

GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET MEETING

Tuesday, 19 March 2019

PRESENT: Councillor M Gannon

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

C147 MINUTES

The minutes of the Cabinet meetings held on 19 and 26 February 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

C148 THRIVE IN BEACON LOUGH EAST - NATIONAL LOTTERY PROPOSAL

Consideration has been given to the role of the Council within the "Thrive in Beacon Lough East" (TIBLE) community project and the Council's contribution to a recently submitted National Lottery Community Fund - Partnerships Bid (over a five year period).

RESOLVED - That the Council's support for the emerging Beacon Lough East partnership and the in-development National Lottery Community Fund bid being led by Edberts House comprising £160,000 in cash, subject further discussion with all partners to understand the full requirements in relation to IT/office costs and in addition to the financial support, £910,000 of in-kind resource over a 5 year period, as shown appendix 4 be approved.

The above decision has been made for the following reasons:

- (A) It epitomises the Council's strategic approach *Making Gateshead A Place Where Everyone Thrives* - this project seeks to tackle health and social inequalities, which have been exacerbated by austerity, by working with communities and other agencies to radically rethink the way that communities are resourced, money is spent, and how the Council relates and interacts with partners. Ultimately it explores a new way of working for delivering bespoke outcomes that is intended for replication.
- (B) The Public Service Reform work and learning is rooted in reducing demand into acute services by helping people to thrive. This decision provides the opportunity to combine and pool resources differently, build networks that work for people, empower front line staff to work across sectors without filter and to fundamentally change the ecosystem of services and communities for the better.

C149

LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN - CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE

Consideration has been given to the Council's future programme of investment in the local transport network, including funding received through the Local Transport Plan (LTP) process and specifically to the proposed 2019/20 integrated transport (IT) and roads maintenance programmes together with a further four years of indicative allocations.

- RESOLVED -
- (i) That the proposed programme for 2019/20, as set out in appendices 2 to 6 to the report be approved and it be noted there may be a need to review scheme priorities during the course of the financial year, in line with the available resources.
 - (ii) That the indicative schedule of schemes for the Transforming Cities Fund, Tranche 2 bid, as set out in appendix 7 to the report be approved,
 - (iii) That the Service Director, Development, Transport and Public Protection be authorised to award the relevant works to the Service Director, Street Scene under the terms of the Highways, Drainage & Street Lighting Maintenance Contract.
 - (iv) That the Service Director, Development, Transport and Public Protection be authorised to make changes to the approved indicative programme following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport, as and when the need arises.

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.

C150

SALIX ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMME 2018/19 TO 2019/20

Consideration has been given to the proposed programme of works to various existing Council premises to enable energy efficiency savings and to the award of the contracts for the works to the Gateshead Housing Company.

The alternative option to that being recommended, but which was discounted, included external procurement.

- RESOLVED -
- (i) That the proposed Salix programme of works as identified in appendix 2 to the report and the award of contracts for these works to the Gateshead Housing Company be approved.
 - (ii) That the Acting Strategic Director, Communities and Environment be authorised to agree the final terms and costs of contracts with the Gateshead Housing Company within the agreed overall budget limit.

The above decisions have been made for the following reasons:

- (A) To meet the Council's targets for the reduction in energy,

carbon emissions and costs through energy efficiency improvements.

- (B) To improve the internal environment in the Council's buildings.

C151

HEAT TARIFFS FOR GATESHEAD HEIGHTS PROJECT

Consideration has been given to the completion of the Gateshead HEIGHTs project and to the proposed heat tariffs chargeable to residents of the project for 2019/20.

The alternative options to those being recommended, but which were discounted, included setting lower or higher tariffs.

RESOLVED - That the heat tariffs set out below be approved:

- Regent Court – 4.405 p/kWh (an 11% reduction)
- Barford, Stretford, Ripley, Willerby, Acomb and Bedale Courts – 7.595 p/kWh (a 5% reduction)

The above decision has been made for the following reasons:

- (A) To comply with heat supply agreements in place with customers.
- (B) To ensure the HEIGHTs scheme recovers its operating and construction costs over its lifetime.

C152

GATESHEAD INNOVATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND

Consideration has been given to recommendations from the Gateshead Innovation and Development Fund Panel, concerning applications made by organisations seeking support from the Fund.

- RESOLVED -
- (i) That the recommendations for the Gateshead Innovation and Development Fund, as set out in appendix 2 to the report be approved.
 - (ii) That the Acting Strategic Director, Communities and Environment, following consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Communities and Volunteering and the Chair of Gateshead Innovation and Development Fund Advisory Panel, be authorised to determine the deferred funding applications as set out in appendix 2 to the report.
 - (iii) That the implementation of a further round of the Fund as set out in paragraph 8 of the report be approved.

The above decisions have been made for the following reasons:

- (A) To help establish stronger, impactful organisations at the heart of Gateshead communities that are better placed to help deliver the Council's Thrive programme.

- (B) To enable appropriate due diligence to take place with successful applicants ahead of formal funding offers being made.

C153

GATESHEAD LOCAL PLAN - MAKING SPACES FOR GROWING PLACES (MSGP) (SITE ALLOCATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT POLICIES) - SUBMISSION

Consideration has been given to recommending the Council to approve the Making Spaces for Growing Places (MSGP) Local Plan document for submission to the Planning Inspectorate for independent examination.

RESOLVED -

That the Council be recommended to:

- (i) Note the Consultation Statement March 2019 as set out in appendix 2 to the report.
- (ii) Note the amendments proposed to the submission draft plan, as set out in the "Schedule of Proposed Minor Modifications" at appendix 3 to the report.
- (iii) Authorise formal submission of the Making Spaces for Growing Places (MSGP) Local Plan document, as set out in appendix 4 to the report, and associated submission documentation, to the Secretary of State pursuant to Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.
- (iv) Grant authority to the Inspector appointed to hold the public examination to make modifications to the MSGP Submission Document under Section 20 (7C) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 as amended.
- (v) Delegate authority to the Acting Strategic Director, Communities and Environment and Strategic Director, Corporate Services and Governance following consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member to;
 - a. make any changes to MSGP and supporting documentation for consideration at public examination;
 - b. prepare and give evidence in support of the examination of MSGP; and
 - c. go out to consultation on any modifications to MSGP recommended by the Planning Inspector at the examination.

The above decision has been made to progress the development of the Gateshead Local Plan as required by government policy and statutory obligations under Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, Localism Act 2011 and Town and Country Planning (Local Plans) Regulations 2012 (as amended).

C154

GATESHEAD HOUSING STRATEGY 2019 - 2030

Consideration has been given to recommending the Council to approve the Gateshead Housing Strategy 2019-30.

RESOLVED - That the Council be recommended to approve the Gateshead Housing Strategy 2019-30.

The above decision has been made for the following reasons:

- (A) To support the delivery of the Council's strategic objectives of sustainable housing and economic growth, as set out in the Local Plan ("Planning for the Future" - Core Strategy and Urban Core Plan for Gateshead and Newcastle upon Tyne 2010-2030) and the wider objectives of the Council's Making Gateshead Thrive pledges of improved health and wellbeing, equality and sustainable neighbourhoods.
- (B) To identify clear housing objectives and priorities, put forward a vision for housing in Gateshead, and set a framework for how the Council will deliver services and interventions, and work in partnership with others, in a way that will help achieve those objectives using increasingly scarce resources proportionately and effectively.
- (C) To set a framework for how the Council will fulfil its housing-related statutory functions and duties
- (D) To satisfy the Council's statutory requirement under the Homelessness Act 2002 to publish a Homelessness Strategy (to be known as a homelessness and rough sleeping strategy following the publication of the Government's Rough Sleeping Strategy in August 2018).

C155 **TREASURY POLICY STATEMENT AND TREASURY STRATEGY 2019/20 TO 2023/24**

Consideration has been given to recommending the Council to approve the Treasury Policy Statement and Treasury Strategy for 2019/20 to 2023/24.

RESOLVED - That the Council be recommended to approve the Treasury Policy Statement and the Treasury Strategy as set out in appendices 2 and 3 of the report.

The above decision has been made to provide a framework for the Strategic Director, Corporate Resources to exercise his delegated powers.

C156 **MANAGEMENT OF VIOLENCE AND AGGRESSION TOWARDS EMPLOYEES POLICY**

Consideration has been given to recommending the Council to approve the new Management of Violence and Aggression towards Employees Policy (LCS-HS-26) covering all Council employees and others affected by the Council's work activities.

RESOLVED - That the Council be recommended to approve the new Management of Violence and Aggression towards Employees Policy.

The above decision has been made to comply with the legal requirements to manage the risks from violence and aggression in the workplace and have a corporate policy to demonstrate commitment.

C157 **LOCALISM ACT 2011 - PAY ACCOUNTABILITY PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2019-20**

Consideration has been given to recommending the Council to approve a revised Pay Policy Statement for 2019/20.

RESOLVED - That the Council be recommended to approve the Pay Policy Statement for 2019/20 as set out in appendix 2 to the report.

The above decision has been made to comply with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011.

C158 **RESPONSES TO CONSULTATION**

Consideration has been given to responses to recent consultations.

RESOLVED - That the responses to the following consultations be endorsed.

- Improving access to social housing for members of the Armed Forces, Veterans, and their families - Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government (MHCLG)
- Draft Local Plan - Durham County Council
- Draft Local Plan - Northumberland County Council

The above decision has been made to enable the Council to contribute responses to the consultations.

C159 **GATESHEAD'S LOCAL OFFER FOR CARE LEAVERS**

Consideration has been given to Gateshead's Local Offer for Care Leavers.

RESOLVED - That the Local Care Offer, as set out in appendix 2 to the report be approved.

The above decision has been made for the following reasons:

- (A) To ensure the Council meets statutory requirements.
- (B) To ensure that care leavers are supported by both the Council

and partners in their transition to independence.

C160 **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 governors in accordance with The School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations.

RESOLVED - That the following nominations Local Authority Governors be approved for a period of four years, as stipulated in the Schools Instrument of Government with effect from the dates indicated.

School	Nomination	Date from
Emmaville Primary School	Cllr H Haran	01.07.19
Fellside Primary School	Cllr G Haley	10.07.19

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

C161 **FUTURE HIGH STREET FUND - EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

Consideration has been given to the submission of an Expression of Interest to the Future High Street Fund by the deadline of 22 March 2019.

RESOLVED - That the submission of an Expression of interest to the Future High Street Fund by the deadline of 22 March 2019 be approved.

The above decision has been made for the following reasons:

- (A) To accelerate regeneration activities in the town centre, enabling utilisation of abandoned property and bringing forward new development in a shorter timescale than could be achieved in the absence of Future High Street Funding.
- (B) Improvements to the environment in the Town Centre and reduction in negative uses that have a direct correlation with anti-social behaviour and crime and disorder.
- (C) To protect and enhance business rate income and to increase new income through council tax.
- (D) Creation of new job and training opportunities.
- (E) To secure match capital funding to address the funding gap in the emerging business case. This will be attractive to potential interested investment partners subject to determination of the procurement options.

C162 **UPDATE ON EU EXIT PREPARATIONS**

Consideration has been given to an update in relation to the Council's EU Exit preparations also referred to as 'Brexit'.

RESOLVED - That the Council's preparations for the potential impacts of EU Exit be noted and a programme of members seminars at appropriate stages of the EU Exit process be approved.

The above decision has been made to ensure that the Council has proportionate preparations in place for the potential impacts of the EU Exit within Gateshead.

C163 **MISCELLANEOUS INCOME - TRANSFER OF UNCOLLECTABLE AMOUNTS**

Consideration has been given to transferring out of the Council's Accounts outstanding balances in excess of £500 from miscellaneous income accounts and also Housing Benefits overpayments, where all possible recovery action has been taken and the balances are now considered to be uncollectable.

RESOLVED - (i) That the transfer of balances on 98 sundry debtor accounts, amounting to £182,867.65 and 174 Housing Benefits overpayment invoices totalling £337,673.53 be approved.

(ii) That the action taken under delegated powers to transfer out of the Council's accounts the identified amounts that are deemed uncollectable 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.

C164 **SURRENDER AND NEW LEASE OF DERWENTHAUGH MARINA**

Consideration has been given to the surrender of the current lease of Derwenthaugh Marina from Ramesh Dewan ("the Tenant") and the grant of a new lease for a term of 125 years to the Tenant.

RESOLVED - (i) That the surrender of the current lease of Derwenthaugh Marina and the grant of a new lease for a term of 125 years to Ramesh Dewan, from a date to be agreed, at a rent of £6,800 per annum with a 5 yearly rent review pattern be approved.

(ii) That the Strategic Director, Corporate Services and Governance be authorised to agree the detailed terms.

The above decision has been made to manage resources in accordance with the provisions of the Corporate Asset Strategy and Management Plan.

C165

RESOLVED -

C166

Consideration has been given to the tenders received for the contract for the Provision of Corporate Physiotherapy Services.

RESOLVED -

The above decision has been made because the accepted tender is the most economically advantageous tender submitted.

C167

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

RESOLVED -

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

C168

RESOLVED -

C169

Consideration has been given to the extension of the District Energy Scheme to the Baltic Quarter and to the award of contracts to construct the extension.

RESOLVED -

(i)

(ii)

- (iii) That the instruction of variations to the existing contract with Willmott Dixon Construction Ltd for design and construction of solar PV's to the new speculative office be approved.
- (iv) That the Acting Strategic Director, Communities and Environment, following consultation with the Strategic Directors, Corporate Services & Governance and Corporate Resources, be authorised to agree detailed terms and scope within the agreed capital budget allocation.

The above decisions have been made for the following reasons:

- (A) To enable the extension of Gateshead Council's District Energy Scheme to provide further benefits to new customers on Baltic Quarter.
- (B) To generate additional revenue income for the Council.
- (C) To help reduce energy costs and carbon emissions of Council buildings and external buildings in Gateshead.

C170 **PROPOSED LEASE OF BILL QUAY FARM**

Consideration has been given to the grant of a lease of Bill Quay Farm to St Camillus Care Group.

RESOLVED - That the grant of a 25 year lease to St Camillus Care Group on the terms set out in the report, and further detailed terms as agreed by the Strategic Director, Corporate Services & Governance be approved.

The above decision has been made to manage the Council's assets in line with the Corporate Asset Strategy and Management Plan.

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