

**GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET MEETING**

**Tuesday, 20 April 2021**

**PRESENT:** Councillor M Gannon

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

Also in attendance: Councillor JC Wallace

**C122 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence has been received from Councillor M McNestry.

**C123 MINUTES**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 23 March 2021 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**C124 PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT FRAMEWORK**

Consideration has been given to recommending the Council to approve the proposed new Performance Management and Improvement Framework for the Council.

- RESOLVED -
- (i) That the Council be recommended to approve the proposed new Performance Management and Improvement Framework for the Council as set out in appendix 2 to the report.
  - (ii) That 6 monthly performance reports identifying the impact of Council actions and intervention and delivery of Thrive and the Health and Wellbeing Strategy be submitted to Cabinet.

The above decisions have been made to ensure there is an effective framework in place to enable the Council to manage performance across its priorities and understand the impact of decisions.

**C125 RESPONSE TO GOVERNMENT'S CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE OF THE NEW HOMES BONUS.**

Consideration has been given to the proposed response to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government consultation on the future of the New Homes Bonus.

- RESOLVED -
- That the response to the consultation as set out in appendix 2 to the report be endorsed.

The above decision has been made to enable the Council to contribute a response to the consultation.

C126

## **GATESHEAD COUNCIL EQUALITY OBJECTIVES 2021-22**

Consideration has been given to the proposed equality objective for 2021-22, the aim of which is to improve the Council's understanding of the needs of Gateshead residents and its workforce with protected characteristics, in order to deliver the council's Thrive pledges and policy objectives of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

RESOLVED - That the proposed equality objective for 2021-22 as set out in the report be approved subject to some further refinement of the wording for clarification purposes.

To demonstrate the Council's commitment to tackling inequality in Gateshead, whilst ensuring compliance with the Public Sector Equality Duty.

C127

## **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 (NDR) accounts, where all possible recovery action has been taken and the balances are now considered to be uncollectable.

RESOLVED -

- (i) That the transfer of 2,223 uncollectable accounts in respect of Council Tax balances totalling £275,190.02 be approved.
- (ii) That the transfer of 76 uncollectable accounts of Non-Domestic Rates balances totalling £56,707.52 be approved.
- (iii) That the action taken by the Strategic Director, Resources and Digital under delegated powers to transfer Council Tax and Non-Domestic Rates accounts with balances of £500 or less as set out in 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.

C128

## **LOCAL BUS BOARD FOR GATESHEAD**

Consideration has been given to the establishment and initial membership of a Local Bus Board for Gateshead.

RESOLVED - (i) That the establishment of a Local Bus Board for Gateshead be approved.

- (ii) That the initial structure of the Local Bus Board as set out in appendix 2 to the report be approved.

The above decisions have been made to support a sustainable transport system capable of supporting the Gateshead's environmental, social and economic objectives.

## C129 **SCHOOL TERM DATES 2022-2023**

Consideration has been given to school term dates for 2022/23.

RESOLVED - That the calendar of school term dates for 2022/23 as set out in appendix 2 to the report be approved.

The above decision has been made for the following reasons:

- (A) To allow future planning to take place.
- (B) To make effective and efficient use of Council resources.

## C130 **NOMINATION OF LOCAL AUTHORITY SCHOOL GOVERNORS**

Consideration has been given to the nomination of local authority school governors.

RESOLVED - That the nominations set out below be approved for a period of four years in accordance with the Schools' Instrument of Government:

<b>School</b>	<b>Nomination</b>	<b>Date from</b>
Lobley Hill Primary	Cllr C Donovan	6 July 2021
Whickham Sports College	Cllr D Bradford	12 September 2021
Eslington/Furrowfield Federation	Cllr A Douglas	25 September 2021

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

## C131 **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.

C132

## **BLUE BIN RECYCLING MATERIAL CONTRACT**

Consideration has been given to the action taken by the Strategic Director, Housing, Environment and Healthy Communities to enter into a short-term Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) household recycling contract under the urgency delegation at Part 3, Schedule 5– General Delegations to Managers, Part 2, Paragraph 4(e) of the Council's constitution.

RESOLVED - That the action taken by the Strategic Director, Housing, Environment and Healthy Communities in accordance with Part 3, Schedule 5– General Delegations to Managers, Part 2, Paragraph 4(e) of the Council's Constitution, to enter into a short-term MRF household recycling contract from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022 with Re-Gen Waste and the existing delivery point service provider Riverdale PLC using the negotiated procedure without prior publication of a Contract Notice under regulation 32 (2) (c) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 be noted.

The above decision was taken to enable statutory household kerbside recycling collections to be maintained without interruption to service delivery.

C133

## **YOUNG PEOPLE'S DRUG AND ALCOHOL SERVICE CONTRACT**

Consideration has been given to the award of a contract for the young people's drug and alcohol treatment service to the current service provider, Humankind outside of the procurement requirements (Rule 5) within the Contract Procedure Rules of the Council's Constitution.

RESOLVED - That the award of a contract for the young people's drug and alcohol treatment service to Humankind for a period of twelve months commencing on 1 November 2021 and terminating on the 30 October 2022 in accordance with Rule 2.1.1 of the Contract Procedure Rules within the Council's Constitution be approved.

The above decision has been made to ensure the continued provision of a young people's drug and alcohol treatment service within Gateshead.

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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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**Chair.....**