

Durham County Council

At a Meeting of **Cabinet** held in the **Council Chamber, Council Offices, Chester-le-Street** on **Wednesday 14 November 2012** at **10.00 am**

Present:

Councillor S Henig (in the Chair)

Cabinet Members:

Councillors Foster, Hovvells, Napier, Nicholls, Plews, Robson, Stephens and Vasey

Apologies:

An apology for absence was received from Councillor B Young

Also Present:

Councillors Armstrong, Blakey, Hopgood, Shiell, Todd, Tomlinson and Williams

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the meetings held on 10 October 2012 and 24 October 2012 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2. Declarations of Interest

Councillor L Hovvells declared an interest in item no.6 as a member of the Police Authority.

3. Durham Key Options Lettings Policy Changes [Key Decision: R&ED/11/12]

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director, Regeneration and Economic Development which advised of the changes to the Durham Key Options Lettings Policy including the consultation process and the outcomes from the consultation (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:-

That the recommendations contained in the report be approved.

4. Chester-le-Street Development Masterplan [Key Decision: R&ED/13/12]

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director, Regeneration and Economic Development providing a detailed programme of activity that could be undertaken to ensure future sustainability through a programme of investment and marketing of the town's key development opportunities and tourist attractions. The report provided the strategic context to delivery and sought to establish key principles to co-ordinate and guide activity (for copy see file of Minutes).

Resolved:-

That the recommendations contained in the report be approved.

5. Mortgage Rescue – Proposal to Extend Scheme to Local Authorities and ALMOs

The Cabinet considered a report providing details of an invitation from the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) for Local Authorities and their ALMOs to participate in the purchase of Mortgage Rescue properties alongside other registered providers (for copy see file of Minutes).

Resolved:-

That the recommendations contained in the report be approved.

6. Release of an Option Agreement and Acquisition of land at Aykley Heads, Durham City

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director, Regeneration and Economic Development to obtain approval to release an option agreement to acquire land held by the Police Authority and to the acquisition of an area of land at Aykley Heads in lieu of the release (for copy see file of Minutes).

Resolved:-

That the report and action taken therein be noted.

7. Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director, Children and Adults Services presenting the County Durham Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report (for copy see file of Minutes).

Resolved:-

That the report be noted.

8. Forecast of Revenue and Capital Outturn 2012/13 for General Fund and Housing Revenue Account – Period to 30 September 2012

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director, Resources providing a forecast of 2012/13 revenue and capital outturn for the period to 30 September 2012 for the Council's General Fund and Housing Revenue Account (for copy see file of Minutes).

Resolved:-

That the recommendations contained in the report be approved.

9. Management Options Appraisal – Culture and Sport [

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services providing an update on the 'Trust' project for Culture and Sports Services (for copy see file of Minutes).

Clarification was provided to Mr G Tidbury on the question he raised concerning the future of Abbey Leisure Centre, and to Councillor Hopgood who requested that all leisure centres be treated equally, and suggested that any working group looking into charitable trust issues have cross party member representation.

Resolved:-

That the recommendations contained in the report be approved.

10. Joint Children & Young People's and Adults, Wellbeing and Health Scrutiny Report – Obesity in Primary Aged Children

The Cabinet considered a report of the Assistant Chief Executive that presented the findings of a Scrutiny Review Working Group which looked at obesity in primary aged children (for copy see file of Minutes).

Councillor Blakey, Chairman of the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee presented the report on behalf of the joint working group.

Resolved:-

The report and its recommendations were noted, and Cabinet would provide an update in six months.

11. Exclusion of the Public

Resolved:-

That under Section 100A(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 disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A to the said Act.

**12. Award of Contract for Residual Waste Treatment
[Key Decision: NS/18/12]**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services that advised of the Award of Contract for Residual Waste Treatment (for copy see file of Minutes).

Resolved:-

That the recommendations contained in the report be approved.