

GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, 25 January 2018

PRESENT: THE MAYOR COUNCILLOR P DILLON (CHAIR)

Councillors: J Green, J Adams, R Beadle, D Bradford, M Brain, M Charlton, P Craig, S Craig, D Davidson, C Donovan, D Duggan, K Ferdinand, M Foy, P Foy, M Gannon, A Geddes, B Goldsworthy, M Goldsworthy, M Graham, L Green, S Green, G Haley, M Hall, S Hawkins, M Henry, M Hood, H Haran, J Kielty, L Kirton, J Lee, P Maughan, J McClurey, J McElroy, C McHugh, E McMaster, P McNally, M McNestry, P Mole, R Mullen, B Oliphant, C Ord, M Ord, I Patterson, S Ronchetti, C Davison, J Simpson, J Turnbull, L Twist, J Wallace, N Weatherley, A Wheeler and K Wood

APOLOGIES: Councillors: C Bradley, L Caffrey, B Clelland, W Dick, S Dickie, A Douglas, J Graham, T Graham, K McCartney, C McHatton and A Thompson

CL74 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 23 NOVEMBER 2017

COUNCIL RESOLVED - That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 23 November 2017 be approved as a correct record.

CL75 OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

(A) If We Can You Can Awards 2017

The Mayor announced that at a ceremony at the Baltic Centre on 15 November 2017 the 'If We Can You Can Awards 2017' were held. These awards recognise achievement across the North East for start-up companies in a variety of fields. The Jigsaw Recovery Project won first prize in the "Biggest Social Impact" category. The Project is an innovative, peer-led support service for looked after children or care leavers who are offending or at risk of offending. Outreach and office-based support is provided with a focus on recovery, building resilience, tackling social isolation, promoting community engagement and offering employment and training opportunities. As well as winning the Award the project will also benefit from funding to make a professional promotional video to raise the profile of the project along with other support and advice.

In recognition of this achievement the Mayor presented Terry Nelson, Director of Project Development, and Mark Tunney, Director of Operations, with the award.

(B) North East Care Awards

The Mayor announced that Amanda Cable, Workforce Development Adviser within

Corporate Services and Governance, was shortlisted as a finalist for the Care Trainer Award at the recent North East Care Awards.

In recognition of her valuable contribution, the management and staff of adult care provider services nominated Amanda for the award. In submitting the nomination, Provider Services stated that Amanda constantly strives to enable employees to excel in their work role and to make them feel valued. She is respectful of the demands of their caring roles. Amanda is a trainer who is held in the highest regard.

(C) New Year's Honours 2017

The Mayor announced that within the Queen's New Year's Honours List 2018, people that live and work within the borough were recognised:

- Judith Doyle, Principal and Chief Executive Officer, Gateshead College, was awarded a CBE for services to Education and Skills in the North East.
- Jo Boaden, Chief Executive, Northern Housing Consortium, was awarded a CBE for Services to Housing Providers in the North of England.
- Elected Mayor Norma Redfern, North Tyneside Council, was awarded a CBE for Public and Community Service in Tyneside.

CL76 PRESENTATION BY NEWCASTLEGATESHEAD INITIATIVE

Sarah Stewart, Chief Executive of the NewcastleGateshead Initiative, attended the meeting and gave a presentation of the Great Exhibition of the North.

CL77 PETITIONS

There were no petitions submitted.

CL78 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no questions submitted by members of the public.

CL79 CENTRALLY EMPLOYED TEACHERS' PAY POLICY 2017

Consideration was given to a report on the centrally employed teachers' pay policy 2017.

COUNCIL RESOLVED – That the draft centrally employed teachers' pay policy 2017 be approved.

CL80 BROWNFIELD LAND REGISTER AND PERMISSION IN PRINCIPLE

Consideration was given to proposed changes to the Council's constitution to enable the Council, in its capacity as Local Planning Authority, to discharge new statutory duties to create, maintain and publish a register of Brownfield Land, and the

adoption of a decision making framework for allocation of sites to Part 2 of that register thereby granting Permission in Principle for residential development of those sites.

COUNCIL RESOLVED - That the proposed amendments to the scheme of delegation in the Council's constitution, set out in Appendix 3 of the report, be approved.

CL81 EARLY HELP STRATEGY

Consideration was given to the Early Help Strategy which aims to reduce the need for specialist intervention by developing early interventions, delivered in a timely way.

COUNCIL RESOLVED - That the Early Help Strategy be approved.

CL82 ESTABLISHMENT OF POST: DIRECTOR OF JOINT COMMISSIONING, PERFORMANCE AND QUALITY (CARE, WELLBEING & LEARNING)

Consideration was given to the establishment of the post of Director of Joint Commissioning, Performance and Quality in Care, Wellbeing and Learning.

- COUNCIL RESOLVED -
- (i) That the deletion of the current post of Service Director, Health and Social Care Commission and Quality Assurance and the creation of the post of Director of Joint Commissioning, Performance and Quality on Service Director Band 3 be approved.
 - (ii) That the joint working arrangements be subject to a 12 month review following implementation.

CL83 PROPOSED SELECTIVE LICENSING OF PRIVATE LANDLORDS WITHIN AREAS OF CENTRAL GATESHEAD

Consideration was given to the designation of two selection licensing areas of private rented accommodation with the Central Area of Gateshead.

- COUNCIL RESOLVED -
- (i) That the designation of two areas of Gateshead, as identified in Appendix 1 of the report, for selective licensing, be approved and that official notifications be published in accordance with Government guidance and legislation.
 - (ii) That the proposed schemes' detail, implementation programme, and proposed enforcement policy, as set out in Appendix 2 of the report, be approved.
 - (iii) That the Service Director, Development, Transport and Public Protection, be authorised to

take enforcement action in relation to Part 3 (Selective Licensing) of the Housing Act 2004, throughout the duration of the schemes, as appropriate.

- (iv) That the proposed application fees and charges be approved.

CL84 CHARGING AND FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND SUPPORT SERVICES

Consideration was given on the implementation of a policy on Charging and Financial Assessment for Adult Care and Support Services.

COUNCIL RESOLVED - That the proposed policy for Charging and Financial Assessment for Adult Care and Support Services be approved.

CL85 REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION

Consideration was given to proposed amendments to the Council's Constitution.

COUNCIL RESOLVED - That the proposed amendments to the Council's Constitution, as set out in Appendix 2 to the report, be approved, subject to:

- the membership status of the Chair of the LSCB and ASB being amended to Associate Member on the Health and Wellbeing Board; and
- the inclusion of the words "to ensure the delivery of" at the start of the final bullet point in the Board's role and functions.

CL86 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT AND HOUSING CAPITAL PROGRAMME

Consideration was given to the Housing Revenue Account budget 2018/19, the proposed rent charges, the proposed fees and charges and the proposed Housing Capital Programme for the next five years.

- COUNCIL RESOLVED -
- (i) That the Housing Revenue Account, as set out in Appendix 2 of the report, including The Gateshead Housing Company management fee, the repairs and maintenance budget and savings as detailed in Appendix 3 of the report, be approved.
 - (ii) That the weekly rent reduction of 1% from 1 April 2018 be approved.
 - (iii) That the fees and charges schedule, as detailed in Appendix 4 of the report, be approved.

- (iv) That the Housing Capital Programme for the five years 2018/19 to 2022/23, as set out in Appendix 5 of the report, be approved.

CL87 CAPITAL PROGRAMME AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2017/18 – THIRD QUARTER REVIEW

Consideration was given to the latest position on the Capital Programme 2017/18 and Prudential Indicators at the end of the third quarter to 31 December 2017.

- COUNCIL RESOLVED -
- (i) That all variations to the 2017/18 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) That it be confirmed 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 2017/18 have been breached.

CL88 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

CL89 NOTICE OF MOTION

There were no notices of motions submitted.

CL90 QUESTIONS

There were no questions submitted.

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