

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **Cabinet** held in The Music Hall, The Witham, 3 Horse Market, Barnard Castle, Co Durham, DL12 8LY on **Wednesday 11 June 2014 at 10.00 am**

Present:

Councillor S Henig (Leader of the Council)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors A Napier (Deputy Leader of the Council), N Foster, L Hovvells, O Johnson, M Nicholls, M Plews, B Stephens and E Tomlinson

Apologies:

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Jane Brown

Also Present:

Councillor Amanda Hopgood, Councillor Audrey Laing, Councillor Owen Temple and Councillor Mac Williams

1 Minutes of the meeting held on 7 May 2014

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 May 2014 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2 Declarations of interest

Councillor Foster and the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Economic Development declared an interest in item 14, due to their positions on the Board. They took no part in the discussion and withdrew for that part of the meeting.

3 Quarter 4 2013/14 Performance Management Report

The Cabinet considered a report of the Assistant Chief Executive that presented a summary of the council's performance for the 2013/14 financial year (for copy see file of Minutes). The Assistant Chief Executive reported that the County Council had delivered just under £114million savings to date and had plans in place to make a further £23million of reductions in 2014/15. The Council had improved or maintained performance in 74% of its key performance indicators over the last year.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

4 Update on the delivery of the Medium Term Financial Plan 3

The Cabinet considered a report of the Assistant Chief Executive which provided an update on the progress made at the end of March 2014 on the delivery of the 2013/14 to 2016/17 Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) 3, and provided a summary over the past three years of the MTFP savings made (for copy see file of Minutes).

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

5 Durham Social Value Taskforce Report

The Cabinet considered a joint report of Corporate Director, Regeneration and Economic Development and Corporate Director, Resources that informed of the work of the Durham Social Value Taskforce, the first of its kind in the North East, and to recommend that the County Council approves the report and action plan produced by the Taskforce (for copy see file of Minutes).

Resolved:

That the recommendations contained within the report be agreed.

6 Update on Proposed ICT Services Collaboration between Durham and Sunderland

The Cabinet considered a report of Corporate Director, Resources that advised of how after a lot of good work undertaken to determine a business case to implement a collaborative ICT service for Durham County Council and Sunderland City Council, it has proven to be not practicable at this stage in time. (for copy see file of Minutes).

Resolved:

That the recommendation contained within the report be agreed.

7 NEPO Transformation - Introduction of New Arrangements for the Leadership and Governance of the NEPO Service and Regional Collaborative Procurement

The Cabinet considered a report of Corporate Director, Resources that sought agreement for the revised arrangements for the leadership and management of the NEPO Service and Regional Collaborative Procurement (for copy see file of Minutes).

Resolved:

That the recommendations contained within the report be agreed.

8 Safe Durham Partnership Plan 2014-17

The Cabinet considered a report of Corporate Director, Children and Adults Services that presented the Safe Durham Partnership Plan 2014-17 for agreement. The development and implementation of the Safe Durham Partnership Plan is a statutory requirement for Durham County Council and other responsible authorities. The Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy (known in County Durham as the Safe Durham Partnership Plan) is part of the Policy Framework in the Council's Constitution. The purpose of the Plan is to demonstrate how the responsible authorities will work together to reduce crime and disorder across County Durham. It has informed the development of the refreshed Sustainable Community Strategy 2010-30 and is aligned to the "Altogether Safer" section of the Strategy (for copy see file of Minutes).

Resolved:

That the recommendations contained within the report be agreed.

9 Children, Young People and Families Plan 2014 - 2017

The Cabinet considered a report of Corporate Director, Children and Adults Services that presented the Children, Young People and Families Plan (CYPPF) 2014-17 (for copy see file of Minutes).

Resolved:

That the recommendations contained within the report be noted.

10 Local Authority Inspections: School Improvement

The Cabinet considered a report of Corporate Director, Children and Adults Services that summarised the new inspection regime for Local Authority arrangements for supporting School improvement draws on available published Ofsted local authority inspection reports in order to identify areas of priority or concern for Durham and it highlights lessons that Durham L.A. may learn from the experiences of other local authorities (for copy see file of Minutes).

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

11 Proposal for a consultation to make play parks/area in County Durham smoke free

The Cabinet considered a report of Corporate Director, Children and Adults Services that presented proposals for consultation on a voluntary code to make to make play parks in County Durham smokefree (for copy see file of Minutes).

Resolved:

That the recommendation contained within report be agreed.

12 Exclusion of the public

That under Section 100 A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A to the said Act.

13 Durham Villages Regeneration Limited - Update and Forward Programme

The Cabinet considered a report of Corporate Director, Resources that provided an update on the progress of Durham Villages Regeneration Limited (DVRL) since April 2009, confirmed the DVRL's Business Plan priorities for 2012/17, clarified the process related to development projects to be delivered by DVRL and sought agreement to utilise development dividend to drive forward a programme of flexibly targeted housing regeneration and development activity across County Durham (for copy see file of Minutes).

Resolved:

That the recommendations contained within the report be agreed.