

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **Cabinet** held in **Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham** on **Wednesday 13 January 2016** at **10.00 am**

Present:

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

Members of the Cabinet:

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

Apologies:

An apology for absence was received from Councillor J Allen

Also Present:

Councillors J Armstrong, J Clare, P Conway, B Graham, B Kellett, A Laing, J Lethbridge, A Liversidge, P Stradling, A Surtees, O Temple and M Williams

Prior to the commencement of the formal business, the Leader of the Council advised that this was the last cabinet meeting prior to the retirement of George Garlick, the Chief Executive at the end of the month. The Leader and Cabinet members thanked George for all his hard work over the years, and that as there would be a council meeting later in the month there would be the opportunity for the full council to recognise all of the work that George had undertaken for the Authority.

1 Public Questions

Councillor N Foster responded to the question from Roger Cornwell about the Interim Policy on Student Accommodation, by providing an update on the consultation and that cabinet would consider a report on this and the Article 4 report at their meeting in March.

2 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 16 December 2015 were confirmed as a correct record.

3 Declarations of interest

Declarations of interest were made in relation to item 6 on the Review of Youth Support by Councillor J Brown in her capacity as a Trustee of Consett Detached Youth Project, and Councillor N Foster as a Board member of Spennymoor Youth

and Community Association. Both left the room during the discussion of the item and took no part in the debate.

4 Medium Term Financial Plan 2016/17 to 2019/20 (MTFP6) and 2016/17 Budget [Key Decision: CORP/R/16/02]

The Cabinet considered a joint report of the Corporate Director, Resources and Assistant Chief Executive which provided an update on the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP(6)) 2016/17 to 2019/20 and the 2016/17 Budget following the Government's Local Government Finance Settlement announcement on 17 December 2015, whilst also providing initial feedback from the budget consultation process (for copy see file of minutes).

Councillor Napier advised of the key information that was still awaited on the financial settlement from Government which was expected at the end of January. Due to the robust financial planning the Authority would be in a position to set its budget at the full council in February, however the lateness of the final settlement made it increasingly difficult.

Cabinet members commented on the continuation of the difficult financial pressures that were being made on the Authority and that there would be no other option than to reduce services further.

Resolved:

That the recommendations contained in the report be approved.

5 Day Care Review [Key Decision: CAS/03/15]

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director, Children and Adults Services which presented findings following a review of County Durham Care and Support (CDCS) in-house day services which reported on the outcome of a consultation on a proposed re-design. The report included recommendations for further reshaping of the services in light of the need to make services more inclusive, improve outcomes for service users; ensure value for money; and meet the requirements of the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) savings from 2016-17 (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the recommendations contained in the report be approved.

6 Review of Youth Support

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director, Children and Adults Services which set out the outcomes of a review of the current youth service delivery model and described a Strategy for Youth Support which has informed a

new delivery model for a Targeted Youth Support Service which aims to deliver improved outcomes for young people aged 13-19 years in County Durham (for copy see file of minutes).

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Resolved:

That the recommendations contained in the report be approved.

7 County Durham Partnership Update

The Cabinet considered a report of the Assistant Chief Executive which updated 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 included updates on other key initiatives being carried out in partnership across the county (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

8 Exclusion of the Public

Resolved:

That under Section 100(a)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

9 Business Investment

The Cabinet considered a joint report of the Corporate Director, Regeneration and Economic Development and Corporate Director, Resources regarding a business investment opportunity (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

The Cabinet approved the recommendations contained in the report.

10 Library and Customer Access Point Relocation - Newton Aycliffe

The Cabinet considered a report of Corporate Director, Regeneration and Economic Development on the library and customer access point relocation at Newton Aycliffe (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

The Cabinet approved the recommendation contained in the report.