

## **DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**

At a Meeting of **Cabinet** held in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 12 December 2012 at 10.00 am**

### **Present:**

**Councillor S Henig (in the Chair)**

### **Cabinet Members:**

Councillors Foster, Hovvels, Napier, Nicholls, Plews, Robson, Stephens, Vasey and B Young

### **Also Present:**

Councillors Arthur, R Ord, Shuttleworth, Stradling and J Turnbull

### **1 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 November 2012 was agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **2 Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **3 Stock Options Appraisal Project - Conclusion and Next Steps Key Decision: R&ED/12/12**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director, Regeneration and Economic Development which advised of the outcomes of the housing stock appraisal project and recommended the best option for the future ownership, financing and management of the council's housing stock (for copy see file of minutes).

### **Resolved:-**

That the recommendations contained in the report be approved.

#### **4 Evaluation of Selective Licensing at Dean Bank and Chilton West**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director, Regeneration and Economic Development which outlined the background to the use of Selective Licensing at Dean Bank and Chilton West designed to tackle issues within the private rented sector. It further summarised the evaluation of the scheme, which looked at performance and highlighted successes along with areas for improvement. The report further outlined recommendations for the future management of those areas (for copy see file of minutes).

**Resolved:**

That the recommendations contained in the report be approved.

#### **5 Update on Conservation Area Character Appraisal Work Programme. Boundary Amendments and Character Appraisals for Bishop Middleham, Lartington, Mickleton, Staindrop and Trimdon Village Conservation Areas**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director, Regeneration and Economic Development which advised that the Durham City Conservation Area Character Appraisal was underway and that volunteer groups were currently working with the Heritage Landscape and Design Team to carry out in depth street by street surveys of the conservation area. The report outlined that the results of the community engagement project would be fed into the forthcoming character appraisal document.

In addition the report sought approval to amend the boundaries and character appraisals for the Bishop Middleham, Lartington, Mickleton, Staindrop and Trimdon Village Conservation Areas (for copy see file of minutes).

**Resolved:**

That the recommendations contained in the report be approved.

#### **6 Street Lighting Energy Reduction Project**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services which sought approval for the "invest to save" business case for the Street Lighting Energy Reduction Project.

**Resolved:**

That the recommendations contained in the report be approved.

**7 Quarter 2 2012/13 Performance Management Report**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Assistant Chief Executive which presented progress against the council's corporate basket of performance indicators and reported other significant performance issues for the second quarter of 2012/13 (for copy see file of minutes).

**Resolved:**

That the recommendations contained in the report be approved.

**8 Update on the delivery of the Medium Term Financial Plan 2**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Assistant Chief Executive which provided an update on the progress made at the end of the second quarter this year on the delivery of the 2012/13 to 2015/16 Medium Term Financial Plan (for copy see file of minutes).

**Resolved:**

That the report be noted.

**9 Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2012 and the Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy 2013-2017**

The Cabinet considered a joint report of the Corporate Director of Children and Adults Services, and Director of Public Health, County Durham which presented the key messages from the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2012 and sought approval and support for County Durham's first Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2013-2017 (for copy see file of minutes).

**Resolved:**

That the recommendations contained in the report be approved.