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Dear Councillor

EXECUTIVE MEETING MONDAY, 28TH JULY 2025 – DECISION NOTICE

I have pleasure in enclosing herewith, for your attention, a copy of the Decision Notice of the Executive held on Monday, 28th July 2025.

Set out below is the procedure for calling in decisions of the Executive. **Only Key Decisions may be called in.** Request forms to call in a decision of the Executive may be obtained from the Governance Team.

Deadline date for calling in Key Decisions contained in the Decision Notice.

THURSDAY 7TH AUGUST 2025

Number of Members required to call in an item.

Three Scrutiny Members

Method by which items may be called in.

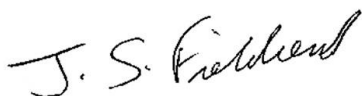
By completion of the form available from the Governance Team

Recording of called in items.

The Governance Manager shall be responsible for keeping and maintaining a log of called in items. In practice this log will be kept by the Governance Officers who are themselves authorised to accept notifications from Members.

A log shall be maintained in chronological order according to when requests are received. This log will be open for inspection by any Member of the Council, upon request.

Yours sincerely



Monitoring Officer and Solicitor to the Council

DECISION NOTICE OF THE EXECUTIVE
MONDAY, 28TH JULY 2025

NON KEY DECISIONS

	AGENDA ITEM	DECISION
6	<p>Review of the Council's Approach to Environmental Despoilment Education and Enforcement</p>	<p>RESOLVED that the recommendations of the review as outlined in section 2 of the report (Appendix 2), be endorsed,</p> <p>2) monitoring of these recommendations by the Scrutiny Committee takes place over a twelve-month period via post scrutiny monitoring reports with an update report to the Scrutiny Committee at the end of the monitoring period.</p> <p>REASON FOR DECISION: The Committee had put together 11 recommendations which would hopefully assist the Council in improving the effectiveness of its response to environmental despoilment across Bolsover District.</p> <p>The key findings arising from the review were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental despoilment, particularly fly-tipping, remains a significant and persistent issue across the District, impacting both the quality of the environment and residents' sense of place. • Current enforcement outcomes are limited, with performance data showing a low percentage of reports leading to fixed penalty notices or prosecutions, particularly for fly-tipping, dog fouling and littering. • The joint Environmental Health service with North East Derbyshire District Council offers a useful foundation, but there is a clear need to explore alternative models or tools that could enhance enforcement capability and effectiveness. • Hotspot locations for fly-tipping require targeted action, including surveillance, signage, and operational task groups to focus efforts and improve accountability across departments. • The coordination between departments—Streetscene, Community Safety and Environmental Health—must be strengthened through revived Corporate

		<p>Enforcement Group meetings, structured evidence processes, and shared training opportunities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public engagement and education are essential components of any long-term solution, with the Council needing to amplify its communications, provide clear guidance on waste disposal, and increase the visibility of enforcement actions to deter offending. • Improved transparency and performance benchmarking through accessible, meaningful data and public updates will help build community trust and demonstrate the Council's commitment to tackling environmental offences. <p>The Committee recognised that a strategic and joined-up approach was required to deliver sustained improvements. The recommendations in the report aimed to support that goal by enhancing enforcement activity, strengthening interdepartmental coordination, increasing public awareness, and improving the visibility and responsiveness of the Council's actions.</p> <p>If implemented effectively, these measures would help reduce environmental crime, promote civic responsibility, and create a cleaner, safer Bolsover District for all residents.</p> <p>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED: Executive could choose not to endorse the recommendations of the review where they felt the course of action recommended was beyond the delivery capacity of the Authority.</p>
7	Housing Service Performance Update 2024-2025, Q1 2025-2026	<p>RESOLVED that the performance information and updates against the Regulator for Social Housing Improvement Plan be noted.</p> <p>REASON FOR DECISION: The Regulator for Social Housing had emphasised the need to be greater oversight of the Housing Service by Executive. This was an information report to keep Members informed of the Housing Services performance information for 2024/2025 and Q1 2025/2026 to provide an update regarding actions under the Regulator for Social Housing Improvement Plan as well as an update on other key pieces of work of the Housing Service.</p>

		<p>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED: Not applicable to this report as providing an overview of performance and for information only.</p>
8	Financial Outturn 2024-2025	<p>RESOLVED that 1) the outturn position in respect of the 2024/25 financial year be noted,</p> <p>2) the transfers to General Fund earmarked reserves of £1.575m as outlined in detail in paragraph 2.3 of the report, be approved,</p> <p>3) the transfers to the HRA earmarked reserves of £0.810m as outlined in detail in paragraph 2.14 of the report, be approved,</p> <p>4) the proposed carry forward of capital budgets as detailed in Appendix 5 of the report, totalling £13.822m, be approved.</p> <p>REASON FOR DECISION: <u>General Fund</u> During 2024/25, the Council managed its budget effectively securing a favourable financial outturn. The Council was able to make contributions of £1.575m to reserves in preparation for future expenditure commitments. The Council's general fund earmarked reserves total £24.673m and have £20.718m committed against them, at the time of writing the report.</p> <p><u>HRA</u> Again, effective budget management meant the Council was able to contribute £0.810m to the HRA Development Reserve in preparation for future expenditure commitments. The HRA continued to operate within the parameters set by the 30 Year Business Plan and the MTFP. Officers would be working to ensure that the Business Plan continued to reflect the impact of government legislation, that it was updated in response to the stock condition survey undertaken during 2024/25 and continued to be sustainable over the 30-year period of the Business Plan.</p> <p><u>Capital Programme</u> The Capital Programme saw good progress on approved schemes during the 2024/25 financial year. There were, however, a number of schemes which were work in progress and this required that the associated expenditure and funding be</p>

		<p>carried forward into the 2025/26 financial year.</p> <p><u>Capital Financing</u> Capital expenditure during 2024/25 had been fully financed in line with the approved programme. However, in some instances where schemes were funding from more than one source and run over more than one year, funding used to finance expenditure this year may differ to originally planned for this year in the MTFP. By the end of the project all financing would have been applied as originally approved.</p> <p><u>Treasury Management</u> The Council operated in line with its agreed Treasury Management Strategy during the 2024/25 financial year. This ensured that lending and borrowing arrangements were prudent and sustainable, minimising the risk of financial loss to the Council. Effective management of these arrangements ensured that interest costs during the year were minimised in order to assist the Council's revenue position whilst interest receivable rose.</p> <p>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED: The financial outturn report for 2024/25 was primarily a factual report which detailed the outcome of previously approved budgets therefore there were no alternative options that needed to be considered.</p> <p>The allocation of resources to earmarked reserve accounts had been undertaken in line with the Council's policy and service delivery framework and in the light of the risks and issues facing the Council over the period of the current MTFP. If these risks do not materialise or were settled at a lower cost than anticipated, then the earmarked reserves would be reassessed and returned to balances where appropriate.</p>
9	Corporate Debt 2024-25	<p>RESOLVED that the report concerning the Council's Corporate Debt as of 31st March 2025 be noted.</p> <p>REASON FOR DECISION: To ensure that Executive were informed of the latest position concerning the Council's debt.</p> <p>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED: This report was for information only.</p>

KEY DECISION

AGENDA ITEM		DECISION
10	Review of the Council's Dragonfly Companies	<p>RESOLVED that 1) the services and staff within the Council's wholly owned companies; Dragonfly Development Limited and Dragonfly Management (Bolsover) Limited, be brought in-house (within Bolsover District Council).</p> <p>2) A comprehensive process of due diligence as outlined within the report, be undertaken to ensure a managed transfer of services and staff was undertaken.</p> <p>REASON FOR DECISION: It was necessary for Executive to decide which was the preferred option for the way forward. This would enable the Council to establish the necessary programme to work toward the desired outcome.</p> <p>The Local Partnerships' Options Appraisal recommended that bringing both companies back in-house could be the most beneficial for the Council.</p> <p>In addition, bringing the companies back in house would enable the Council to concentrate on the challenges of Local Government Reorganisation (LGR).</p> <p>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED: To continue with the current governance set up for the Dragonfly companies. This was rejected as the Local Partnership's review showed that changes were needed.</p> <p>To retain one or both of the companies. This was rejected as bringing the companies back in-house was the most beneficial option outlined in the review.</p>

Only Key Decisions may be called in. All other decisions will be actioned immediately with the exception of those referred to Council (shown in italics).