

GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET MEETING

Tuesday, 22 November 2022

PRESENT: Councillor M Gannon

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

Also in attendance: Councillors R Beadle and J Wallace

C67 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the last meeting of the Cabinet held on 25 October 2022 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

C68 **PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTS REPORT**

Consideration has been given to the procurement and award of contracts.

- RESOLVED -
- (i) That the Service Director, Corporate Commissioning and Procurement be authorised to invite or negotiate tenders or conduct other procurement processes (or to complete the relevant processes where they have already begun) in respect of the contracts listed in Appendix 2 of the report and to award the relevant contracts to the tenderers submitting the most economically advantageous tenders (or otherwise proving successful in accordance with other procurement processes) in accordance with the Contract Procedure Rules.
 - (ii) That the Cabinet continue to receive updated reports twice per year.
 - (iii) That the procurement activity set out in Appendices 2 and 3 of the report form the basis of the Council's Procurement Pipeline and published on the Council's internet.

For the following reasons:

- (A) To enable the procurement of goods, works and services required for the efficient and effective delivery of services.
- (B) To enable Cabinet to be updated with progress and changes to the procurement forward plan.
- (C) To comply with the National Procurement Policy Statement.

C69

HEALTH DETERMINATES RESEARCH COLLABORATION (HDRC)

Consideration has been given to the National Institute for Health and Care Research funding award of £4.981m and details of how this funding will be applied across Gateshead.

RESOLVED - That the National Institute for Health and Care Research awarded funding and the proposed implementation of Health Determinates Research Collaboration be endorsed.

For the following reason:

- To enable effective delivery and reporting and the success of the programme.

C70

ACTIVE TRAVEL AND SOCIAL PRESCRIBING PILOT

Consideration has been given on the outcome of the feasibility plan submitted to the Department for Transport for the Active Travel Social Prescribing Pilot.

RESOLVED - That the successful award allocation of £1,431,240.14 over a three-year period to implement the Active Travel Social Prescribing Pilot in Gateshead be supported.

For the following reason:

- The successful funding bid will allow further work with key communities who will benefit from increased levels of physical activity and associated wellbeing through cycling and walking social prescribing activities in Gateshead.

C71

CLIMATE EMERGENCY STRATEGY ADOPTION AND CLIMATE UPDATE

Consideration has been given to the adoption of the Climate Strategy.

RESOLVED -

- (i) That Council be recommended to adopt the Climate Strategy.
- (ii) That the continued development of the Ward Level Action Plans be approved.
- (iii) That the More and Better Woods Action Plan be approved.
- (iv) That the results of the independent environmental audit, the carbon monitoring report, and the ongoing activities that are progressing towards our climate and environmental sustainability targets be noted.

For the following reasons:

- (A) To progress the Council's carbon neutral commitment.
- (B) To show progress towards the Council's commitment to achieving carbon neutrality in Gateshead.

C72

TREASURY MANAGEMENT - PERFORMANCE TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

Consideration has been given to the Treasury Management performance for the six months to 30 September 2022 covering investments and borrowing.

RESOLVED - That Council be recommended to note the Treasury Management Performance to 30 September 2022.

For the following reason:

- To contribute to sound financial management and long-term financial sustainability of the Council.

C73

REVENUE BUDGET 2022/23 - SECOND QUARTER REVIEW

Consideration has been given to the latest monitoring position on the 2022/23 revenue budget at the end of the second quarter.

RESOLVED - (i) That the Council's revenue expenditure position at the end of the second quarter as set out in Appendices 1 and 2 of the report be noted.

(ii) That Council be recommended to approve the Housing Revenue account budget as set out in Appendix 3 of the report.

For the following reasons:

- (A) To contribute to sound financial management and the long-term financial sustainability of the Council.
- (B) To set a Housing Revenue Account for 2022/23 that is not in debt as required under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (Part VI)

C74

CAPITAL PROGRAMME AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2022/23 - SECOND QUARTER REVIEW

Consideration has been given to the latest position on the 2022/23 Capital Programme and Prudential Indicators at the end of the second quarter to 30 September 2022.

RESOLVED - (i) That Council be recommended to approve all variations to the 2022/23 Capital Programme as detailed in Appendix 2.

(ii) That Council be recommended to approve the financing of the revised programme as set out in the report.

(iii) That it be confirmed to Council that the capital expenditure and financing requirements have been revised in line with the amended budget and none of the approved Prudential Indicators set for 2022/23 have been breached.

(iv) That the urgent decision in relation to the Gateshead International Stadium Floodlighting project set out in the report

be noted.

For the following reasons:

- (A) To ensure the optimum use of the Council's capital resources in 2022/23.
- (B) To accommodate changes to the Council's in-year capital expenditure plans.
- (C) To ensure performance has been assessed against the approved Prudential Limits.

C75 CAPITAL STRATEGY 2023/24 TO 2027/28

Consideration has been given to the Capital Strategy for 2023/24 to 2027/28 to support the framework used to set and monitor the Capital Programme.

RESOLVED - That Council be recommended to approve the Capital Strategy as set out in Appendix 2 to the report.

For the following reason:

- To ensure that the Council fully complies with the requirements of good financial practice in capital accounting.

C76 BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND - 2023 REVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES - REVISED PROPOSALS

Consideration has been given to Revised Proposals published by the Boundary Commission for England in its 2023 Parliamentary Boundary Review.

RESOLVED - That Council be recommended to authorise the Chief Executive to prepare and submit a response to the Revised Proposals, making representations regarding the matters highlighted in the report, following a members' seminar and consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Opposition.

For the following reason:

- To enable the Council to make written representations to the Revised Proposals by the deadline of 5 December 2022.

C77 RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION

Consideration has been given to a response to South Tyneside Council's Draft Local Plan.

RESOLVED - That the proposed response set out in the report be endorsed.

For the following reason:

- To enable the Council to contribute a response to the consultation.

C78 **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.

C79 **TRANSFORMING CITIES FUND TRANCHE 2 - WEST CENTRAL ROUTE BUS LANE IMPROVEMENTS – FULL BUSINESS CASE (OCTOBER 2022)**

Consideration has been given to development and submission of a full business case for the West Central Route Bus Lane Improvements Scheme (GA16) in order to access an allocation of funding from the Transforming Cities Fund to enable implementation of the scheme.

- RESOLVED -
- (i) That the Strategic Director, Economy, Innovation and Growth, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport and the Strategic Director, Resources and Digital, be authorised to submit the full business case for the West Central Route Bus Lane Improvements Scheme and to make such amendments to the full business case for the scheme as may be required to secure funding approval from the North East Joint Transport Committee.
 - (ii) That the Strategic Director, Economy, Innovation and Growth be authorised to enter into a grant agreement following acceptance of the bid with the North East Combine Authority in consultation with the Strategic Director, Resources and Digital and Strategic Director, Corporate Services and Governance, in line with the Constitution.

For the following reason:

- To enable the implementation of the scheme using funding from the Transforming Cities Fund.

Copies of all reports and appendices referred to in these minutes are available online and in the minute file. Please note access restrictions apply for exempt business as defined by the Access to Information Act.

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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