

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **Cabinet** held in **The Main Hall, Town Hall, Durham** on **Wednesday 16 November 2016** at **10.00 am**

Present:

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

Members of the Committee:

Councillors J Allen, J Brown, N Foster, L Hovvels, O Johnson, A Napier, M Plews, B Stephens and E Tomlinson

Also Present:

Councillors J Armstrong, J Clare and B Kellett

1 Public Questions

Councillor N Foster responded to a question from Mr Roger Cornwell about the timeline and consultation for the County Durham Plan.

2 Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on 19 October 2016 were confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

3 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations made.

4 Council Tax Base 2017/18 and Forecast Surplus on the Council Tax Collection Fund as 31 March 2017 [Key Decision: CORP/R/16/03]

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director, Resources which requested that Cabinet determine the Council's Tax Base for all domestic properties liable to pay council tax, which is an important component in the Council's budget setting process for 2017/18 and reported on the estimated collection fund surplus as at 31 March 2017 (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the recommendations in the report be approved.

5 Children & Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Review Take up of Free School Meals & Holiday Provision

The Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Transformation and Partnerships which presented the findings, conclusions and recommendations of the Children

and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee working group review report on the Take up of Free School Meals and Holiday Provision (for copy see file of minutes).

Councillor J Armstrong, Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board presented the report to Cabinet, and provided detail on the scope of the review and its findings. He thanked Members, officers, partners, and everyone who had been part of the working group, and in particular Councillor Potts who was Chairman of the Committee, and unable to be at the meeting.

Cabinet Members thanked Councillor Armstrong and asked that their thanks be conveyed to Councillor Potts and the scrutiny group for the review work, and would provide a response to their findings in line with the recommendations in the report.

Resolved:

That the recommendations in the report be approved.

6 Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director, Adult and Health Services which presented the draft Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report for 2015/2016 (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the recommendation in the report be approved.

7 Durham Local Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2015-16

The Cabinet considered a report of the Interim Corporate Director, Children and Young People's Services which presented the Durham Local Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2015-16 (for copy see file of minutes).

Cabinet members welcomed the LSCB developing the interactive version of the annual report for young people, which has been written in clear language and an easy read for young people.

Resolved:

That the recommendation in the report be approved.

8 Mid-Year Review Report on Treasury Management for the period to 30 September 2016

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director, Resources which provided information on the treasury management mid-year position for 2016/17 and sought approval of a revision to the Treasury Management Indicator for 2016/17; and the Council's Investment Strategy for 2016/17 (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the recommendations contained in the report be approved.

9 Forecast of Revenue and Capital Outturn 2016/17 - Period to 30 September 2016

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director, Resources which provided Cabinet with an updated forecast of 2016/17 revenue and capital outturn, based on the period to 30 September 2016 and included an updated forecast for the Council's Council Tax and Business Rates Collection Fund Position at 31 March 2017 (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the recommendations contained in the report be approved.