

GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET MEETING

Tuesday, 19 June 2018

PRESENT: Councillor M Gannon in the Chair

Councillors: J Adams, M Brain, C Donovan, A Douglas, M Foy, L Green,
G Haley, J McElroy and M McNestry

C13 MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting held on 22 May 2018 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

C14 GIBSIDE SCHOOL - NEW BUILD SPECIAL SCHOOL

Consideration has been given to the scheme and estimate to create a new expanded school on a new site to replace the existing Gibside School.

- RESOLVED -
- (i) That the scheme and estimate be approved.
 - (ii) That the Service Director, Council Housing, Design and Technical Services be authorised to place an order through the SCAPE Major Works Framework within the agreed overall budget limit.

The above decisions have been made for the following reasons:

- (A) To enable the Council to fulfil its statutory duty to ensure a match between the predicted demand for school places and the number of schools and places maintained, and to ensure efficient use of resources.
- (B) To meet the required timescale for delivery of the additional school places.

C15 TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF GOODS AND SERVICES

Consideration has been given to tenders received for the supply of goods and services.

- RESOLVED -
- That the tender received from Newcastle CVS for Lot 1, Provision of a VCS Infrastructure Support Service in Gateshead for a 36 month period commencing 1 August 2018 be accepted, with an option to extend for a further 2 x 12 month periods.

The above decision has been made following a full evaluation and is considered to

be the most economically advantageous submitted.

C16 GATESHEAD QUAYS - CONSTRUCTION OF A TEMPORARY CAR PARK

Consideration has been given to the construction of a new temporary car park for Gateshead Quays.

RESOLVED - That the construction of a temporary car park in Gateshead Quays be approved.

The above decision has been made to ensure car parking is provided during the Great Exhibition of the North and also for the period of construction of the Gateshead Quays development.

C17 GATESHEAD INNOVATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND

Consideration has been given to the principles and approach for an investment fund up to £500,000, to be funded through the Voluntary Sector Reserve.

- RESOLVED -
- (i) That the establishment of the Gateshead Innovation and Development Fund be approved.
 - (ii) That the principles and outcomes of the Fund, as set out in the report, be approved.
 - (iii) That the arrangement with the Community Foundation for Tyne and Wear and Northumberland as described in the report be approved.

The above decisions have been made for the following reasons:-

- (A) To provide an innovative strategic investment programme to help establish stronger, impactful organisations at the heart of Gateshead communities and in turn delivering a greater return on investment for the Council.
- (B) Ensure the presence of an effective voluntary and community sector to help build stronger and more resilient communities as set out in 'Making Gateshead a place where everyone thrives.'

C18 REVENUE OUTTURN 2017/18

Consideration has been given to the Council's revenue outturn position for the financial year 2017/18 prior to audit and to recommending to the Council appropriations to and from reserves, consistent with previous decisions, accounting policies, the principles set out in the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) and requirements of the Accounting Code of Practice.

- RESOLVED -
- (i) That the Council's 2017/18 revenue outturn position as an underspend of £1.268m, subject to audit, be noted.
 - (ii) That the Council be recommended to approve the appropriations to and from reserves outlined in the report.

The above decisions have been made to contribute to sound financial management and the long term financial sustainability of the Council.

C19

CAPITAL PROGRAMME AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2017/18 – YEAR END OUTTURN

Consideration has been given to:

- a) a breakdown of the 2017/18 capital programme which included capital payments of £74.8m;
- b) an assessment of reasons for the variations from the third quarter review and details of the proposed financing of the capital programme; and
- c) the impact of CIPFA's Prudential Code on the capital programme and the monitoring of performance against the statutory Prudential Indicators.

- RESOLVED -
- (i) That the Council be recommended to approve all variations to the 2017/18 capital programme as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report.
 - (ii) That the Council be recommended to approve the financing of the 2017/18 capital programme.
 - (iii) That it be confirmed to Council that the capital expenditure and capital financing requirement indicators have been revised in line with the revised budget and that none of the approved Prudential Indicators set for 2017/18 have been breached.

The above decisions have been made for the following reasons:

- (A) To ensure the optimum use of the Council's capital resources in 2017/18.
- (B) To monitor actual performance against the approved Prudential Indicators.

C20

TREASURY ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18

Consideration has been given to the Treasury Annual Report for 2017/18.

- RESOLVED -
- That the Council be recommended to approve the Treasury Annual Report for 2017/18.

The above decision has been made to ensure that the Council fully complies with

the requirements of Financial Regulations and good practice as recommended by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) in its Code of Practice on Treasury Management.

C21

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN CARE AND CARE LEAVERS STRATEGY 2018-23

Consideration has been given to the Children and Young People in Care and Care Leavers Strategy 2018-23.

RESOLVED - That Council be recommended to approve the Children and Young People in Care and Care Leavers Strategy 2018 – 2023.

The above decision was made for the following reasons:

- (A) To continue to ensure that the needs of looked after children and care leavers are met.
- (B) To ensure we achieve the priorities set out in the strategy.
- (C) To ensure the role of Corporate Parent is embedded across the Council and with partners.
- (D) To ensure the Council fulfils its statutory duties.

C22

REGIONAL ADOPTION AGENCY

Consideration has been given to the creation of a new Regional Adoption Agency to be named “Adopt North East” through combining the adoption services for the local authority areas of Gateshead, Newcastle upon Tyne, North Tyneside, Northumberland and South Tyneside, working in partnership with the Voluntary Adoption Agencies, After Adoption, ARC, Barnardos and Durham Family Welfare.

- RESOLVED -
- (i) That the progress undertaken with respect to the proposal for the adoption services of Gateshead MBC, Newcastle City Council, North Tyneside Council, Northumberland County Council and South Tyneside Council to be combined to create a Regional Adoption Agency to be known as “Adopt North East” be noted.
 - (ii) That it be noted that the preferred business model for “Adopt North East” is a local authority hosted model which will operate through the delegation of the Constituent Councils’ adoption functions to a host local authority pursuant to Sections 9EA and 9EB of the Local

Government Act 2000 and the Local Authorities (Arrangements for the Discharge of Functions) (England) Regulations 2012.

- (iii) That the proposal for North Tyneside Council to act as the Lead and Host Authority for “Adopt North East” and that the new arrangements will commence in early December 2018 be noted.
- (iv) That the draft summary Business Case associated with the delivery of “Adopt North East” and the associated funding proposals be noted.
- (v) That the Authority be authorized to consult jointly with the other participating authorities, on the proposals for “Adopt North East” with the relevant stakeholders as set out in the report.
- (vi) That a further report be submitted to Cabinet in September 2018 seeking final approval of the proposals following the receipt and analysis of the consultation exercise and the finalisation of the Final Business Case and agreement of appropriate Heads of Terms for a legal agreement to be entered into by the Constituent Councils.

The above decisions have been made as this option meets the requirements being place on the Authority by the Government in relation to the regionalisation of adoption services and is the most financially and legally efficient available option.

C23

RESPONSES TO CONSULTATION

Consideration has been given to responses to the Home Office consultation on Transforming the Response to Domestic Abuse and the Integrated Communities Green Paper.

RESOLVED - That the responses as set out in the appendices to the report be endorsed.

The above decisions have been made to enable the Council to contribute responses to the consultations.

C24

SURPLUS DECLARATION AND GRANT OF LEASE - BARLEY MOW VILLAGE HALL, BEDFORD AVENUE, BIRTLEY

Consideration has been given to Barley Mow Village Hall being declared surplus to the Council's requirements and the future proposal for the property after its surplus declaration.

- RESOLVED -
- (i) That Barley Mow Village Hall be declared surplus to the Council's requirements.
 - (ii) That the Strategic Director, Corporate Services and Governance be authorised to grant a 35-year lease at nil consideration to Barley Mow Village Hall CIO pursuant to the Council's Community Transfer policy.

The above decisions have been made for the following reason: -

- (A) To manage resources and rationalise the Council's assets in line with the Corporate Asset Strategy and Management Plan.
- (B) To ensure delivery of the cost savings identified in the Community Centre Review approved by the Cabinet on 26 February 2013 (Minute C224 - 2012/13).

C25

PETITIONS SCHEDULE

Consideration has been given to an update on petitions submitted to the Council and the action taken on them.

- RESOLVED - That the petitions received and the action taken on them be noted.

The above decision has been made to inform Cabinet of the progress of the petitions received.

C26

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

- RESOLVED - That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the remaining business in accordance with paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

C27

NEW FOOD AND BEVERAGE UNIT IN THE BALTIC QUARTER

Consideration has been given to approval for a scheme and capital budget to provide a food and beverage unit on Council owned land in Baltic Quarter in central Gateshead.

- RESOLVED - (i) That an increase in the Capital Programme

allocation for the project be approved as outlined in the report.

- (ii) That the Strategic Director, Communities and Environment be given delegated authority, in consultation with the Strategic Directors, Corporate Services and Governance and Corporate Resources, to agree a Compensation Event to the existing contracts for works in Baltic Quarter.
- (iii) That the Strategic Director, Corporate Services and Governance, be given delegated authority to agree a lease with the preferred tenant.

The above decisions have been made for the following reasons:

- (A) To stimulate development and investment in one of Gateshead's primary employment areas – Baltic Quarter.
- (B) To provide a food and beverage offer to meet evidenced demand.
- (C) To help attract new and retain existing tenants in Baltic Quarter.
- (D) To give confidence to the market that the Council is committed to creating the right environment in Gateshead in which businesses can grow and prosper.
- (E) To utilise the Council's land and property portfolio to support the Council's policy priorities in accordance with the provisions of the Council's Corporate Asset Strategy and Management Plan 2015 – 2020.

Copies of all reports and appendices referred to in these minutes are available online and in the minute file. Please note access restrictions apply for exempt business as defined by the Access to Information Act.

The decisions referred to in these minutes will come into force and be implemented after the expiry of 3 working days after the publication date of the minutes identified below unless the matters are 'called in'.

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