

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **Cabinet** held in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 15 January 2014 at 10.00 am**

Present:

Councillor S Henig (Leader of the Council)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors N Foster, L Hovvells, O Johnson, A Napier, M Nicholls, M Plews and B Stephens

Apologies:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Brown and E Tomlinson

Also Present:

Councillors D Bell, K Dearden, M Dixon, B Graham, J Gray, I Jewell, K Shaw, T Smith, A Surtees, R Todd, J Turnbull and S Zair

1 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 December 2013 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3 Customer First Strategy Refresh 2014-2017 [Key Decision: NS/22/13]

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director Neighbourhood services which sought approval to carry out a public consultation on a new Customer First Strategy for the Council for 2014-2017 (for copy see file of Minutes).

Resolved:

That the recommendations contained in the report be approved.

4 Customer Access Point Review [Key Decision: NS/23/13]

The Cabinet considered a joint report of the Corporate Director Neighbourhood Services and Corporate Director Regeneration and Economic Development which considered the current position and future direction of travel in relation to providing face to face access to services through Customer Access Points, presented options for consideration and proposed a way forward in the light of customer requirements and savings targets (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the recommendation contained in the report be approved.

5 Local Education Partnership Director

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director Resources which sought approval to appoint a new Director to represent the County Council on the Board of Inspiredspaces Durham Limited, the Council's Building Schools for the Future contractor (for copy see file of Minutes).

Members expressed their thanks to David Shirer for his professional and diligent work on the Board as the County Council's representative.

Resolved:

That the recommendation in the report be approved.

6 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 Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the said Act.

7 North East Industrial Estate - Future Options and Acquisition Strategy [Key Decision: R&ED/13/13]

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director Regeneration and Economic Development relating to the Future Options and Acquisition Strategy for the North East Industrial Estate, Peterlee (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the recommendations contained in the report be approved.

8 Acquisitions at Queen Street, Crook to Facilitate Sale of Former DCC Depot - Report of Corporate Director, Regeneration and Economic Development

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director Regeneration and Economic Development relating to acquisitions at Queen Street, Crook to facilitate the sale of the former DCC Depot (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the recommendations contained in the report be approved.