

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **Cabinet** held in the **Council Chamber, Spennymoor Council Offices, Green Lane, Spennymoor, County Durham** on **Wednesday 15 March 2017 at 10.00 a.m.**

Present

Councillor Henig (Leader of the Council) in the Chair

Cabinet Members:

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

Also Present:

Councillors J Armstrong, J Clare, P Conway, M Dixon, A Liversidge and T Nearney

Councillor Henig referred to this being the last Cabinet before Colette Longbottom, Head of Legal and Democratic Services would be present before her retirement. The Leader and Cabinet members thanked Colette for her hard work and dedication, and wished her well in the future.

1. Public Questions

There were no public questions.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 February 2017 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

3. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations.

4. Forecast of Revenue and Capital Outturn 2016/17 – Period to 31 December 2016

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director of Resources which provided Cabinet with an updated forecast of the 2016/17 revenue and capital outturn, based on the period to 31 December 2016, including an updated forecast for the Council's Council Tax and Business Rates Collection Fund position at 31 March 2017 (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the recommendations in the report be approved.

5. Update on the delivery of the Medium Term Financial Plan 6

The Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Transformation and Partnerships on the progress made at the end of December 2016 on the delivery of the 2016/17 Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP6) (for copy see file of minutes).

Cabinet members commended staff for all their hard work with taking this forward.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

6. Quarter Three 2016/17 Performance Management Report

The Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Transformation and Partnerships which presented progress against the Council's corporate performance framework by Altogether Priority theme for the third quarter of the 2016/17 financial year (for copy see file of minutes).

Cabinet members welcomed the new style of the report with the improved way of showing the data and commentary.

Resolved:

That the recommendations in the report be approved.

7. Overview and Scrutiny Review, Improved Safety in the Home – Safe and Wellbeing Visits

The Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Transformation and Partnerships which presented the findings, conclusions and recommendations of the Committee's review on Improved Safety in the Home – Safe and Wellbeing Visits (for copy see file of minutes).

Councillor T Nearney, Vice Chairman of the Safer and Stronger Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and Chairman of the Working Group presented the report to Cabinet, and provided detail on the scope of the review and its findings. He thanked Members, officers, partners, and everyone who had been part of the working group.

Cabinet Members thanked Councillor Nearney and the scrutiny group for the review work, and would provide a response to their findings in line with the recommendations in the report.

Resolved:

That the recommendations in the report be approved.

8. Care Leavers Support Update

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director of Children and Young People's Services which provided an update on the actions taken by Durham County Council to support Care Leavers and related policy developments (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the recommendations in the report be approved.

9. Education Attainment and Standards 2016 Education Service Update

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director of Children and Young People's Services which provided a full summary of educational outcomes in County Durham, and, related updates on the focus and provision of educational services (for copy see file of minutes).

The outstanding achievements were highlighted by Cabinet members.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

10. Oral Health Strategy

The Cabinet considered a joint report of the Corporate Director of Adult and Health Services, and the Interim Director of Public Health which presented the Oral Health Strategy for County Durham for agreement (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the recommendation in the report be approved.

11. Integration of Health and Social Care Services Update

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director of Adult and Health Services which provided an update on the further integration of health and social care services (for copy see file of minutes).

Cabinet noted and welcomed the work that had been undertaken on integration, and that they would continue to protect the services for County Durham residents.

Resolved:

That the recommendations in the report be approved.

12. Economic Activity in County Durham

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services which provided an overview of activity to support the economy of County Durham over the last 12-18 months and sought endorsement of proposed activity for the coming year (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the recommendation in the report be approved.

13. Cultural Activity Impact Report

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services which provided an update on the County's Cultural Programme (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the recommendations in the report be approved.