

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **Cabinet** held in Committee Room 2 - County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 11 September 2019 at 10.00 am**

Present:

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

Cabinet Members:

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

Also Present:

Councillors D Bell, P Brookes, J Considine, R Crute and J Shuttleworth

1 Public Questions

There were no public questions.

2 Minutes of the meeting held on 10 July 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 July 2019 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

3 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations.

4 County Durham Vision 2035 [Key Decision: CORP/T&P/19/01]

The Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Transformation and Partnerships which presented the latest draft of the County Durham Vision 2035 for approval (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the recommendations contained in the report be approved.

5 Welfare Reform and Poverty Issues

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director of Transformation and Partnerships which provided an update on the government's welfare reform programme including its impact on the county, progress with efforts to

address and alleviate poverty, and, the development of the poverty action strategy and plan (for copy see file of minutes).

Cabinet members thanked the community, voluntary sector, housing providers and all the partners who had been involved in working together on the development of the strategy.

Resolved:

That the recommendations contained in the report be approved.

6 Local Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2018/19

The Cabinet considered a joint report of the Director of Transformation and Partnerships and the Corporate Director of Children and Young People's Services which presented the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) Annual Report 2018/19 (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the recommendations contained in the report be approved.

7 Quarter One, 2019/20 Performance Management Report

The Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Transformation and Partnerships which provided an update on progress towards achieving the key outcomes of the council's performance framework (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

8 Corporate Parenting Panel Annual Report 2018-19

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director of Children and Young People's Services which presented the Corporate Parenting Panel Annual Report for April 2019.

Councillor P Brookes, Chair of the Corporate Parenting Panel in presenting the report outlined the work that had been undertaken by the Panel in improving the service. Councillor Brookes, and the members of the Panel were thanked for the work that had been undertaken.

Resolved:

That the recommendations in the report be approved.

9 Forecast of Revenue and Capital Outturn 2019/20 period to 30 June 2019

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

- (a) forecast revenue and capital outturn for 2019/20;
- (b) forecast for the council tax and business rates collection fund position at 30 March 2020;
- (c) forecast use of earmarked, cash limit and general reserves and estimated balances to be held at 31 March 2020.

The report also sought approval of the budget adjustments and proposed sums outside of the cash limit.

(for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the recommendations in the report be approved.

10 County Durham Local Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2018/19

The Cabinet considered a joint report of the Corporate Director of Adult and Health Services and the Corporate Director of Transformation and Partnerships which presented the County Durham Local Safeguarding Adults Board (LSAB) Annual Report 2018/19 (for copy see file of minutes)

Resolved:

That the recommendations in the report be approved.

11 Children and Young People's Services Commissioning Plan 2019-21

The Cabinet considered a joint report of the Corporate Director of Corporate Director of Children and Young People's Services and the Corporate Director of Adult and Health Services which presented the Durham County Council

Children and Young People's Services Commissioning Plan for 2019-2021 (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the report be received.

12 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 final position of the delivery of the 2018/19 Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP 8) (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the recommendations in the report be approved.

13 Council Activity Report

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

Cabinet members in welcoming the report gave an overview of some of the key projects, emphasised the scale of activity, and thanked all who were involved.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

14 A Digital Strategy for County Durham

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director of Resources which requested the adoption of the Council's new Digital Strategy for the County (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the recommendations in the report be approved.

15 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 involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

16 New Development, Merchant Park [Key Decision: REAL/07/19]

The Cabinet considered a joint report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services and the Corporate Director of Resources on a new development at Merchant Park, Newton Aycliffe (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the recommendations in the report be approved.