

City of Durham

At a Meeting of the **CABINET** held in the Town Hall, Durham, on Wednesday 15th October, 2008, at 2.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor Reynolds (in the Chair)
and Councillors Bell, Jackson, Moderate, Pitts, Thomson and Woods.

Also Present: Councillors Bartle, Carr, Dickie, Howarth, Kellett, Marsden, Robinson, M.J.A. Smith, Stoddart, Turnbull and Young.

220. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Moderate declared a personal interest in Minute No. 226, Lease Requests from Community Groups, and remained in the Meeting during consideration thereof.

Councillor Woods declared a personal interest in Minute No. 228, Economic Scrutiny Panel, Review of Scrutiny of Tourism, and remained in the Meeting during consideration thereof.

221. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Southwell.

222. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd September, 2008, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Portfolio Member Recommendations or Items Requiring a Cabinet Decision

223. PROVISION OF SANCTUARY SCHEME/TARGET HARDENING INITIATIVES

The Portfolio Holder for Communities and the Head of Community Services submitted a comprehensive report to consider the establishment of a Sanctuary Scheme in the City of Durham District.

Resolved: That the establishment of a Level 3 Sanctuary Scheme be approved.

224. QUARTERLY REPORT ON THE TREASURY MANAGEMENT SERVICE AND ACTUAL PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2008/09 – POSITION AT 30th JUNE 2008

The Portfolio Holder for Finance and the Director of Financial Services submitted a comprehensive report to present details of the treasury management activity undertaken and actual performance against the associated prudential indicators for 2008/09 during the period 1st April to 30th June 2008. The report was prepared in the context of the Treasury Management and Investment Strategies approved by Council on 26th February 2008.

Resolved: That the Treasury Management stewardship report and performance against the prudential indicators for 2008/09, during the period 1st April 2008 to 30th June 2008, as set out in Appendix A to the report be noted and approved.

225. TOWN HALL BUSINESS PLAN

The Portfolio Holder for Culture and Leisure and the Head of Cultural Services submitted a comprehensive report to seek Members approval of the circulated Town Hall Business Plan, and the circulated revised Fees and Charges for the Town Hall. The Plan had generally

followed the approved business plan template, but had been altered to reflect the specific business environment of the Town Hall to make it a more practical document to ensure targets were met and performance maintained in an unpredictable environment.

Resolved: That the Town Hall Business Plan 2008 – 2011 and the revised Hire Policy and charges for the Town Hall be approved.

226. LEASE REQUESTS FROM COMMUNITY GROUPS

The Leader of the Council and the Head of Community Services submitted a comprehensive report to consider the range of lease issues being brought to the attention of the Community Development section from local community groups.

The Leader of the Council advised the Committee that Coxhoe Bowling Green had funding in place for a new pavilion so the lease was not required.

Resolved: That the leases of the areas of land specified within the report be approved to the relevant groups upon terms specified within the report, subject of approval being granted by the County Council in accordance with the Business as Usual Protocol.

Reports from Scrutiny Panels

227. REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES SCRUTINY PANEL SCRUTINY OF THE ALLOCATIONS POLICY

The Scrutiny Committee on 15th September, 2008, considered the above report where it was recommended that the report be referred to Cabinet. A copy of the report had been circulated.

Resolved: That the report be approved and adopted.

228. REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC SCRUTINY PANEL REVIEW OF SCRUTINY OF TOURISM

The Scrutiny Committee on 15th September, 2008, considered the above report where it was recommended that the report be referred to Cabinet. A copy of the report had been circulated.

Resolved: That the report be approved and adopted.

229. REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY PANEL SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT POLICY & CARBON EMISSIONS FROM THE COUNCIL'S FLEET OF VEHICLES

The Scrutiny Committee on 15th September, 2008, considered the above report where it was recommended that the report be referred to Cabinet. A copy of the report had been circulated.

Resolved: That the report be approved and adopted.

230. REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY PANEL REVIEW OF NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS

The Scrutiny Committee on 15th September, 2008, considered the above report where it was recommended that the report be referred to Cabinet. A copy of the report had been circulated.

Resolved: That the report be approved and adopted.

Report for Information

231. LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING REPORT OF AUDIT COMMISSION – STRATEGIC HOUSING SERVICES OF THE CITY OF DURHAM COUNCIL

The Director of Strategic Services submitted a comprehensive report to inform Cabinet of the findings of the Housing Inspectorate in relation to Housing Services.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

232. LOCAL GOVERNMENT OMBUDSMAN CASES

The Executive Director submitted a report of successful defences of complaints referred to the Commission for Local Administration in England.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

The Meeting terminated at 2.30 p.m.

Chair