

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **Cabinet** held in **The Glebe Centre, Durham Place, Murton, Seaham, Co Durham** on **Wednesday 10 February 2016** at **10.00 am**

Present:

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

Members of the Cabinet:

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

Also Present:

Councillors M Dixon, B Kellett, A Liversidge and A Surtees

The Leader welcomed Terry Collins to his first Cabinet meeting as Chief Executive, and Oliver Sherratt, as Interim Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services.

The Leader advised that item 4 as listed on the agenda relating to the MTFP 2016/17 to 2019/20 and Revenue and Capital Budget had been deferred to a special meeting on 17 February due to the Government not releasing the final grant settlement until 8 February.

1 Public Questions

There were no public questions for the meeting.

2 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2016 were confirmed as a correct record.

3 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4 Medium Term Financial Plan 2016/17 to 2019/20 and Revenue and Capital Budget 2016/17 [Key Decision: Corp/R/15/02]

The item was deferred for consideration to a special meeting of Cabinet on 17 February due to the Government not releasing the final grant settlement until 8 February.

5 School Admission Arrangements Academic Year 2017/2018 [Key Decision: CAS/02/15]

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director, Children and Adults Services which provided details on the proposed admission arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools for the 2017/18 academic year (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the recommendations contained in the report be approved.

6 North East Combined Authority: Devolution Deal

The Cabinet considered a report of the Assistant Chief Executive which provided Cabinet with a progress report on the North East Combined Authority poll and outlined the decision making process for this Authority (for copy see file of minutes).

The Assistant Chief Executive advised that the Cities and Local Government Devolution Bill had now received Royal Assent.

Cabinet members noted that the poll had now closed in Durham, and that the return of over 80,000 was the largest return from engagement in England on this issue.

Resolved:

That the recommendation contained in the report be approved.

7 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 discussion of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

8 Forrest Park Newton Aycliffe

The Cabinet considered a joint report of the Corporate Director, Regeneration and Economic Development and the Corporate Director, Resources relating to Forrest Park, Newton Aycliffe (for copy see file of minutes). The Corporate Director, Regeneration and Economic Development advised of an amendment to the recommendations in the report, in that the appointments as referred to in paragraph 35 be included with the delegation in paragraph 36.

Resolved:

That the recommendations contained in the report, as amended, be approved.