



**COUNCIL MEETING  
24 SEPTEMBER 2015**

**GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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**Jane Robinson, Chief Executive**

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**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING – 16 JULY 2015**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR A GEDDES) IN THE CHAIR**

**COUNCILLORS:** R Beadle, C Bradley, M Brain, M Charlton, B Coates, D Davidson, W Dick, S Dickie, P Dillon, C Donovan, A Douglas, K Ferdinand, M Foy, M Gannon, B Goldsworthy, M Goldsworthy, J Graham, M Graham, JS Green, L Green, J Hamilton, S Hawkins, M Henry, F Hindle, M Hood, H Hughes, J Lee, P Maughan, K McCartney, J McClurey, J McElroy, C McHatton, C McHugh, E McMaster, P McNally, M McNestry, P Mole, C Ord, M Ord, C Simcox, J Turnbull, A Thompson, L Twist, J Wallace and A Wheeler

**APOLOGIES COUNCILLORS:**

J Adams, L Caffrey, B Clelland, P Craig, S Craig, K Dodds, J Eagle, P Foy, T Graham, J Green, L Holmes, B Oliphant, D Robson, P Ronan, S Ronchetti, J Simpson, N Weatherley and K Wood

Mohammed Bilal from the Muslim Society gave the opening address

A minute's silence was observed following the death of Alderman Evelyn Henry.

**CL/20      MINUTES**

**COUNCIL RESOLVED -** That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 4 June 2015 be approved

**CL/21        PETITIONS**

There were no petitions submitted

**CL/22        QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

There were no questions submitted.

**CL/23        MEMBERS' ALLOWANCE SCHEME**

Consideration was given to a report that informed of the current members' allowances scheme and proposed that the Independent Remuneration Panel reconvenes in September to review the scheme.

COUNCIL RESOLVED – That the Independent Remuneration Panel reconvenes in September to review the members' allowance scheme

**CL/24        PARENT GOVERNOR REPRESENTATIVES ON COUNCIL BODIES DEALING WITH EDUCATION**

Consideration was given to a report seeking approval of the appointment of a parent governor representative to the Council's Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

COUNCIL RESOLVED - That the appointment of Mrs Jill Steer, Whickham Parochial Primary School, as a Parent Governor Representative to the Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee be approved

**CL/25        CAPITAL PROGRAMME AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2014/15 – YEAR END OUTTURN**

Consideration was given to a report seeking approval of variations to the 2014/15 capital programme.

COUNCIL RESOLVED -

- i) That all variations to the 2014/15 capital programme as detailed in Appendix 2 be approved
- ii) That the financing of the 2014/15 capital 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 2014/15 have been breached

## **CL/26 REVENUE OUTTURN**

Consideration was given to a report that informed of the revenue outturn position for the financial year 2014/15.

- COUNCIL RESOLVED -
- i) That the 2014/15 revenue outturn position of the Council, subject to audit, be noted
  - ii) That the appropriations to/from earmarked reserves outlined in paragraph 8 of the report be approved

## **CL/27 THE COUNCIL PLAN 2015-2020**

Consideration was given to a report seeking approval of the Council Plan 2015-2020.

COUNCIL RESOLVED - That the Council Plan 2015-2020 be approved

## **CL/28 MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2015/16 – 2020/21**

Consideration was given to a report seeking approval of the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2016/17 to 2020/21.

Councillor R Beadle moved the following amendment:

Recommendation 5 i)

Add: 'subject to the following amendment to section 4.1 of the Strategy at subsection 2):

- (a) Add: 'for cabinet' after 'plans should be prepared'
- (b) Add at end: 'If service budgets are projected to underspend by more than 2% of original estimates a report should be prepared for Cabinet'.

On the amendment being put it was defeated.

The original recommendation was put as the substantive motion.

- COUNCIL RESOLVED -
- i) That the Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2016/17 to 2020/21 be approved
  - ii) That it be noted that the Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2016/17 to 2020/21 and the estimated funding gap will be updated following the Autumn Statement 2015
  - iii) That it be noted that the Strategic Director, Corporate Resources, following consultation with the Chief Executive, will continue to produce and monitor on an annual basis, a rolling programme of five-year budget forecasts taking account of the key issues facing the Council

**CL/28        TREASURY ANNUAL REPORT**

Consideration was given to a report seeking approval of the Treasury Annual Report for 2014/15.

COUNCIL RESOLVED - That the Treasury Annual Report for 2014/15 be approved

**CL/29        CAPITAL PROGRAMME AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2015/16 –  
FIRST QUARTER REVIEW**

Consideration was given to a report informing of the latest position on the 2015/16 capital programme and Prudential Indicators at the end of the first quarter to 30 June 2015.

- COUNCIL RESOLVED -
- i) That all variations to the 2015/16 Capital Programme as detailed in Appendix 2 of the attached 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 2015/16 have been breached

**CL/30        REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2015/16**

Consideration was given to a report that informed of the latest position on the 2015/16 revenue budget at the end of the first quarter to 30 June 2015 and sought approval of a revision to the net revenue budget for 2015/16.

- COUNCIL RESOLVED -
- i) That the revenue position at 30 June 2015 as set out in Appendix 2 of the report be noted
  - ii) That an amendment to the net revenue budget for 2015/16 from £215.270m to £205.400m to reflect the element of the Better Care Fund, included in the Council's revenue spending power for 2015/16 that has been paid to the Clinical Commissioning Group be approved

**CL/30        WORKFORCE STRATEGY**

Consideration was given to a report requesting approval of a revised Workforce Strategy 2015-2020.

- COUNCIL RESOLVED - That the Workforce Strategy 2015 – 2020 be approved, subject to the Strategic Director, Corporate Services and Governance, following consultation with the Leader of the Council, being authorised to amend the Workforce Strategy, by strengthening

references to the Council's approach to equality and diversity within the workforce to convey an even more positive statement of the Council's values and aspirations

**CL/31 CORPORATE ASSET STRATEGY AND MANAGEMENT PLAN 2015 – 2020**

Consideration was given to a report seeking approval of the Corporate Asset Strategy and Management Plan 2015 – 2020.

- COUNCIL RESOLVED -
- i) That the Corporate Asset Strategy and Management Plan 2015 – 2020 as set out in Appendix 3 of the report be approved
  - ii) That delegated authority be granted to the Strategic Director, Corporate Services and Governance, following consultation with the Leader of the Council, authority to make amendments to the Corporate Asset Strategy and Management Plan 2015 – 220 to reflect changes to the Council Plan
  - iii) That progress made in the previous twelve months covered by the Corporate Asset Strategy and Management Plan 2012 – 2015 as highlighted in the new Corporate Asset Strategy and Management Plan be noted
  - iv) That the property strategies to be implemented over the course of the next twelve months be approved

**CL/32 ORGANISATION CHANGES – COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENT**

Consideration was given to a report seeking approval of proposals to change the operational service arrangements within the Communities and Environment Group.

COUNCIL RESOLVED - That the service changes be approved

**CL/33 REPORT FROM THE CABINET**

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

COUNCIL RESOLVED - That the report be noted

**CL/34 NOTICE OF MOTION**

Councillor J McClurey moved the following motion:

“This Council requests the Chief Executive to investigate the opportunities for raising revenue from the advertising on the bridges over the Tyne of significant regional events”

Councillor M Henry moved the following amendment:

Delete 'the advertising' and insert 'advertising on Council assets and buildings generally, and also on....'

The motion will then read:

"This Council requests the Chief Executive to investigate the opportunities for raising revenue from advertising on Council assets and buildings generally, and also on the bridges over the Tyne of significant regional events".

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

COUNCIL RESOLVED – This Council requests the Chief Executive to investigate the opportunities for raising revenue from advertising on Council assets and buildings generally, and also on the bridges over the Tyne of significant regional events

## **CL/35      QUESTIONS**

There were no questions received

*(NB: Copies of all reports referred to in these Minutes are available from the Minute File)*

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**Mayor**