

Schedule of Decisions - 20 February 2024

Cabinet



Introduction

This schedule sets out the decisions to be made by the Cabinet on 20 February 2024.

The Cabinet is comprised of;

Councillor Martin Gannon (Leader)

Councillor Catherine Donovan (Deputy Leader)

Councillors John Adams; Malcolm Brain; Angela Douglas; Bernadette Oliphant; Linda Green; Gary Haley; John McElroy; and Michael McNestry.

The decisions listed in the schedule include Key and Non Key decisions.

A Key decision is one which is likely to; result in the Council incurring expenditure, or making savings in excess of £500,000 OR to have significant impact on two or more wards.

A Non Key decision is either a decision which does not meet the criteria of a Key decision OR is a recommendation to Council, whereby Cabinet will be recommending to Council the adoption or amendment of a policy.

The schedule also sets out which decisions will be made in private.

Anyone wishing to comment or make representations on any item in this schedule should contact the Strategic Director, Corporate Services and Governance at Gateshead Council, Civic Centre, Regent Street, Gateshead NE8 1HH (telephone 0191 433 2100).

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**SCHEDULE OF DECISIONS
CABINET MEETING 20 FEBRUARY 2024**

1.	Issue Gateshead Council Trading Companies Annual Update	Contact: Darren Collins, Strategic Director - Resources and Digital Tel: 0191 433 3582 darrencollins@gateshead.gov.uk
Meeting Type	Fully exempt This matter will be dealt with during the private part of the meeting. This matter is considered to be commercially confidential and contains exempt information, as detailed below: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The report will contain “exempt” information which falls within paragraph 3 of part 1 of schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (“Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding the information)”; and 2. "In relation to the “exempt” information, it has been determined that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information because disclosure would adversely impact the authority’s ability to manage its commercial financial and business affairs." 	
2. KEY	Issue East Street Flats Energy Improvement Works Purpose to report cost estimate and programme for work to improve energy efficiency of East Street flats, and seek approval to award contracts for design and pre-construction stage.	Contact: Jim Gillon, Service Director – Energy & Design Tel: 0191 433 3923 jimgillon@gateshead.gov.uk
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3.	<p>Issue Proposal to consult on an Options Review of Colegate Community Primary School</p> <p>Purpose To seek formal approval of Cabinet to proceed with an Options Review of Colegate Community Primary School.</p>	<p>Contact: Melanie Maitland, Strategic Lead for Schools and Early Years MelanieMaitland@gateshead.gov.uk</p>
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Meeting Type	<p>Fully exempt This matter will be dealt with during the private part of the meeting. This matter is considered to be commercially confidential and contains exempt information, as detailed below:</p> <p>1. The report will contain “exempt” information which falls within paragraph 4 of part 1 of schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (“Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, any authority”); and</p> <p>2. "In relation to the “exempt” information, it has been determined that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information because disclosure would adversely impact the authority’s ability to manage its commercial financial and business affairs."</p>
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4.	<p>Issue Framework for Considering Applications from Independent Schools Applying to Move into the</p>	<p>Contact: Helen Fergusson, Strategic Director - Childrens Social Care and Lifelong Learning Tel: 0191 433 2700</p>
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	<p>Maintained Sector</p> <p>Purpose To seek Cabinet approval for a framework for use by the Council when considering applications from independent schools seeking to open a new maintained school to replace an independent school.</p>	<p>helenfergusson@gateshead.gov.uk</p>
Meeting Type	Open	

<p>5. KEY</p>	<p>Issue North East Screen Industries Partnership</p> <p>Purpose To seek Cabinet approval to continue to contribute to the North East Screen Industries Partnership region-wide development programme.</p>	<p>Contact: Peter Udall, Strategic Director - Economy Innovation and Growth Tel: 0191 433 2901 peterudall@gateshead.gov.uk</p>
Meeting Type	Open	

<p>6. KEY</p>	<p>Issue MetroGreen AAP draft Plan consultation</p> <p>Purpose To seek approval from Cabinet to undertake consultation on the Draft MetroGreen Area Action Plan and Sustainability Appraisal.</p>	<p>Contact: Neil Wilkinson, Spatial Planning and Environment Manager Tel: 0191 433 3411 neilwilkinson@gateshead.gov.uk</p>
Meeting Type	Open	

<p>7. KEY</p>	<p>Issue Highway Asset Management Plan - Annual Update</p> <p>Purpose To Provide Cabinet with a</p>	<p>Contact: Caroline Shield, Transport Planning Manager Tel: 0191 433 3084 carolineshield@gateshead.gov.uk</p>
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	summary of the key targets of the Highways Asset Management Plan.	
Meeting Type	Open	

8.	<p>Issue Registration of Council as Responsible Body for Conservation Covenants</p> <p>Purpose To seek Cabinet approval for the Council to register and act as a Responsible Body for Conservation Covenants and appropriate delegations.</p>	<p>Contact: Neil Wilkinson, Spatial Planning and Environment Manager Tel: 0191 433 3411 neilwilkinson@gateshead.gov.uk</p>
Meeting Type	Open	

9.	<p>Issue HEIGHTs Tariffs</p> <p>Purpose To seek approval of the Energy Tariffs for Gateshead HEIGHTs.</p>	<p>Contact: Jim Gillon, Service Director – Energy & Design Tel: 0191 433 3923 jimgillon@gateshead.gov.uk</p>
Meeting Type	Open	

10.	<p>Issue Kingsmeadow School – Basic Needs Scheme Update</p> <p>Purpose Provide and update on the build scheme as part of the basic needs grant funding.</p>	<p>Contact: Sandra Watson, Service Director Tel: 0191 4333384 SandraWatson@Gateshead.Gov.UK</p>
Meeting Type	Open	

11.	<p>Issue Community Asset Transfer</p>	<p>Contact: Zoe Sharratt, Team Leader,</p>
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	<p>Purpose To seek approval to the grant of a lease of (i) Former Bowls Pavilion, Chopwell Welfare Park, Chopwell.</p>	<p>Corporate Asset Strategy Team Tel: 0191 433 3503 ZoeSharratt@Gateshead.Gov.Uk</p>
Meeting Type	Open	

12.	<p>Issue Surplus Declarations – Disposal and Community Asset Transfers</p> <p>Purpose To seek approval to the surplus declaration of (i) Land at Clasper Village, Teams (Disposal) (ii) Changing Room and Playing Fields, Axwell View, Winlaton (CAT) (iii) Former Changing Room, High Spen (CAT).</p>	<p>Contact: Zoe Sharratt, Team Leader, Corporate Asset Strategy Team Tel: 0191 433 3503 ZoeSharratt@Gateshead.Gov.Uk</p>
Meeting Type	Open	

13.	<p>Issue Fees & Charges 2024/25</p> <p>Purpose To request Cabinet to recommend to Council the level of fees and charges for 2024/25 and agree delegations outlined in the report.</p>	<p>Contact: Darren Collins, Strategic Director - Resources and Digital Tel: 0191 433 3582 darrencollins@gateshead.gov.uk</p>
Meeting Type	Open	

14. KEY	<p>Issue Budget and Council Tax Level 2024/25</p> <p>Purpose</p>	<p>Contact: Darren Collins, Strategic Director - Resources and Digital Tel: 0191 433 3582 darrencollins@gateshead.gov.uk</p>
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	To request Cabinet to recommend to Council the Budget and Council Tax level for 2024/25 and agree consultation plans.	
Meeting Type	Open	

15.	<p>Issue Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget and Housing Capital Programme</p> <p>Purpose To request Cabinet recommend to Council the approval of: Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget for 2024/25 Housing Capital Programme for 2024/25 to 2028/29 Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Rent Charges 2024/25 Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Service Charges 2024/25.</p>	<p>Contact: Darren Collins, Strategic Director - Resources and Digital Tel: 0191 433 3582 darrencollins@gateshead.gov.uk,</p> <p>Colin Huntington, Strategic Director and Deputy Chief Executive Tel: 0191 433 3402 colinhuntington@gateshead.gov.uk</p>
Meeting Type	Open	

16.	<p>Issue Capital Programme 2024/25 to 2028/29</p> <p>Purpose To request Cabinet to recommend to Council the approval of the Capital Programme for 2024/25 to 2028/29.</p>	<p>Contact: Clare Tait, Group Accountant Tel: 0191 433 claretait@gateshead.gov.uk</p>
Meeting Type	Open	

17. KEY	<p>Issue Briefing on S.256 Health Inequalities funding</p>	<p>Contact: Louise Sweeney, Consultant in Public Health</p>
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	<p>options appraisal and use of funds</p> <p>Purpose To seek Cabinet decision to allocate funding to Citizen's Advice Gateshead, as one of the selected options to help tackle health inequalities. This option for funding exceeds £500k and therefore requires Cabinet approval.</p>	<p>Tel: 0191 433 2909 LouiseSweeney@Gateshead.Gov.UK</p>
<p>Meeting Type</p>	<p>Open</p>	