

**GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**Thursday, 2 February 2017**

**PRESENT:** THE MAYOR COUNCILLOR A THOMPSON (CHAIR)

Councillors: P Dillon, J Adams, R Beadle, C Bradley, M Brain, M Charlton, B Clelland, P Craig, S Craig, D Davidson, K Dodds, A Douglas, D Duggan, John Eagle, K Ferdinand, M Foy, M Gannon, A Geddes, B Goldsworthy, M Goldsworthy, J Graham, M Graham, T Graham, J Green, L Green, S Green, G Haley, M Hall, M Henry, M Hood, H Haran, L Kirton, J Lee, K McCartney, J McClurey, J McElroy, C McHugh, E McMaster, M McNestry, P Mole, R Mullen, B Oliphant, C Ord, M Ord, I Patterson, S Ronchetti, C Simcox, J Simpson, J Turnbull, L Twist, J Wallace, A Wheeler and K Wood

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors: L Caffrey, S Dickie, C Donovan, P Foy, S Hawkins, J Kielty, P Maughan and N Weatherley

**CL81 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 15 DECEMBER 2016**

COUNCIL RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting held on 15 December 2016 be approved.

**CL82 OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**(A) British Institute of Cleaning Science (BICS) – North East Awards 2016**

The Mayor announced the success of Dawn Francis, Facilities Management Team, who won the Supervisor of the Year award, recognising her excellent standards of service delivery. Dawn was also awarded the Chairman's award, which was selected by the Regional Chairman from all of the award finalists.

The Mayor presented Dawn with her awards in recognition of her achievement.

**(B) New Year's Honours 2017**

The Mayor announced that within the Queen's New Year's Honours List 2017, people that live and work within the borough were recognised:

Ian Norman Dodds, Senior Policy Adviser for the Cabinet Office, was awarded an OBE for services to Civil Society and Community Action in the North East of England.

Fabulous Flournoy was awarded an MBE for services to British Basketball and the community in the North East.

Ailsa Margaret Rutter, Director of FRESH Smokefree North East, was awarded an

OBE for services to Tobacco Control.

Vera Baird, Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner, was awarded a Damehood for services to Women and Equality.

Roselyn Christine Jones, Mayor of Doncaster Council and part of the Peer Review Team for Gateshead, was awarded a CBE for services to Local Government.

**CL83 CONTRACT DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL CITIZEN SERVICE NORTH EAST - PRESENTATION**

Kim Smith, Contract Director of National Citizen Service North East, attended the meeting and gave a presentation on the work of the National Citizen Service.

**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 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT AND HOUSING CAPITAL PROGRAMME**

Consideration was given to a report seeking approval of the Housing Revenue Account, rent changes, fees and charges and the Housing Capital Programme for the next five years.

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| COUNCIL RESOLVED | - | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i) That the Housing Revenue Account, including The Gateshead Housing Company management fee, the repairs and management budget and savings, be approved.</li><li>ii) That the weekly rent reduction of 1% from 1 April 2017 be approved.</li><li>iii) That the fees and charges schedule be approved.</li><li>iv) That the Housing Capital Programme for the five years 2017/18 to 2021/22 be approved.</li></ul> |
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**CL87 COUNCIL HOUSING REPAIRS POLICY**

Consideration was given to a report seeking approval for changes to the repairs

policy for council housing stock.

COUNCIL RESOLVED - That changes to the repairs policy and standards of service delivery, as set out in Appendix 2, be approved.

**CL88 INTRODUCTION OF FIXED PENALTY NOTICES FOR FLYTIPPING AND REVIEW OF CURRENT FIXED PENALTY CHARGES.**

Consideration was given to a report seeking approval of the introduction of new Fixed Penalty Notice tariffs and the introduction of a Fixed Penalty Notice in relation to flytipping.

COUNCIL RESOLVED -

- i) That the introduction of a new Fixed Penalty Notice in respect of flytipping be approved.
- ii) That the Fixed Penalty Notice tariffs be amended in line with Table 2 of the report.

**CL89 GATESHEAD FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

Consideration was given to a report seeking approval of the Gateshead Flood Risk Management Strategy, which is required under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010.

COUNCIL RESOLVED - That the Gateshead Flood Risk Management Strategy, as set out in Appendix 2, be approved.

**CL90 CORPORATE COMMISSIONING AND PROCUREMENT STRATEGY**

Consideration was given to a report seeking approval for the implementation of a Corporate Commissioning and Procurement Strategy, setting out how the Council will work with partners, allocate resources and deliver the best outcomes.

COUNCIL RESOLVED -

- i) That the Corporate Commissioning and Procurement Strategy, as detailed in Appendix 2, and its implementation across the Council be approved.
- ii) That the development and roll out of a comprehensive training programme to all officers engaged in commissioning and procurement activity be approved.

#### **CL91 IMPLEMENTATION OF PROCUREMENT PROTOCOLS**

Consideration was given to a report seeking approval for the adoption of procurement protocols and an amendment to the Constitution to reflect the change.

- COUNCIL RESOLVED -
- i) That the adoption and implementation of the Protocols across the Council, as set out in Appendix 3, be approved.
  - ii) That an amendment to the Constitution to provide for the Protocols be approved.

#### **CL92 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2017/18**

Consideration was given to a report seeking approval of the proposed calendar of meetings for 2017/18.

- COUNCIL RESOLVED -
- i) That the calendar of meetings 2017/18 be approved.
  - ii) That as far as possible, meetings should not be held during school holidays.
  - iii) That the Strategic Director, Corporate Services and Governance, following consultation with the Leader of the Council, be authorised to make any necessary amendments to the calendar of meetings.

#### **CL93 CAPITAL PROGRAMME AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2016/17 - THIRD QUARTER REVIEW**

Consideration was given to a report that informed of the latest position on the 2016/17 capital programme and Prudential Indicators at the end of the third quarter to 31 December 2016. The report also informed of reasons for the variances from the approved programme and detailed the proposed financing of the capital programme.

- COUNCIL RESOLVED -
- i) That all variations of the 2016/17 Capital Programme, as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report, be agreed as the revised programme.

- ii) That the financing of the revised programme be approved.
- iii) That the capital expenditure and capital financing requirement indicators be confirmed as being revised in line with the revised budget and that none of the approved Prudential Indicators set for 2016/17 have been breached.

#### **CL94 BATTERY STORAGE FOR DISTRICT ENERGY SCHEME**

Consideration was given to a report seeking approval to fund and install a further 2MW battery storage system for the Gateshead District Energy Scheme at Park Road Depot.

COUNCIL RESOLVED - That the addition of the £1.65m budget to the Council's capital programme be approved.

#### **CL95 REPORT FROM THE CABINET**

The Leader of the Council reported on a number of key issues currently affecting the Council.

COUNCIL RESOLVED - That the information be noted.

#### **CL96 NOTICE OF MOTION - SUSTAINABILITY AND TRANSFORMATION PLANS**

Councillor M Foy moved the following motion:

“Health and Social Care are in crisis due to the failure of Government to adequately fund both health and social care.

The proposed Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STP) for the North East will not resolve the current crisis without Government recognition of the need to meet the increased costs of growing demand.

We recognise the benefits of greater health and social care integration to meet the needs of our community. But long term investment is needed in these areas to change the system from crisis management to prevention. Government also need to recognise the fundamental link between increased demand for health services and the reductions in funding to local authorities which has impacted on social care provision.

This Council is concerned that the STP process has so far not demonstrated clear engagement with local authorities – the process lacks clear governance and democratic accountability.

Whilst this Council will continue to work together with NHS partners and colleagues, through the formal mechanism of the Health and Wellbeing Board, we will not be able to endorse any final plan which does not recognise and address the need for adequate and fair funding and which has not been the subject of robust and meaningful public consultation.

This Council agrees to:

1. Write to the Secretary of State for Health outlining concerns about the lack of robust governance processes and the inadequate engagement of key stakeholders.
2. Write to MPs in the Borough to ask them to highlight our concerns about the lack of funding to support STP delivery.
3. Support meetings with local Public Services Alliances to undertake joint campaigning work to highlight shared concerns about lack of funding.
4. Use the full powers of Overview and Scrutiny to highlight our concerns with regard to transparency, engagement, finance and accountability.
5. Work with members of Trust bodies to encourage them to challenge the development of STPs with key partners.”

*The following amendment was submitted:*

In 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph, 2<sup>nd</sup> last line, replace “imparted” with “impacted”.

In 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph, 2<sup>nd</sup> last line, replace “adequate and fair funding” with “adequate funding based on need”.

In “This Council agrees to: 3”, replace “Public Services Alliances” with “appropriate campaigning groups”.

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

**COUNCIL RESOLVED** -

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#### **CL97 NOTICE OF MOTION - ARTICLE 50**

Councillor J Wallace moved the following motion:

“This Council notes the results of the referendum on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2016. This Council further notes that many leading supporters of the leave campaign backed calls for the UK to remain in the single market, even if there was a decision to leave the EU. Furthermore, this council notes that proposals to withdraw from the single market were not included in the referendum question.

This Council notes that significant numbers of Gateshead’s residents are employed by businesses that trade directly with the single market.

This Council calls on the Government to negotiate to keep the UK in the single market and calls on Gateshead MPs to oppose the triggering of Article 50 in Parliament until assurances are given that the Government will negotiate for the country to remain in it.”

On the motion being put, it was defeated.

#### **CL98 SUSPENSION OF PROCEDURE RULE 9.1**

Councillor Gannon moved that Council suspend the 6 days notice in Procedure Rule 9.1 to allow a motion to be dealt with urgently due to its importance and impact on many residents in the Borough.

COUNCIL RESOLVED - That Procedure Rule 9.1 be suspended.

#### **CL99 NOTICE OF MOTION - DONALD TRUMP STATE VISIT**

Councillor J Wallace moved the following motion:

“This Council notes with concern the decision by the Government to invite US President Donald Trump on a state visit to the UK. This Council notes the extreme, discriminatory actions announced by the US President immediately after the visit of the Prime Minister to Washington DC. This Council notes that many residents of Gateshead are now barred from visiting the USA by these divisive measures.

This Council agrees to:

- 1) take no formal part in any state visit to the UK by the US President and to withhold any Council resources from being used to support any such state visit;
- 2) write to the LGA to encourage all councils to take a similar stand.”

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

#### **CL100 QUESTIONS**

There were no questions submitted.

**Mayor.....**