

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **Cabinet** held in **Committee Room 2 - County Hall, Durham** on **Wednesday 12 September 2018 at 10.00 am**

Present:

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

Members of the Committee:

Councillors A Napier (Deputy Leader of the Council), J Allen, J Brown, O Gunn, L Hovvells, O Johnson, C Marshall, K Shaw and B Stephens

Also Present:

Councillors D Bell, J Blakey, R Crute, J Clare, A Hopgood, J Shuttleworth and A Surtees

1 Public Questions

A written response would be made to a question received from a member of the public who could not be present at the meeting about the western and northern relief roads.

2 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2018 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations made.

4 Delivery proposals for Aykley Heads Strategic Employment Site [Key Decision: REAL/06/18]

The Cabinet considered a joint report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services and the Corporate Director of Resources which considered the next steps in delivering the Aykley Heads Strategic Employment site in order to ensure the proposed 6,000 jobs are secured for the benefit of County Durham's economy. The report also proposed a strategy for the development of the site in a flexible manner, enabling a responsive approach to opportunities and changes within the marketplace (for copy see file of minutes).

Councillor Marshall responded to questions from Councillors Shuttleworth and Hopgood about the use of consultants, accommodation of the increase in traffic and parking demands, and traffic solutions.

Cabinet members spoke about the redevelopment of the site being a real opportunity to provide a better future for those in county durham and the region by providing for the continuation of attracting new private sector businesses, give the area an economic boost and providing the employment opportunities for its future generations.

Resolved:

That the recommendations contained in the report be approved.

5 Annual Reports 2017/18 - Health and Wellbeing Board and Local Safeguarding Adults Board

The Cabinet considered a joint report of the Corporate Director of Adult and Health Services, Corporate Director of Children and Young People's Services, Director of Transformation and Partnerships, and Director of Public Health, County Durham which presented the Health and Wellbeing Board Annual Report 2017/18 and the Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report (for copy see file of minutes).

Members welcomed the excellent work that was being undertaken in partnership in these very important areas.

Resolved:

That the recommendations contained in the report be approved.

6 Forecast of Revenue and Capital Outturn 2018/19 - Period to 30 June 2018

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director of Resources which provided information on the following:

- (a) forecast revenue and capital outturn for 2018/19;
- (b) forecast for the council tax and business rates collection fund position at 31 March 2019;
- (c) use of earmarked, cash limit and general reserves.

The report also sought approval of the budget adjustments and proposed sums outside of the cash limit (for copy see file of minutes).

Members welcomed the comprehensive report, and spoke of the difficulties being faced by local authorities through the austerity measures, and that they would continue to lobby the government on the pressures being faced particularly in relation to the children services funding.

Resolved:

That the recommendations contained in the report be approved.

7 Update on the delivery of the Medium Term Financial Plan 8

The Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Transformation and Partnerships which provided an update on the progress made at the end of June 2018 on the delivery of the 2018/19 Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP8) (for copy see file of minutes).

The Director of Transformation and Partnerships in presenting the report advised that the recommendations set out in the report related to MTFP 8 not 7.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

8 Quarter One 2018/19 Performance Management Report

The Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Transformation and Partnerships which presented progress towards achieving the key outcomes of the council's corporate performance framework by Altogether priority theme for the first quarter of the 2018/19 financial year (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the recommendations contained in the report be approved.

9 Transport Asset Management Plan - Annual Update

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services which provided Cabinet with an annual update on the Transport Asset Management Plan (TAMP) (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the recommendations contained in the report be approved.

10 Update on North East Combined Authority

The Cabinet considered a joint report of the Chief Executive and the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services which updated Cabinet on proposals to amend the boundary and membership of the North East Combined Authority (NECA), to create a new North of Tyne Mayoral Combined Authority and to establish a new statutory Joint Transport Committee covering the two combined authorities.

In addition, the report sought the endorsement of Cabinet to a decision taken under urgency provisions to agree to a Deed of Cooperation between the seven Local Authorities and NECA setting out the proposed joint working arrangements in relation to transport and the North East LEP (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

11 Exclusion of the public

Resolved:

That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

12 Delivery proposals for Aykley Heads Strategic Employment Site [Key Decision: REAL/06/18]

The Cabinet considered a joint report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services and the Corporate Director of Resources about delivery proposals for Aykley Heads Strategic Employment Site (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the recommendations contained in the report be approved.

13 Commercial Development Opportunity in the County

The Cabinet considered a joint report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services and the Corporate Director of Resources about a Commercial Development Opportunity in the County (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the recommendations contained in the report be approved.