

**GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**Thursday, 23 March 2023**

**PRESENT:** THE MAYOR COUNCILLOR D BURNETT (CHAIR)

Councillors: J Adams, V Anderson, R Beadle, M Brain, C Buckley, P Burns, L Caffrey, B Clelland, P Craig, C Davison, W Dick, P Diston, K Dodds, C Donovan, A Douglas, J Eagle, S Gallagher, 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, P Maughan, K McCartney, J McCoid, J McElroy, E McMaster, M McNestry, J Mohammed, L Moir, A Ord, C Ord, M Ord, I Patterson, S Potts, D Robson, S Ronchetti, J Simpson, J Turnbull, J Turner, J Wallace, D Weatherley, H Weatherley, D Welsh and A Wintcher

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors: D Bradford, S Dickie, D Duggan, M Gannon, J Green, P McNally, R Mullen, B Oliphant, R Waugh and K Wood

**CL82 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 26 JANUARY 2023 AND 23 FEBRUARY 2023**

COUNCIL RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meetings held on 26 January and 23 February 2023 be approved as a correct record.

**CL83 OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no official announcements.

**CL84 PETITIONS**

There were no petitions submitted.

**CL85 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

There were no questions submitted by members of the public.

**CL86 TREASURY POLICY STATEMENT AND TREASURY STRATEGY 2023/24 TO 2027/28**

Consideration was given to a report seeking approval of the Treasury Policy Statement and Treasury Strategy for 2023/24 to 2027/28.

COUNCIL RESOLVED - That the Treasury Policy Statement and the Treasury Strategy, attached at Appendix 2 of the

report, be approved.

**CL87 LOCALISM ACT 2011 – PAY ACCOUNTABILITY: PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2023-24**

Consideration was given to a report seeking approval of a revised pay policy statement.

COUNCIL RESOLVED - That the draft Pay Policy Statement 2023/24 be approved.

**CL88 GATESHEAD LOCAL PLAN - EXEMPLAR NEIGHBOURHOOD MASTERPLAN AND SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT**

Consideration was given to a report seeking approval of the Exemplar Neighbourhood Masterplan and Supplementary Planning Document.

COUNCIL RESOLVED - That the Exemplar Neighbourhood Masterplan and Supplementary Planning Document be approved for adoption.

**CL89 REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION**

Consideration was given to a report seeking approval for a number of amendments to the Constitution.

COUNCIL RESOLVED - That the proposed changes to the Council's Constitution, as set out in Appendix 2 of the report, and including an amendment to Article 18 to change Newcastle Gateshead Clinical Commissioning Group to the North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board, be approved.

**CL90 MOTION - LIVE STREAMING COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Councillor R Beadle moved the following motion:

“Council Notes:

- (1) That an increasing number of local authorities are recording and streaming Council meetings live and maintaining the recordings for public access thereafter;
- (2) That the live streaming of Council meetings during the Covid pandemic did not require additional expenditure or significant amounts of officer time;
- (3) That democracy is enhanced when electors can see their representatives taking decisions on their behalf.

Council agrees to:

- (1) Livestream all future Full Council meetings and maintain their availability

- on a dedicated YouTube channel;
- (2) Ask the Corporate Resources Committee to consider the merits of live-streaming all other Council Committee meetings, including Cabinet.”

Councillor J Adams moved the following amendment;

Delete all after “Council agrees” and replace with

“subject to a feasibility study and identification of a zero / low-cost solution:

- (1) Livestream all council meetings including cabinet meetings, and maintain their availability on a suitable online platform
- (2) Ask the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the merits of livestreaming all other Council Committee meetings, including Cabinet.”

The amendment was accepted by the mover of the original motion and therefore put as the substantive motion and duly carried.

**COUNCIL RESOLVED** -

Council Notes:

- (1) That an increasing number of local authorities are recording and streaming Council meetings live and maintaining the recordings for public access thereafter;
- (2) That the live streaming of Council meetings during the Covid pandemic did not require additional expenditure or significant amounts of officer time;
- (3) That democracy is enhanced when electors can see their representatives taking decisions on their behalf.

Council agrees subject to a feasibility study and identification of a zero / low-cost solution:

- (1) Livestream all council meetings including cabinet meetings, and maintain their availability on a suitable online platform
- (2) Ask the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the merits of livestreaming all other Council Committee meetings, including Cabinet.”

## **CL91 QUESTIONS**

There were no questions submitted.

