

To: All Members

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Dear Councillor

**EXECUTIVE MEETING MONDAY, 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026 – DECISION NOTICE**

I have pleasure in enclosing herewith, for your attention, a copy of the Decision Notice of the Executive held on Monday, 13th April 2026.

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.**

**WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> APRIL 2026**

**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 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

**DECISION NOTICE OF THE EXECUTIVE  
MONDAY, 13TH APRIL 2026**

**NON KEY DECISIONS**

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>		<b>DECISION</b>
<b>5</b>	<p><b><u>Matters Referred from Scrutiny</u></b></p> <p><b>Customer Service Scrutiny Committee: Request for Withdrawal of Two Post Scrutiny Monitoring Recommendations</b></p>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that recommendations CSSC23-24 1.10 and CSSC23-24 1.10 as detailed in paragraphs 1.2 and 1.3. of the report and also below, be withdrawn.</p> <p>CSSC22-23 1.4 – “That the necessary works are completed in the Chamber to upgrade the power supply. This will future proof the space enabling all those in attendance to access power and accommodate the move to use of electronic devices for committee papers. This would also likely be required should alternative speaker/chamber systems were purchased.”</p> <p>CSSC23-24 1.10 – “That the Council considers the development of an ‘app’ as a long-term investment, modelled on systems used by the top performing waste authorities through benchmarking and comparing business processes and performance metrics.”</p> <p><b>REASON FOR DECISION:</b> CSSC22-23 1.4 - the high cost of providing power supplies to the tables within the chamber was not considered to be value for money when alternative options such as the provision of extension leads to the existing power points in the floor could be used. The lifespan for laptops, when fully charged should exceed the average duration of meetings held in the chamber.</p> <p>CSSC23-24 1.10 - this recommendation was unlikely to be taken forward due to potential structural changes at Bolsover District Council which would result following Local Government Reorganisation.</p> <p><b>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:</b> Not to withdraw the recommendations – not recommended for the reasons detailed in the report.</p>

6	<b>Council Plan Targets and KPI Performance Update October 2025 to December 2025 (Q3)</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the quarterly outturns against the Council Plan 2024-2028 targets, be noted.</p> <p><b>REASON FOR DECISION:</b> This was an information report to keep Members informed of progress against the Council Plan 2024-2028 noting progress and any areas of concern.</p> <p><b>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:</b> Not applicable to this report as providing an overview of performance against agreed targets.</p>
7	<b>Local Government Reorganisation - Statutory Consultation Response</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the statutory consultation response submitted on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026 by the Chief Executive, be noted.</p> <p><b>REASON FOR DECISION:</b> The statutory consultation process for LGR formally sought the Council's responses to the LGR proposals for Derbyshire. Submitting a response ensured that the Council's position, including its support for Option A1, was clearly and consistently articulated to the Government.</p> <p><b>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:</b> An alternative option was to not submit a response; however, this was rejected as to not submit a response would have meant that the Council's position on LGR for Derbyshire was not recorded as part of the formal statutory consultation process.</p>

## KEY DECISIONS

	AGENDA ITEM	DECISION
8	<b>Analytical Rent Arrears Software</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the contract for 2 years to Mobysoft for the RentSense software, be approved.</p> <p><b>REASON FOR DECISION:</b> Mobysoft were identified as the best supplier through a procurement exercise, and the direct award offers a cost-effective solution as a short 2 year contract. This system is ensuring that we achieve a better rent collection rate, and we are seeing a reduction in arrears.</p> <p><b>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:</b> None, as Mobysoft were identified as the best supplier through an agreed procurement exercise.</p>

<p>9</p>	<p><b>Extension of the Business Support Programme 2026/27</b></p>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that a two-year extension to the Business Support Programme from 2026/27 be approved, and £200,000 be committed from the transformation reserve for continuation of current business support activities.</p> <p><b>REASON FOR DECISION:</b>  Given all three business support programmes had been able to evidence their value over the past 3 years it was considered that for them to not be able to continue due to the lack of funding would be detrimental to so many of the Bolsover businesses that have taken advantage of all the support delivered by each programme.</p> <p>The cost of delivering the programmes for the year April 2025 – March 2026 was £96,000:  Hyper Local Business Support - £50,000  Business Detox and Female Business Owners Events - £34,000  Creative Women’s Network - £12,000</p> <p>It was therefore requested that a funding budget of £200,000 was established using transformation reserves to enable the business support programmes to be continued for a period of up to two years, commencing in April 2026. This would see the business support programmes continue to be made available to local businesses in Bolsover until the end of March 2028, by which time there was likely to be more certainty on the grant support available through EMCCA and as any new unitary authority across Derbyshire enters vesting day.</p> <p><b>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:</b>  An alternative option was to do nothing and allow current business support programmes to come to an end as of the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2026. However this had been rejected as this may see some businesses reduce activity or stagnate, potentially impacting on future employment opportunities for residents and reducing the attractiveness of businesses remaining in the district.</p> <p>A further alternative was to only offer sufficient funding to extend the business support programme for 12 months (£100,000), however it was preferable that funding was extended to 24 months to take the programme up to the potential vesting day of a new unitary authority.</p>
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<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>Approval of appointment for works at Pleasley Vale</b></p>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that 1) £153,900 + £15,000 (10% project contingency) of funding from the Transformation Reserve be allocated for the survey, design, technical documentation, technical supervision, and Principal Designer services for the high and medium priority recommended works to the culverts and associated infrastructure at Pleasley Vale,</p> <p>2) the appointment of A2 Maritime to undertake the works as set out in the report, be approved,</p> <p>3) £10,000 of funding from the Transformation Reserve be allocated for P&amp;D Environmental to accompany A2 Maritime, as a requirement when undertaking inspections within the culverts under the confined spaces regulations,</p> <p>4) a further report be brought back to Executive detailing the scope of services for the repairs and works to be carried out.</p> <p><b>REASON FOR DECISION:</b>  Riparian landowners were legally responsible for the upkeep of watercourses, including culverts and pipes situated on or under their property. Should a culvert collapse or become blocked, resulting in the obstruction of an "online" watercourse, the landowner faces substantial legal and financial repercussions. These may include enforcement actions initiated by authorities such as the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA), the Environment Agency, or Internal Drainage Board (IDB), who could issue legal notices under the Land Drainage Act 1991 compelling the landowner to remove any obstruction. If the landowner failed to comply within a reasonable period, the responsible authority may enter the land, carry out the necessary remedial works, and recover all associated costs from the landowner.</p> <p>Further liabilities arise if flooding occurs due to neglected maintenance, as the landowner may be sued for negligence or nuisance by affected neighbours, businesses, or the highway authority. Additionally, failing to act on a legal notice or leaving a watercourse blocked may constitute a criminal offence under Section 25 of the Land Drainage Act. Breaches of these obligations can be formally recorded and disclosed to third parties during property searches, potentially impacting</p>
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		<p>future land sales.</p> <p>It was important to note that the duty to maintain culverts remained with the current landowner, regardless of who originally installed the structure or whether the owner was aware of its existence. While maintenance was mandatory, common law generally did not require landowners to upgrade the capacity of culverts, only to ensure their proper upkeep. In cases of significant failure, a culvert may be classified as a "flood risk management asset" by the local council, highlighting the importance of regular maintenance to mitigate risks and comply with legal requirements.</p> <p><b>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:</b> The Council could consider the procurement of a specialist marine structural engineer to undertake these works through an open procurement route. However, due to the extent, and knowledge, of the site that has been established through work and surveys undertaken to date there was an efficiency of continuing with the same structural engineer who had completed the surveys to date. There was also an urgency to carrying out these works before the winter to prevent further damage from a high volume of water flow through the culverts.</p>
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## PART 2 - EXEMPT ITEMS

### KEY DECISION

AGENDA ITEM		DECISION
12	<p><b>Pleasley Vale Business Park Options Appraisal</b></p>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the recommendations in the report be approved.</p> <p><b>REASON FOR DECISION:</b> As set out in the report.</p> <p><b>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:</b> As set out in the report.</p>

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