

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **Cabinet** held in **Music Hall, The Witham, 3 Horse Market, Barnard Castle, Co Durham, DL12 8LY - The Witham** on **Wednesday 3 April 2019 at 10.00 am**

Present:

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

Cabinet Members:

Councillors J Allen, O Gunn, O Johnson, C Marshall, A Napier, K Shaw and B Stephens

Apologies:

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J Brown and Cllr L Hovvels

Also Present:

Councillors J Clare, T Henderson, A Patterson and A Surtees

An introduction on The Witham was given by Ada Burns, Vice-Chair of the Witham Board.

1 Public Questions

There were no public questions.

2 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2019 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

3 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4 Proposal to change the Age Range of Cotsford Junior School from 7-11 to 4-11 from 1 September 2019 to create a Primary School and to close Cotsford Infant School as a Registered School on 31 August 2019 [Key Decision: CYPS/02/2018]

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director of Children and Young People's Services which sought approval to change the age range of Cotsford Junior School from 7-11 to 4-11 from 1 September 2019 to create a primary school and to close Cotsford Infant School as a registered school on 31 August 2019 taking account of the Local Authority's duties as prescribed in the Education and Inspections Act 2006 to secure sufficient places and to ensure good outcomes for all children and young people in the local area (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the recommendations contained in the report be approved.

5 Council Activity Report

The Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Transformation and Partnerships which provided an update on work undertaken to support some of the Council's key priorities (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

6 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 of Regeneration and Local Services which reviewed enforcement activities under the Children and Young Persons (Protection from Tobacco) Act 1991 and Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 and sought approval of a new enforcement programme for 2019/20 (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the recommendations contained in the report be approved.

7 Discharge of Transport Functions by Durham County Council 2019

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services which updated on the transport activity carried out by the Council under delegation originally from the North East Combined Authority (NECA) which has continued under the North East Joint Transport Committee (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

8 Children and Adults Autism Update 'Think Autism in County Durham'

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director of Children and Young People's Services and the Corporate Director of Adult and Health Services which presented an all-age approach to autism in County Durham encompassing the delivery of a revised the delivery of a revised 14+ Autism Strategy Implementation Action Plan and the strategic review for children and young people with complex social communication needs including autism and proposed Integrated Autism and Social Communication Strategy for County Durham (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

9 New Safeguarding Children Partnership Arrangements

The Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Transformation and Partnerships which provided an update on the transition from the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) to the new statutory partnership arrangement known as the Durham Safeguarding Children Partnership (DSCP) and a copy of the plan outlining the new safeguarding arrangements (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

10 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 they involve the likely discussion of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

11 New Industrial Development [Key Decision: REAL/03/19]

The Cabinet considered a joint report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services and Corporate Director of Resources which sought approval to finance new industrial development (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the recommendations in the report be approved.

12 Acquisition of Property at Seaham

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services which sought approval to acquire property at Seaham (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the recommendation in the report be approved.

13 Acquisition of Land at Dragonville

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services which sought approval for the acquisition of land at Dragonville (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the recommendation in the report be approved.

