

## **DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**

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

### **Present:**

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

### **Cabinet Members:**

Councillors J Brown, L Hovvells, O Johnson, A Napier, M Nicholls, B Stephens and E Tomlinson

### **Apologies:**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor N Foster and Councillor M Plews

### **Other Members:**

Councillors J Clare, M Dixon, I Geldard, B Graham, J Gray, S Guy, K Hopper, H Nicholson, J Shuttleworth, P Stradling, A Surtees and R Todd

### **1 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 September 2014 were confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

### **2 Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **3 Declaration of Local Nature Reserve (LNR) for Easington Colliery Key Decision: R&ED/14/14**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director, Regeneration and Economic Development to formally declare Durham County Council owned land at Easington Colliery as a Local Nature Reserve (for copy see file of minutes).

### **Resolved:**

That the recommendation in the report be approved.

**4 Compulsory Purchase at Henderson Avenue, Wheatley Hill**  
**Key Decision: R&ED/12/14**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director, Regeneration and Economic Development which sought approval to make a Compulsory Purchase Order in order to facilitate the acquisition of land and building at 3 Henderson Avenue, Wheatley Hill under Section 226(1)(a) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (for copy see file of minutes).

**Resolved:**

That the recommendations in the report be approved.

**5 Welfare Reform Update**

The Cabinet considered a joint report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Corporate Director, Resources, and Corporate Director, Regeneration and Economic Development which provided an update on welfare reform and its impacts on the County. The report outlined proposals to extend the work to encompass a wider remit looking at poverty in the county (for copy see file of minutes).

Cabinet members commented on the comprehensive report, and welcomed the initiatives being taken by the authority to mitigate as far as possible the implications of government legislation on residents in County Durham.

**Resolved:**

That the recommendation in the report be approved.

**6 NETPark Future Employment Development and Opportunities**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director, Regeneration and Economic Development which provided an update on developments and successes to date at the North East Technology Park (NETPark) and outlined opportunities to build on these achievements (for copy see file of minutes).

Members commented on the success storey of NETPark which is growing from strength to strength, and 10 years after opening had 23 businesses on site with 400 jobs.

**Resolved:**

That the recommendations in the report be approved.

## **7 Tyne & Wear Bus Strategy Delivery Project**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director, Regeneration and Economic Development which informed Cabinet of proposals under consideration by the Combined Authority to change the way in which bus services are managed in Tyne and Wear and to highlight agreed working arrangements to mitigate any potential impacts on the bus network in County Durham (for copy see file of minutes).

### **Resolved:**

That the recommendations in the report be approved.

## **8 NHS/Social Care Reforms**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director, Children and Adults Services which provided details of the duties and responsibilities in the Care Act 2014 and outlined how the adults social care reforms will be implemented in Durham (for copy see file of minutes).

### **Resolved:**

That the recommendations in the report be approved.

## **9 Health and Wellbeing Board Annual Report 2013 - 14**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director, Children and Adults Services which presented the Health and Wellbeing Board Annual Report 2013-14 (for copy see file of minutes).

Cabinet members welcomed the first annual report of the Board, and congratulated all involved for the work they had undertaken with our partners.

### **Resolved:**

That the recommendations in the report be approved.

## **10 Waste Management Update**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services which provided an update on progress made against the Council's waste contracts one year on from implementation (for copy see file of minutes).

All those involved were congratulated on the achievements of almost eliminating landfill requirements in its entirety, whilst making significant savings. Cabinet members commented that this was seen as one of the major achievements of the unitary authority, and welcomed the support given by residents.

**Resolved:**

That the report be noted.

**11 Cinema and Film Partner Procurement**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services which set out a proposal for the procurement of an experienced, well established and successful Cinema and Film Partner to become a cultural partner with Culture and Sport to develop the cinema and film offer across the County (for copy see file of minutes).

The Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services advised of an amendment to the report in that it should read that the BATH Cinema operation had circa of 45 films per year, not 15.

**Resolved:**

That the recommendations in the report be approved.