

GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET MEETING

Tuesday, 11 October 2022

PRESENT: Councillor M Gannon (Chair)

Councillors: C Donovan, J Adams, M Brain, A Douglas,
J McElroy, M McNestry and B Oliphant

Also in attendance: Councillors: R Beadle and JCWallace

C35 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence have been received from Councillors L Green and G Haley.

C36 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 19 July 2022 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

C37 **FUTURE PROGRAMME FOR THE SELECTIVE LICENSING OF PRIVATE LANDLORDS**

Consideration has been given to the proposal to develop evidence led programme of future Selective Landlord Licensing (SLL) schemes.

- RESOLVED -
- (i) That the proposal for evidence led assessment of potential areas of the borough that would benefit from Selective Landlord Licensing be approved.
 - (ii) That the proposal to consider at a future Cabinet meeting, details of the proposed areas and to receive and consider at that time a report on a proposed programme of SLL scheme implementation, subject to statutory public consultation, be approved.
 - (iii) That the financial impact of the necessary development work be noted.
 - (iv) That the intention to undertake a study into the impacts of SLL in meeting the Council's wider Thrive ambitions and in delivering its Health and Wellbeing strategic priorities be noted.

The above decisions have been made for the following reasons:

- (A) There are high levels of private rented properties in some areas, and ineffective property and tenancy management by

some landlords is having a detrimental effect on the health and wellbeing of some of the most vulnerable private renters and contributing to the impact of deprivation.

- (B) Without SLL it is not possible for the Council to focus any proactive intervention to protect residents within these areas from the impact of poorly managed privately rented homes.
- (C) The development of a programme of SLL that phases implementation over time, is necessary to ensure that the activity is achievable within the resources available and affordable to the Council.
- (D) Current schemes must continue to be resourced until they come to an end and development work for further schemes must be carried out at the same time.

C38 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE 2021/22

Consideration has been given to recommending the Council to endorse the Audit and Standards Committee Annual Report 2021/22.

RESOLVED - That the Council be recommended to endorse the Audit and Standards Committee Annual Report 2021/22 as set out in appendix 2 to the report.

The above decision has been made to strengthen the Council's arrangements for oversight by councillors of governance, audit, risk management, the internal control framework, value for money and efficiency.

C39 REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION

Consideration has been given to recommending the Council to approve a number of amendments to the Council's Constitution.

RESOLVED - That the Council be recommended to agree the proposed changes to the Council's Constitution as set out in appendix 2 to the report.

The above decision has been made to ensure that the Constitution remains fit for purpose and that its aims and principles are given effect.

C40 TENANCY STRATEGY AND ALLOCATIONS POLICY

Consideration has been given to recommending the Council to approve a new Tenancy Strategy and Allocations Policy and for these documents to be included as part of the Council's policy framework.

RESOLVED - That the Council be recommended to approve the new Tenancy Strategy and Allocations Policy as set out in appendices 2 and 3 to the report and for these documents to

be included as part of the Council's policy framework.

The above decisions have been made for the following reasons:

- (A) To ensure we are meeting all related statutory and regulatory requirements.
- (B) To deliver on our related strategies, including our Housing Strategy, Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy and Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

C41

APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC ANALYSTS

Consideration has been given to recommending to Council the appointments of six Public Analysts in accordance with the requirements of the Food Safety Act 1990.

RESOLVED - That the Council be recommended to approve the appointments of the following named analysts as Public Analysts for the Council:

- Lilian Emma Jane Downie MChem, MChemA, CChem, MRSC
- Michelle Evans BSc, MChemA, CChem, MRSC
- Donna Hanks BSc, MChemA, MRSC
- Mary Butts MSc MChemA MRSC

The above decision has been made for the following reasons:

- (A) It is a statutory requirement for Gateshead Council to appoint one or more public analysts who have a minimum qualification.
- (B) Public Analyst Scientific Services Ltd have successfully tendered to be the Public Analysts for the Council.

C42

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY STRATEGY 2022 - 2032

Consideration has been given to recommending the Council to approve the new Physical Activity Strategy for Gateshead and for the Strategy to be included as part of the Council's policy framework.

RESOLVED - That the Council be recommended to approve the new Physical Activity Strategy for Gateshead as set out in appendix 2 to the report and for the Strategy to be included as part of the Council's policy framework.

The above decision has been made for the following reasons:

- (A) To support implementation of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and ensure that the Council is well placed to respond to the health and wellbeing needs of the borough, alongside taking action to tackle increasing health inequalities within Gateshead.

- (B) To contribute to a wide range of range of individual, social, economic and environmental benefits which result from increased levels of physical activity.

C43

ACCEPTANCE AND USE OF NEWCASTLE GATESHEAD CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP FUNDING BY PUBLIC HEALTH ON HEALTH INEQUALITIES

Consideration has been given to a decision accept identified funds from the Newcastle Gateshead Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) for use on health inequalities, using delegated powers, due to urgency required to accept funds within the timeframe available.

- RESOLVED -
- (i) That the receipt of funds from the CCG for use on Health Inequalities and the use of the delegated powers by the Director of Public Health to accept the funding and its projected uses in accordance with Schedule 5, Part 2 General Delegations to Managers, Paragraph (4) (e) of the Council's Constitution be noted.
 - (ii) That the award of a grant over three years to Edbert's House as set out in the report and within the Section 256 Agreement between the CCG and the Council be noted.
 - (iii) That the proposal that Public Health and Wellbeing develop an evidence-based options appraisal and business case to use the funds to tackle health inequalities through actions aligned with the Health and Wellbeing Strategy be noted.

The above decisions have been made for the following reasons:

- (A) To inform Cabinet that the Director of Public Health used delegated powers set out in the constitution to accept the funds and projected uses within the limited timeframe available.
- (B) The Section 256 Agreement specified that approximately £380,000 of the funding was to be used to fund the project proposal for Edbert's House to build capacity for Health Equity and a pilot a community hub at Highfield, building on learning gained from the development of other hubs in Central, South and East Gateshead. The identified method for enabling this would be through provision of a grant agreement.
- (C) The Section 256 Agreement specifies that the funding transferred will be used specifically to address health inequalities. Public Health will ensure that that an evidence-based approach is developed, in line with identified health needs among the population, and aligned with the priorities and actions set out in the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

C44 **PURCHASE OF REMINISCENCE INTERACTIVE THERAPY ACTIVITIES (RITA)**

Item withdrawn.

C45 **HOUSING DELIVERY TEST ACTION PLAN**

Consideration has been given to the new Housing Delivery Test Action Plan.

- RESOLVED -
- (i) That the content of the new Housing Delivery Test Action Plan be approved.
 - (ii) That the Strategic Director, Economy, Innovation and Growth, following consultation with the relevant Cabinet Members be authorised to make any minor changes to the action plan, publish and if necessary, submit it to the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government.

The above decisions have been made for the following reasons:

- (A) To increase the amount of new housing delivered in the borough to meet local housing need and in line with the Core Strategy.
- (B) The requirement to publish an action plan in accordance with paragraph 75 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

C46 **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 set out below be approved for a period of four years in accordance with the Schools' Instrument of Government:

School	Nomination	Date from
Glynwood Community Primary School	Cllr J Adams	06.12.22
Ravensworth Terrace Community Primary School	Cllr J McCoid	08.11.22
Wardley Primary School	Cllr S Potts	29.12.22

C47

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.

C48

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AND DELIVERY PROGRAMME

Consideration has been given to a proposed new Housing Development Strategy for Gateshead and to a new five-year Delivery Programme (2022-2027) confirming the planned development workstreams and individual schemes that will help to achieve the much-needed building of new homes across the borough.

RESOLVED - (i) That the proposed Housing Development Strategy and five-year Delivery Programme be approved.

(ii) That the proposed actions detailed in the report to help ensure the successful delivery of the five-year programme be approved.

The above decisions have been made for the following reasons:

- (A) To contribute towards the Council's housing delivery targets to create new homes including the provision of more affordable homes.
- (B) To contribute towards economic recovery and provide training, employment and socio-economic benefits for the residents and businesses of Gateshead.
- (C) To utilise the Council's land and property portfolio to support the Council's policy priorities.
- (D) To help decrease pressure on the Council to allocate further land in the Green Belt for housing.
- (E) To bring forward vacant Council owned sites for redevelopment.
- (F) To deliver the objectives of the Housing Strategy 2019-30.
- (G) To promote the regeneration of the urban area and redevelopment of brownfield land.

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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