

## **DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**

At a Meeting of **Cabinet** held in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 15 April 2015 at 10.00 am**

### **Present:**

**Councillor S Henig (Leader of the Council)**

### **Members of the Committee:**

Councillors A Napier (Deputy Leader of the Council), J Brown, N Foster, L Hovvels, O Johnson, M Nicholls, M Plews, B Stephens and E Tomlinson

### **Also Present:**

Councillor Jean Chaplow, Councillor Patrick Conway, Councillor Joy Allen, Councillor Joseph Armstrong, Councillor Jan Blakey, Councillor Colin Carr, Councillor Mike Dixon, Councillor Ian Geldard, Councillor Olwyn Gunn, Councillor Christine Potts, Councillor Angela Surtees, Councillor Robin Todd and Councillor Barbara Graham

### **1 Minutes**

The minutes of the meetings held on 18 March 2015 were confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chair.

### **2 Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **3 Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2014 and the refresh of the Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy 2015-2018**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director, Children and Adults Services which presented a summary of key messages from the refresh of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) 2014 and the refreshed County Durham Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS) 2015- 2018 (for copy see file of minutes).

### **Resolved:**

That the recommendations contained in the report be approved.

#### **4 Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA)**

The Cabinet considered the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) following the statutory consultation phase (13 October 2014 to 12 December 2014) (for copy see file of minutes).

**Resolved:**

That the report be noted.

#### **5 Children's Services Update**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director, Children and Adults Services which updated Cabinet on the national and local developments in relation to children's social care services (for copy see file of minutes).

Cabinet Members congratulated the service for the successful bids to the Children's Social Care Innovation Fund.

**Resolved:**

That the recommendation contained in the report be approved.

#### **6 Annual Review of the Constitution**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services which presented proposals for the revision of the Council's Constitution (for copy see file of minutes).

Cabinet Members referred to the 13,000 services delivered by the authority in a rapidly changing environment and highlighted the importance of keeping control and up to date with constitutional changes.

**Resolved:**

That the recommendations contained in the report be approved.

#### **7 ICT Strategy 2015-2018**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director, Resources which presented the proposed ICT Strategy for the three years period, April 2015 to March 2018 (for copy see file of minutes).

Cabinet were informed that the new strategy was more readable and aligned to the strategic priorities, and would be refreshed annually.

**Resolved:**

That the recommendation contained in the report be approved.

## **8 County Durham Partnership Update**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Assistant Chief Executive which updated on issues being addressed by the County Durham Partnership (CDP) and other key initiatives being carried out in partnership across the County (for copy see file of minutes).

Cabinet noted the tremendous amount of work that was included in the work of the CDP, the thematic partnerships and area action partnerships and commended the report to all Members. Cabinet thanked all staff involved in recent consultation events as had been a very successful exercise.

### **Resolved:**

That the report be noted.

## **9 Children & Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Review of Self Harm by Young People**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Assistant Chief Executive which presented the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee's working group review report on self-harm by young people (for copy see file of minutes).

Councillor J Blakey, Chairman of the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee presented the report to Cabinet, and provided detail on the scope of the review and its findings. She thanked all Members, officers and everyone who had been part of the working group.

Cabinet members thanked Councillor Blakey and the scrutiny group for the review work, and would provide a response to their findings in line with the recommendations in the report.

### **Resolved:**

That the recommendations contained in the report be approved.

## **10 Annual Enforcement Programme Children and Young Persons (Protection from Tobacco) Act 1991 and Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services which reviewed enforcement activities under the Children and Young Persons (Protection from Tobacco) Act 1991, the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 and the Licensing Act 2003 for the period April 2014 to March 2015 and sought approval of a new enforcement programme (for copy see file of minutes).

### **Resolved:**

That the recommendation contained in the report be approved.

**11 Environment, Health & Consumer Protection Service - Enforcement Policy**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services which sought agreement of a service specific enforcement policy that outlines the enforcement principles to be followed by authorised officers within Environment, Health and Consumer Protection Service (EHCP) when dealing with matters of regulatory non-compliance (for copy see file of minutes).

**Resolved:**

That the recommendation contained in the report be approved.

**12 Review of the Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services which sought approval for Licensing Services to begin formal public consultation on proposed revisions to the existing Durham County Council Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy (for copy see file of minutes).

**Resolved:**

That the recommendations contained in the report be approved.