

**GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET MEETING**

**Tuesday, 17 December 2019**

**PRESENT:** Councillor M Gannon (Chair)

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

**C95 APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor M Foy

**C96 MINUTES**

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

**C97 LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN: CAPITAL PROGRAMME MID-YEAR UPDATE**

Consideration has been given to an update on progress with the Council's programme of investment in the local transport network, including funding received through the Local Transport Plan process.

- RESOLVED -
- (i) That the revised programme for 2019/20, as set out in appendices 2-7 of the report, be approved and it be noted that there may be a need to review scheme priorities during the financial year in line with available resources.
  - (ii) That the Service Director, Highways and Waste be authorised to award the relevant works under the terms of the highways, drainage and street lighting maintenance contract.
  - (iii) That the Service Director, Planning Policy, Climate Change and Strategic Transport, be authorised to make changes to the approved programme, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for the Environment and Transport, as and when the need arises.
  - (iv) That the indicative integrated transport and maintenance programmes for 2020/21 be approved as a basis for future planning.

The above decisions have been made to enable the design and implementation of

transport schemes in support of the Tyne and Wear Local Transport Plan and the Council's policy objectives.

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**AIR QUALITY PROPOSALS: THE CLEAN AIR PLAN FOR NEWCASTLE, GATESHEAD AND NORTH TYNESIDE**

Consideration has been given to feedback on the public consultation on air quality proposals held during October and November 2019 and proposed measures.

- RESOLVED -
- (i) That the response to the consultation conducted between October and November 2019 be noted.
  - (ii) That the contents of the proposed package, including the bid for funding for mitigation measures to the Clean Air Fund, be noted.
  - (iii) That the business case be referred to Council for decision in advance of formal submission to the Joint Air Quality Unit as the proposed option for delivering compliance with legal limits for nitrogen dioxide in the shortest possible time, in adherence to the Council's obligation under the Environment Act 1995 (Feasibility Study for Nitrogen Dioxide Compliance) Air Quality Direction 2017 and the Environment Act 1995 (Gateshead Council, Newcastle City Council and North Tyneside Council) Air Quality Direction 2019.

The above decisions have been made to improve air quality in Gateshead, Newcastle and North Tyneside.

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**PERMIT SCHEME FOR ROAD WORKS AND STREET WORKS**

Consideration has been given to a proposal to implement a permit scheme for road works and street works by 31 March 2020 in accordance with Government guidance.

- RESOLVED -
- (i) That the introduction of a Permit Scheme for Road Works and Street Works (to be known as the Gateshead Permit Scheme) by 31 March 2020 be approved, as set out in the scheme document at Appendix 5 to the report.
  - (ii) That the Strategic Director, Housing, Environment and Healthy Communities be authorised to make the Order implementing the scheme, subject to such modifications as may be necessary following the statutory consultation.
  - (iii) That the Strategic Director, Housing, Environment and Healthy Communities be authorised to make

such changes to the scheme document as are necessary to correct any inaccuracies or reflect changes in national legislation.

- (iv) That Council be recommended to set the permit fees at the level shown in Appendix 3 of the report.

The above decisions have been made for the following reasons:

- (A) To facilitate better control of the highway network and improve the quality of information available to the travelling public.
- (B) To improve the quality of reinstatements and thereby relieve pressure on the Council's own highway maintenance budget.
- (C) To bring the management of street works activities in Gateshead into line with the rest of England, in conjunction with other north east councils.

#### C100 **REVISED STRATEGIC RESILIENCE MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK**

Consideration has been given to a revised Strategic Resilience Management Framework.

**RESOLVED** That the revised Strategic Resilience Management Framework, as set out in Appendix 2 to the report, be endorsed.

The above decision has been made for the following reasons:

- (A) To ensure compliance with the Council's statutory duties under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004.
- (B) To ensure that the Council has robust arrangements in place to mitigate, prepare for, respond to and recover from major incidents and emergency situations.

#### C101 **HIGHWAY ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE**

Consideration has been given to the annual update of the Highway Asset Management Plan 2018-30 which provides the latest performance information and recommends several changes to the Council's Highway Safety Inspection Policy.

**RESOLVED -** (i) That the updates to the Highway Asset Management Plan 2018-30, as set out in the report, be approved.

- (ii) That the changes to the Highway Safety Inspection Policy, as set out in the report, be approved.

The above decisions have been made for the following reasons:

- (A) To maximise investment in the local transport network to provide the basis for improved management and maintenance of Gateshead's highway network and ensure the effective use of resources.
- (B) In order to maximise external funding streams awarded to authorities who carry out effective highway management.

C102 **CORPORATE COMPLAINTS AND COMPLIMENTS PROCEDURE - ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19**

Consideration has been given to an analysis of the complaints and compliments recorded by the Council during the year 2018/19.

- RESOLVED -
- (i) That the corporate complaints and compliments procedure annual report for 2018/19 be approved.
  - (ii) That it be noted that the report will be considered by the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The above decisions have been made to ensure the Council has an effective and timely complaints procedure.

C103 **PETITIONS SCHEDULE**

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

- RESOLVED - That the information be noted.

C104 **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.

C105 **ZERO CARBON STRATEGY FOR LEISURE FACILITIES**

Consideration has been given to progress in reducing costs and carbon emissions for leisure facilities and to a proposal to enter into contracts for zero carbon heat and

power supply at Blaydon Leisure and Primary Care Centre.

- RESOLVED -
- (i) That the proposed strategy to make leisure facilities zero carbon be noted.
  - (ii) That the heads of terms for heat and power to Blaydon Leisure and Primary Care Centre be approved on the basis set out in the report.
  - (iii) That the Acting Strategic Director, Economy, Innovation and Growth be authorised, in consultation with the Strategic Director, Resources and Digital and Strategic Director, Corporate Services and Governance, to approve the terms and conditions of the contract.

The above decisions have been made for the following reasons:

- (A) To support the Council's Climate Change Emergency Strategy in reaching net zero emissions by 2030.
- (B) To continue to reduce energy costs for Council buildings in Gateshead to help close the budget gap.

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## **FUNDING FOR INNOVATION PROJECT**

Consideration has been given to an application to the North East Local Enterprise Partnership for Local Growth Funding to develop incubation space within the Northern Design Centre on Baltic Quarter.

- RESOLVED -
- (i) That the submission of a full business case for Local Growth Funding be approved and, subject to approval, the funding be accepted to develop incubation space in Northern Design Centre on Baltic Quarter.
  - (ii) That match funding up to the level indicated in the report be approved to be funded through business centre income.

The above decisions have been made for the following reasons:

- (A) To maximise opportunities for economic growth and create good quality employment in Gateshead.
- (B) To maximise the opportunities for business start-up in the digital technology sector.

- (C) To position Gateshead as the UK's primary destination for business investment in the immersive tech sector and establishment of a National Innovation Centre for Immersive.
- (D) To maximise available external funding opportunities.

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### **BIRTLEY CREMATORIUM CREMATOR REPLACEMENT**

Consideration has been given to a proposal to place orders and enter a contract for the supply of a replacement cremator and associated construction work at Birtley Crematorium.

- RESOLVED -
- (i) That an order be placed for the supply and fit of a new cremator complete with mercury abatement, on the basis set out in the report, and the Acting Strategic Director, Economy, Growth and Innovation be authorised to agree the contract details in consultation with the Strategic Director, Resources and Digital and Strategic Director, Corporate Services and Governance.
  - (ii) That a contract be entered into with the Gateshead Housing Company for the main contract works for the installation of the replacement cremator and associated construction works and the Acting Strategic Director, Economy, Growth and Innovation be authorised to agree the contract details in consultation with the Strategic Director, Resources and Digital and Strategic Director, Corporate Services and Governance within the agreed capital budget.
  - (iii) That a contract be entered into for a service agreement on the basis set out in the report.
  - (iv) That a contract be entered into for the supply of chemical reagent/waste product recycling on the basis set out in the report.

The above decisions have been made for the following reasons:

- (A) To continue to offer a crematorium facility to residents in the south of the Borough.
- (B) To have capacity to increase cremations in the event of a pandemic.

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**Chair.....**