

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **Cabinet** held in **The Music Hall, The Witham, 3 Horsemarket, Barnard Castle, Co Durham, DL12 8LY** on **Wednesday 21 October 2015** at **10.00 am**

Present:

Councillor S Henig (Leader of the Council) in the Chair

Members of the Cabinet:

Councillors J Allen, J Brown, N Foster, L Hovvels, O Johnson, A Napier, M Plews, B Stephens and E Tomlinson.

Also Present:

Councillors J Clare, R Crute, A Surtees, G Richardson, and J Rowlandson.

1 Public Questions

There were no questions received from members of the public.

2 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 2015 were confirmed as a correct record.

3 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4 Welfare Reform and poverty issues

The Cabinet considered a joint report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Corporate Director, Resources and the Corporate Director, Regeneration and Economic Development which provided an update to Cabinet on the Government's welfare reform programme and sought approval to consult on a draft County Durham Poverty Action Plan (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the recommendations contained in the report be approved.

5 Economy and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Review of tourism marketing activity undertaken by Visit County Durham

The Cabinet considered a report of the Assistant Chief Executive which presented key findings and recommendations of the Economy and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee's Review Group report of tourism marketing activity undertaken by Visit County Durham (for copy see file of minutes).

Councillor R Crute, Chairman of the Economy and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee presented the report to Cabinet, and provided detail on the scope of the review and its findings. He thanked Members, officers, partners, and everyone who had been part of the working group.

Cabinet Members thanked Councillor Crute 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.

6 Auckland Castle Update

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director, Regeneration and Economic Development which updated the Cabinet on activity being undertaken by the Auckland Castle Trust on the development of Auckland Castle as a major heritage attraction and explained how the Council is supporting the delivery of the various projects (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the recommendations contained in the report be approved.

7 Future DLI Museum Arrangements

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services which presented a proposal for a new approach to the storage, display and access to the Durham Light Infantry (DLI) museum collections (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the recommendations contained in the report be approved.

8 County Durham Partnership Update

The Cabinet considered a report of the Assistant Chief Executive which updated on key issues being addressed by the County Durham Partnership including key issues from the Board, the five thematic partnerships and all the Area Action Partnerships (AAPs) (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

9 Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy 2015 - 2020

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director, Children and Adults Services which sought endorsement for the Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy 2015-2020 (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the recommendation contained in the report be approved.

10 Public Health Update Report

The Cabinet considered a report the Corporate Director, Children and Adults Services which provided an update on national, regional and local public health developments and demonstrated the delivery of the Public Health Pledge signed by the Council in February 2014 (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the recommendations contained in the report be approved.

11 0-5 (Health Visitor and Family Nurse Partnership) and 5-19 (School Nursing) Update

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director, Children and Adults Services which provided an update on the 0-5 (Health visitor and family nurse partnership) and 5-19 (school nursing) commissioning developments (for copy see file of minutes).

The Director of Public Health, County Durham advised that since the report was circulated the outcomes of the randomised control trial as referred to in paragraph 19 of the report had been published. The outcomes of the trial supported the transition that the service had taken to move to a vulnerable parent pathway.

Resolved:

That the recommendations contained in the report be approved.

12 The County Durham Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2015-18

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director, Regeneration and Economic Development which sought approval of the third Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the recommendations contained in the report be approved.

13 Street Lighting Energy Reduction Project - Update

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services which provided Cabinet with an update on the Street Lighting Energy Reduction Project (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the recommendation contained in the report be approved.