

**GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**Thursday, 21 January 2021**

**PRESENT:** THE MAYOR COUNCILLOR M HOOD (CHAIR)

Councillors: J Adams, Anderson, R Beadle, D Bradford, M Brain, C Buckley, D Burnett, L Caffrey, M Charlton, B Clelland, P Craig, S Craig, C Davison, W Dick, S Dickie, Diston, K Dodds, C Donovan, A Douglas, D Duggan, John Eagle, K Ferdinand, S Gallagher, M Gannon, A Geddes, F Geddes, J Gibson, B Goldsworthy, M Goldsworthy, T Graham, L Green, S Green, G Haley, M Hall, S Hawkins, H Haran, H Kelly, L Kirton, J Lee, P Maughan, K McCartney, J McClurey, K McClurey, J McElroy, E McMaster, P McNally, M McNestry, B Oliphant, C Ord, M Ord, R Oxberry, I Patterson, J Raine, S Ronchetti, J Simpson, J Turnbull, J Wallace, A Wheeler and K Wood

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors: M Foy, P Foy, R Mullen, J Reay and R Waugh

**A minutes silence was observed following the deaths of employees Elaine Innes and Mick Downworth**

**CL39 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 19 NOVEMBER 2020**

COUNCIL RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2020 be approved as a correct record.

**CL40 OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no official announcements.

**CL41 PETITIONS**

There were no petitions submitted.

**CL42 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

There were no questions submitted by members of the public.

**CL43 LOCAL COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME FOR 2021/22**

Consideration was given to a report seeking approval of a Local Council Tax Support Scheme for the year 2021/22.

COUNCIL RESOLVED - (i) That the proposed scheme as set out in paragraphs 7 and 8 of the report be approved.

- (ii) That powers be delegated to the Strategic Director, Resources and Digital, to provide regulations to give effect to the scheme.

#### **CL44 REVIEW OF THE OFFICE OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

Consideration was given to a report seeking approval of the establishment of a new Service Director post in the Office of the Chief Executive.

COUNCIL RESOLVED - That the establishment of a new Service Director post in the Office of the Chief Executive be approved.

#### **CL45 CAPITAL PROGRAMME AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2020/21 – THIRD QUARTER REVIEW**

Consideration was given to a report setting out the latest position on the 2020/21 Capital Programme and Prudential Indicators at the end of the third quarter.

- COUNCIL RESOLVED -
- (i) That all variations to the 2020/21 Capital Programme, as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report, be approved as the revised programme.
  - (ii) That the financing of the revised programme be approved.
  - (iii) To note that Cabinet confirms that the capital expenditure and capital financing requirement indicators have been revised in line with the revised budget and that none of the approved Prudential Indicators set for 2020/21 have been breached.

#### **CL46 REVENUE BUDGET 3RD QUARTER REVIEW 2020/21**

Consideration was given to a report setting out the latest monitoring position on the 2020/21 revenue budget at the end of the third quarter.

- COUNCIL RESOLVED -
- (i) That the virements to contingency actioned for operational purposes, as outlined in appendix 1 of the report, be approved.
  - (ii) That an amendment to the net revenue budget for 2020/21 from £240.961m to £243.507m, as presented in appendix 1 of the report, to account for the additional grant funding, be approved.

**CL47 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) RENT AND SERVICE CHARGES 2021/22**

Consideration was given to a report seeking approval for the proposed rent charges and 2021/22 HRA service charges.

- COUNCIL RESOLVED -
- (i) That the 1.5% rent increase from 5 April 2021, as detailed at Appendix 2 of the report, be approved.
  - (ii) That the HRA service charges, as detailed in Appendix 3 of the report, be approved.

**CL48 GATESHEAD LOCAL PLAN - ADOPTION OF MAKING SPACES FOR GROWING PLACES (MSGP) (SITE ALLOCATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT POLICIES)**

Consideration was given to a report seeking approval of the MSGP.

- COUNCIL RESOLVED -
- (i) That the Inspector's Report on Making Spaces for Growing Places be noted and that the main modifications be accepted.
  - (ii) That the Making Spaces for Growing Places Local Plan document and Policies Map be adopted from 1 February 2021.
  - (iii) That the remaining saved Unitary Development Plan Policies be noted, which will cease to have effect when the Plan is adopted.
  - (iv) That the publication of the Adoption Statement and the Sustainability Appraisal be noted, in accordance with Regulation 26 and 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning)(England) Regulations 2012 and that all persons on the Local Plan database be notified and a copy of the Adoption Statement be sent to the Secretary of State.

**CL49 NOTICE OF MOTION - WORK TO STOP DOMESTIC ABUSE**

Councillor A Douglas moved the following motion:

"Gateshead Council is an employer who cares about the impact of domestic abuse on our employees. We support the GMB Employer Charter, and pledge to:

1. Support employees who are experiencing Domestic Abuse to access support services and information confidentially.
2. Ensure that those experiencing Domestic Abuse will not be disadvantaged within the terms and conditions of their employment and will take all

- reasonable measures to facilitate any needs in the workplace.
3. Commit to working/participating with other organisations to facilitate best support for those experiencing Domestic Abuse.
  4. Provide all employees with access to toolkits, information and our policies on domestic abuse, in a format that is easily and discretely accessible within the workplace.
  5. Ensure that we have employees trained across our organisation, to provide adequate access to support within the workplace for all employees. Staff trained should be representative of our workplace and will include line managers and Trade Union representatives.”

On the motion being put it was declared to be carried.

**CL50 QUESTIONS**

There were no questions submitted.

**Mayor.....**