

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **Cabinet** held in **The Music Hall, The Witham, 3 Horsemarket, Barnard Castle DL12 8LY** on **Wednesday 18 October 2017 at 10.00 am**

Present:

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

Members of the Committee:

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

Also Present:

Councillors J Clare, R Crute and G Richardson

1 Public Questions

There were no public questions.

2 Minutes of the meetings held on 13 September 2017

The minutes of the meetings held on 13 September 2017 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations.

4 Medium Term Financial Plan (8), Council Plan, Service Plans 2018/19-2021/22 [Key Decision: CORP/R/17/02]

The Cabinet considered a joint report of the Corporate Director of Resources and the Director of Transformation and Partnerships which provided an update on the development of the 2018/19 Budget, the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP(8)) and Council Plan / Service Plans 2018/19 to 2021/22 (for copy see file of minutes).

Cabinet members spoke of the continued difficulties being faced by the authority due to the government funding reductions which is now in its seventh year, and it was emphasised that Durham had already had more than its fair share of reductions. There was to be a comprehensive consultation programme with the public and partners, which would include consideration by the Area Action Partnerships, community events, meetings with partners, as well as promoting the consultation on the website and other publications. Cabinet would then consider recommendations to go to full council in February 2018.

Resolved:

That the recommendations in the report be approved.

5 Transformation Programme

The Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Transformation and Partnerships which informed Cabinet of progress in the Council's transformation programme since the last Cabinet report in December 2016 and to set out the main elements of the programme for the next three years (for copy of report see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the recommendations in the report be approved.

6 County Durham Partnership Update

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director of Transformation and Partnerships which updated Cabinet on issues being addressed by the County Durham Partnership (CDP) including the board, the five thematic partnerships and all area action partnerships (AAPs). The report also updated on other key initiatives being carried out in partnership across the County (for copy of report see file of minutes).

Members commented on the variety and scale of the work that was being undertaken with its partners.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

7 Improved Better Care Fund (iBCF) - Update and MTFP Considerations

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director of Adult and Health Services and the Corporate Director of Resources which provided an update in respect of the Improved Better Care Fund (iBCF) allocations and proposed expenditure plans, as agreed with Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) and the impact on the Council's Medium Term Financial Planning (for copy of report see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the recommendations in the report be approved.

8 Proposal for Changes to the Charging Policy for Non-Residential Social Care Services

The Cabinet considered a joint report of the Corporate Director of Adult and Health Services and the Corporate Director of Resources which outlined proposed changes to the Non-Residential Charging Policy for individuals who receive social care services and are assessed to determine their financial contributions towards their care costs (for copy of report see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the recommendations in the report be approved.

9 Transport for the North

The Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Regeneration and Local Services which sought consent to the making of Regulations by the Secretary of State to establish Transport for the North (TfN) as a Sub-National Transport Body under section 102J of the Local Transport Act 2008 (for copy of report see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the recommendation in the report be approved.