>A draft boundary was prepared and subject to public consultation in June 2012 as part of the emerging Derbyshire Dales Local Plan at the time. However the Local Plan was withdrawn in 2014 and the draft Settlement Boundary never adopted as policy. The current adopted Derbyshire Dales Local Plan takes a different policy approach and does not have a settlement boundary for Kirk Ireton.</p> <p>Identification of a Settlement Boundary contrary to approach taken in Local Plan.</p>
<p>History and Status of the Village Field – Appendix B</p>	<p>Formerly Appendix G, now Appendix B – but the Neighbourhood Plan does not make any reference to it other than one area that they 'looked at' and in Para 4.03 – there is no policy reference to it- Suggest that KINP B is deleted.</p>
<p>Consultation Statement Appendix C</p>	<p>The Consultation Statement should provide a clear report of the consultation processes undertaken at Regulation 14 stages and the responses received. How the responses have then been taken into account for the next stage of plan preparation should be clearly documented. As submitted the statement provides a good chronology of the events that taken place during the preparation of the NP – it does not provide adequate response to all of the DCC comments – only a couple have been addressed.</p> <p>Although included in the list in Appendix W – it is not clear what the responses from the statutory consultees say or what KIPC response to them are e.g. Severn Trent/Historic England etc.</p> <p>These should be included in the consultation statement along with any response. A table of comments and response to each one would make it easier to analyse the responses, and what action has been taken in reply.</p> <p>KNIP A – included in the Main Plan should be included in the Consultation rather than the main plan.</p>

Table 1- District Council Representations on the Draft Kirk Ireton Neighbourhood Plan

3 NEXT STEPS

- 3.1 To enable the Kirk Ireton Neighbourhood Plan to come into force it must meet the following 'basic conditions' as set out in Paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as applied to Neighbourhood Plans by section 38A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004:
1. Have regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State.
 2. The making of the neighbourhood plan contributes to the achievement of sustainable development.
 3. The making of the neighbourhood plan is in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the development plan for the area of the authority (or any part of that area).
 4. The making of the neighbourhood plan does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, EU obligations.
 5. The making of the Neighbourhood Development Plan does not breach the requirements of Chapter 8 of Part 6 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017.
- 3.2 The next step is for the Kirk Ireton Neighbourhood Plan to be subject to an Examination by an Independent Examiner who will consider whether the statutory requirements and basic conditions have been met. In order to progress the preparation of the Kirk Ireton Neighbourhood Plan, and with the agreement of the Kirk Ireton Parish Council, Mr Andrew Matheson has been appointed as the Independent Examiner.
- 3.3 The Examiner will produce a report with his recommendations, the reasons for them and a summary of findings. The report can recommend;
- a. The draft plan is subject to a referendum,
 - b. Modifications as specified in the Report are made to ensure that the basic conditions are met and that the draft report as modified is submitted to a referendum, or
 - c. The proposal is refused.
- 4.4 Although the District Council has provided advice and support to Kirk Ireton Parish Council throughout the preparation of the Plan to ensure that the basic conditions are being met, the policies and proposals contained within the Plan are an expression of how Kirk Ireton Parish Council envisages the issues identified through their consultation should be addressed in the determination of planning applications.
- 4.5 Taking account of liaison with the Independent Examiner, the examination of the Kirk Ireton Neighbourhood Plan is anticipated to commence in November 2019. Following the examination, a further report will be presented to the Community and Environment Committee that sets out the Examiner's Report findings, any recommended modifications to the Kirk Ireton Neighbourhood Development

Plan, and, potentially, final steps towards referendum and subsequent planned adoption.

5 RISK ASSESSMENT

5.1 Legal

In compliance with Paragraph 6(2) of the Schedule, the local authority designated Kirk Ireton as a Neighbourhood Area and since this designation the Kirk Ireton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and Kirk Ireton Parish Council have prepared a neighbourhood plan for consideration. The Council has followed the consultation requirements set out within The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 and before submitting the Neighbourhood Plan to an independent examiner the Local Authority must be satisfied that the conditions set out in Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act have been met. These conditions are set out above and have been considered in depth within the contents of this report.

The recommendation is to refer the Neighbourhood Plan for an independent examination. If the examiner is satisfied the criteria is met, the Neighbourhood Plan will then be referred for consideration at a final referendum. Therefore at this stage the legal risk is considered low.

5.2 Financial

The costs associated with the Neighbourhood Plan (mainly officer time, publicity and the independent examination and referendum, if appropriate) can be reclaimed from MHCLG. The financial risk is, therefore, assessed as low.

6 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

In preparing this report, the relevance of the following factors has also been considered: prevention of crime and disorder, equalities, environmental, climate change, health, human rights, personnel and property.

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8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

Description	Date	File
Kirk Ireton Neighbourhood Plan (Regulation 14 stage)	September 2018	G/5/P2(v)

Kirk Ireton Neighbourhood Plan (Regulation 16 stage)	3 rd April 2019	G/5/P29(v)
Kirk Ireton Neighbourhood Plan Basic Conditions Statement (Regulation 16 stage)	3 rd April 2019	G/5/P2(v)
Kirk Ireton Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Statement (Regulation 16 stage)	3 rd April 2019	G/5/P2(v)

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Report of the Head of Corporate Services

REFERRED ITEMS

SUMMARY

To consider two recommendations made by the Governance & Resources Committee on 05 September 2019.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That a recommendation from the Governance and Resources Committee on 05 September 2019, that a supplementary revenue budget of £12,588 for 2019/20, to be financed from the ICT Reserve and £3,500 per annum ongoing revenue spending from 2020/21 in respect of the new electronic partnership, be approved
2. That a recommendation from the Governance and Resources Committee on 05 September 2019, subject to the restructure being agreed by Bolsover and North East Derbyshire District Councils, the restructure of the Joint ICT Service is approved and subject to the above, an additional one-off revenue spending of £12,780 for ICT Service restructuring costs in 2019/20 and £4,044 per annum ongoing revenue spending in respect of the additional capacity in the proposed ICT structure, be approved.

WARDS AFFECTED

All

STRATEGIC LINK

1. Utilising the Derbyshire electronic recruitment portal supports the Districts Council's corporate value of providing affordable quality services and valuing our employees (current and future).
2. The provision of an effective ICT service supports the District Council's Corporate Plan aim to provide excellent services, and contributes to the delivery of all corporate priorities.

1 REPORT

The relevant minutes of the Governance & Resources Committee is reproduced in full, below, to assist Members' understanding of the issues involved, with the recommendations to be approved marked by an arrow (➔).

126/19 – NEW ELECTRONIC RECRUITMENT PARTNERSHIP

The Committee considered a report that sought approval for a new budget to fund membership of the new Derbyshire recruitment partnership, with access to the updated electronic recruitment portal hosted by Derbyshire County Council. The delay in confirming the service options and cost structure and the timing of the clarification meant that it had not been possible to allocate a sum when setting budgets for 2019/20.

The Corporate Leadership Team had considered 2 reports on this matter since May and resolved that the District Council should join the new recruitment partnership at the lowest but one service option and cost, with a proposal that Human Resources should have 'write' access to the system, the costs for which were tabled in paragraph 2.4 of the report.

Assuming a 'go live' date of 1 October 2019, establishment of a budget for set-up fees and running costs from October to March of £12,588 was required as a supplementary budget for 2019/20, where after an ongoing budget of around £3,500 per annum would be required. Comparative costs for other options were set out in section 2 of the report.

It was moved by Councillor Garry Purdy, seconded by Councillor Mark Wakeman and

RESOLVED → That Council is requested to approve a supplementary revenue budget of £12,588 for 2019/20, to be financed from the ICT Reserve, and £3,500 per annum ongoing revenue spending from 2020/21 in respect of the new electronic partnership.

Voting:

For	14
Against	1
Abstentions	0

The Chairman declared the motion CARRIED.

133/19 – REVIEW OF ICT STRUCTURE

The Committee was asked to consider approval for a restructure of the Joint ICT Service and the additional revenue spending.

Since 2010 the ICT Service for Derbyshire Dales District Council (DDDC) had been provided by North East Derbyshire District Council (NEDDC) under a partnering arrangement where services were delivered to DDDC, NEDDC and Bolsover DC (BDC).

A review of the joint ICT service structure was undertaken, for reasons set out in the report, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report. A revised structure was recommended that would incur additional costs, as set out in detail in Appendix 1 to the report and summarised in table 1 in the report. The costs that would be met by each partner were set out in table 2 in the report.

The Joint ICT Committee approved the report on 6th August. As there were financial implications for each of the three partner authorities, approval must now be obtained from each partner authority, hence the report. After consultation with the Strategic Alliance Head of Service, Partnerships and Transformation, ICT Management team, client manager and Corporate Leadership Team at Derbyshire Dales, HR and Finance at NEDDC and the Joint

ICT Committee, and subject to approval by the three partner authorities, formal consultation would be undertaken with employees (of NEDDC) as per their joint organisational review policy.

The Committee extended a vote of thanks to the IT manager concerned for his efforts in consolidating the present IT structure.

It was moved by Councillor Garry Purdy, seconded by Councillor Mike Ratcliffe and

RESOLVED
(unanimously)

1. That, subject to the restructure being agreed by Bolsover and North East Derbyshire District Councils, the restructure of the Joint ICT Service is approved.
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2. That, subject to 1 above, Council be requested to approve additional one-off revenue spending of £12,780 for ICT Service restructuring costs in 2019/20 and £4,044 per annum ongoing revenue spending in respect of the additional capacity in the proposed ICT structure.

BACK TO AGENDA