

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET

AT A MEETING of the **CABINET** held at the County Hall, Durham on **THURSDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2008** at **10.00 a.m.**

PRESENT

COUNCILLOR HENIG in the Chair

Cabinet Members:

Councillors NC Foster, Hodgson, Nicholls, Stephens, Vasey and B Young.

Other Members:

Councillors Armstrong, Arthur, Carr, Chaplow, Gray, Johnson, Laing, Martin, Morgan, J Robinson, Rodgers, Southwell, Stradling, Tomlinson, Walker, Wilkinson and Williams.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Hovells, E. Huntington, Moran, Myers, O'Donnell, Robson and R. Young.

The Chairman formally welcomed George Garlick, the new Chief Executive, to the meeting.

A1 Declarations of interest

Councillors Gray, Southwell and Williams as Members of the Police Authority in respect of Minute No. A7.

A2 Responses to the Draft Sustainable Community Strategy

The Cabinet considered a Report of the Head of Policy and Improvement (for copy see file of Minutes) seeking agreement the Council's response to the draft Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS).

In the ensuing discussion Councillor Young, the Cabinet Lead Member for the Environment concurred with comments from Councillor Martin about the need to add appropriate references relating to climate change and working towards a low carbon economy.

Resolved:

That the response to the draft Sustainable Community Strategy be agreed, with the addition of appropriate references relating to climate change and working towards a low carbon economy.

A3 Raising Expectations: Enabling the System to Deliver

The Cabinet considered a Report of the Corporate Director, Children and Young People's Services (for copy see file of Minutes) about Government proposals to transfer funding and commissioning responsibility for the delivery of education and training for young people aged 16-19 from the Learning and Skills Council (LSC) to individual local authorities from 2010 and to seek a decision on proposals for the development of a sub-regional grouping to deliver the commissioning responsibility.

The Corporate Director, Children and Young People's Services explained that the proposals would not inherently impact upon the current pattern of applications to Durham Gillesgate 6th Form College.

Resolved:

That the recommendations in the Report be agreed.

A4 School Crossing Patrol Service Review

The Cabinet considered a Report of the Acting Corporate Director, Environment (for copy see file of Minutes) about the changes in the management of the School Crossing Patrol Service (SCPS); a review of the SCPS; and recommending a number of policies to ensure that the optimum service can be provided.

Councillor Young, the Cabinet Lead Member for the Environment emphasised that consultation will take place with the schools involved in the review.

Resolved:

That the recommendation in the Report be agreed.

**A5 Putting People First/ Transforming Social Care: Personalisation of Services and Increasing Preventative and Early Intervention Services
Key Decision SHSC/A&CS/07/08**

The Cabinet considered a Report of the Corporate Director, Adult and Community Services (for copy see file of Minutes) about the most recent policy drivers, regarding personalisation of services for people who use adult social care services.

The Corporate Director, Adult and Community Services confirmed that the appointment of the Personalisation Development Manager was a permanent appointment and not just for the three-year period of the Social Care Reform Revenue Grant as there was an ongoing role in managing the change process. Indeed the existing Management Structure would have to be revised for this purpose.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

**A6 Joint Strategic Needs Assessment
[Key Decision SHSC/A&CS/09/08]**

The Cabinet considered a Report of the Corporate Director, Adult and Community Services (for copy see file of Minutes) providing information on the final County Durham Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA).

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

A7 Policing Green Paper

The Cabinet considered a Report of the Corporate Director, Adult and Community Services (for copy see file of Minutes) outlining the key proposals within the Policing Green Paper.

Resolved:

That the report be noted and the County Council's response be considered at the next meeting on 9th October 2008.

A9 Exclusion of the Public

Resolved:

That under Section 100 A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be exclude from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12 A to the said Act.

**B10 Independent Sector Domiciliary Care Review
[Key Decision SHSC/A&CS/06/08]**

The Cabinet considered a Report of the Corporate Director, Adult and Community Services (for copy see file of Minutes) advising of the recommendations in the Business Case of the independent sector domiciliary care review. A number of options had been developed, and of these, a clear

preferred option has emerged proposing 11 zones based around demand for the service, with more than 1 provider in each zone. Providers within a larger geographical zone would be required to work together and cover for each other. Prospective providers would not be awarded more than 4 zones each to allow for continued competition.

The Corporate Director, Adult and Community Services advised that this option would result in some service users having a change of provider. There would be a hand-over period for this to be done, including appropriate discussions with the service users involved.

It was pointed out that the Business Case had on legal advice not been included with the report because of the commercial sensitivity of the information.

Resolved:

- 1 That the recommendations in the Report be agreed.
- 2 That the Corporate Director, Adult and Community Services be provided with delegated authority to let the contract once the tendering exercise has been completed