

GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET MEETING

Wednesday, 24 April 2019

PRESENT: Councillor M Gannon

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

C171 APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence has been received from Councillor J Adams.

C172 MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting held on 19 March 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

C173 NATIONAL LOTTERY HERITAGE FUND (NLHF) CAPITAL PROJECT PROPOSAL FOR THE CENTRAL LIBRARY

Consideration has been given to the placing of orders to commit National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) funding to the value of £499,200 and to provide match funding to the value of £75,762 capital funding to support a project that will improve access to the local studies collection at the Central Library.

- RESOLVED -
- (i) That the Strategic Director, Corporate Services and Governance be authorised to sign the Delivery Agreement with Kier Services Limited via the SCAPE Minor Works Framework, for the delivery of the Local Studies redevelopment at Central Library.
 - (ii) That the Acting Strategic Director, Communities and Environment, following consultation with the Strategic Directors, Corporate Services and Governance and Corporate Resources, be authorised to agree the final terms, scope and costs of the contract awards.

The above decisions have been made for the following reasons:

- (A) To greatly improve public access to the unique local history archive held at Gateshead Central Library.
- (B) To allow the implementation of a project that will engage a wide range of community organisations and volunteers in the heritage of Gateshead and the resources held within the collection.

C174

REVIEW OF HEALTHY WEIGHT ACROSS THE LIFE COURSE

Consideration has been given to the findings and recommendations of a review by Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee in relation to healthy weight across the life course.

RESOLVED - That the recommendations, findings and analysis of evidence outlined in appendix 2 to the report be endorsed.

The above decision has been made to ensure that the Council is able to meet its statutory duties in terms of the healthy weight agenda and National Child Measurement Programme and to ensure commitment to a place-based approach that makes addressing obesity everyone's business as part of a whole system approach.

C175

MARKET POSITION STATEMENT 2019-2020

Consideration has been given to the Market Position Statement 2019 - 2020 for the Council, which sets out the Council's future direction in terms of the commissioning of social care and health services and shaping the market to meet future demand in Gateshead.

RESOLVED - (i) That the Market Position Statement for Gateshead 2019 -2020 be approved.

(ii) That the transition of the Market Position Statement for Gateshead to an online format within the next year be noted.

The above decision has been made to enable the Council to fulfil its statutory responsibility under the Care Act 2014 to facilitate and shape a diverse and sustainable market and to express the Council's future direction in terms of shaping the market to meet future demand.

C176

NOMINATION OF LOCAL AUTHORITY SCHOOL GOVERNORS

Consideration has been given to the nomination of local authority governors to schools seeking to retain their local authority governor in accordance with The School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations.

RESOLVED - That the nominations for reappointment of the following local authority governors to the schools listed below, for a period of four years, as determined by the Schools' Instrument of Government, from the date indicated be approved.

School	Nomination	Date from
St Albans Primary, Pelaw	Mrs Maureen Harris	2 September 2019
St Joseph's Primary, Gateshead	Mr Geoff Brown	13 October 2019

The above decision has been made to ensure the School Governing Bodies have full membership.

C177

COUNCIL TAX AND NON-DOMESTIC RATES - TRANSFER OF UNCOLLECTABLE AMOUNTS

Consideration has been given to the transfer of outstanding balances from Council Tax and Non-Domestic Rates accounts, where all possible recovery action has been taken and the balances are now considered to be uncollectable.

- RESOLVED -
- (i) That the transfer of 1,022 uncollectable accounts in respect of Council Tax balances totalling £264,958.58 be approved.
 - (ii) That the transfer of 276 uncollectable accounts of Non-Domestic Rates balances totalling £667,301.29 be approved.
 - (iii) That the action taken under delegated powers by the Strategic Director, Corporate Resources, to transfer Council Tax and Non-Domestic Rates accounts with balances of £500 or less as identified in paragraph 6 of the report, be noted.

The above decisions have been made for the following reasons:

- (A) To ensure the effective management of the Council's resources.
- (B) To ensure that the Council Accounts accurately reflect the correct financial position.

C178

SURPLUS DECLARATION AND COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER OF BOWLING GREENS AND PAVILIONS

Consideration has been given to the surplus declarations and community asset transfers of Marley Hill and Pelaw Bowling Greens and Pavilions.

- RESOLVED -
- (i) That in respect of Marley Hill Bowling Green and Pavilion, the property be declared surplus to the Council's requirements and the Strategic Director, Corporate Services and Governance be authorised to grant a 25 year lease, at a nil rent, to Marley Hill Community Bowling Club CIO, pursuant to the Council's Community Asset Transfer policy.
 - (ii) That in respect of Pelaw Bowling Green and Pavilion, the property be declared surplus to the Council's requirements and the Strategic Director, Corporate Services and Governance be authorised to grant a 35 year lease, at a nil rent, to Pelaw Community Bowling Club, pursuant to the Council's Community Asset Transfer policy.

The above decisions have been made for the following reasons:

- (A) To manage resources and rationalise the Council's assets in line with the Corporate Asset Strategy and Management Plan.
- (B) To realise savings identified through rationalisation of the

bowling green portfolio as agreed by Cabinet on 19 September 2017.

C179 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 action taken on them be noted.

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

C180 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.

C181 SCHOOL'S CAPITAL SCHEME CONTRACTS

Consideration has been given to the negotiation of tenders for capital works in school premises with the Gateshead Housing Company, in accordance with the Construction Protocol (rule 3), and the placing of orders contained within the overall budget limit.

RESOLVED - That the Service Director, Council Housing, Design and Technical Services be authorised to accept tenders and place orders with the Gateshead Housing Company, for works for the schemes over £100,000 detailed in appendix 2 to the report, subject to the Strategic Director Corporate Services and Governance approving the form of contract in accordance with the Constitution.

The above decisions have been made to enable projects to progress and to avoid delay in delivery of the school's capital programme and its related expenditure.

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.

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Chair.....

