

**GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**Thursday, 16 July 2020**

**PRESENT:** THE MAYOR COUNCILLOR M HOOD (CHAIR)

Councillors: J Adams, Anderson, R Beadle, D Bradford, C Buckley, D Burnett, L Caffrey, M Charlton, B Clelland, P Craig, S Craig, C Davison, S Dickie, Diston, K Dodds, C Donovan, A Douglas, D Duggan, John Eagle, K Ferdinand, M Foy, P Foy, S Gallagher, M Gannon, A Geddes, F Geddes, J Gibson, B Goldsworthy, M Goldsworthy, T Graham, L Green, S Green, G Haley, M Hall, S Hawkins, H Haran, H Kelly, L Kirton, J Lee, P Maughan, K McCartney, J McClurey, K McClurey, J McElroy, E McMaster, P McNally, M McNestry, R Mullen, B Oliphant, M Ord, R Oxberry, I Patterson, J Raine, Reay, S Ronchetti, J Simpson, J Turnbull, J Wallace, R Waugh, A Wheeler and K Wood

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors: M Brain, W Dick and C Ord

A minute's silence was observed following the death of Aldermen George Gill and Nick O'Neil

**CL1 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD 23 JANUARY 2020 AND 27 FEBRUARY 2020**

COUNCIL RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meetings held on 23 January 2020 and 27 February 2020 be approved as a correct record.

**CL2 OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no official announcements.

**CL3 PETITIONS**

There were no petitions submitted.

**CL4 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

There were no questions submitted by members of the public.

**CL5 APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES**

Consideration was given to a report seeking affirmation of changes to appointments following formation of the Gateshead Independent Group.

COUNCIL RESOLVED - That the appointments be affirmed.

**CL6 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - SECTION 85**

Consideration was given to a report outlining the impact of the COVID pandemic on the calendar of meetings and the opportunities for councillors to attend meetings.

COUNCIL RESOLVED -

- (i) That for the purposes of Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, the impact of the COVID pandemic on the calendar of meetings and consequently the limited opportunities for some councillors to attend meetings be regarded as a reason for the failure of councillors to attend meetings;
- (ii) That having regard to the circumstances the requirement for members to attend a meeting of the Council or a sub-committee be waived until 30 November 2020; and
- (iii) That the situation be reviewed by the Council at its November meeting.

**CL7 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2020/21**

Consideration was given to a report seeking approval of the proposed calendar of meetings for 2020/21.

COUNCIL RESOLVED -

- (i) That the calendar of meetings 2020/21 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, be authorised, following consultation with the relevant Chair, to make any necessary amendments to the calendar of meetings.

**CL8 GATESHEAD HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY 2020**

Consideration was given to a report seeking approval to adopt a new Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Gateshead.

COUNCIL RESOLVED - That the Gateshead Health and Wellbeing Strategy be adopted as part of its policy framework.

**CL9 TREASURY POLICY STATEMENT AND TREASURY STRATEGY 2020/21 TO 2024/25**

Consideration was given to a report seeking approval of the Treasury Policy Statement and Treasury Strategy for 2020/21 to 2024/25.

COUNCIL RESOLVED - That the Treasury Policy Statement and the Treasury Strategy be approved.

**CL10 LOCALISM ACT 2011 - PAY ACCOUNTABILITY PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2020/21**

Consideration was given to a report seeking approval to a revised pay policy statement.

COUNCIL RESOLVED - (i) That the draft Pay Policy Statement 2020/21 be approved.  
(ii) That the Strategic Director, Corporate Services and Governance be authorised to amend the Pay Policy Strategy on the basis set out in paragraph 10 of the report.

**CL11 GATESHEAD HOMES ADAPTATIONS POLICY**

Consideration was given to a report seeking approval of Gateshead Home Adaptations Policy.

COUNCIL RESOLVED - That the proposed Gateshead Home Adaptations Policy 2020 be approved for adoption as part of the Council's policy framework.

**CL12 TREASURY ANNUAL REPORT 2019/20**

Consideration was given to a report seeking approval of the Treasury Annual Report 2019/20.

COUNCIL RESOLVED - That the Treasury Annual Report for 2019/20 be approved.

**CL13 CAPITAL PROGRAMME AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2019/20 – YEAR END OUTTURN**

Consideration was given to a report informing of the 2019/20 capital programme outturn, the impact of CIPFA's Prudential Code and the monitoring of performance against the statutory Prudential Indicators.

COUNCIL RESOLVED - (i) That all variations to the 2019/20 Capital Programme be approved;

- (ii) That the financing of the 2019/20 Capital Programme be approved;
- (iii) 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 2019/20 have been breached.

**CL14 PROVISIONAL REVENUE OUTTURN 2019/20**

Consideration was given to a report seeking approval of the proposed changes to strategic reserves following the outcome of a review of Council reserves.

- COUNCIL RESOLVED -
- (i) That the appropriations to and from reserves, outlined in paragraphs 11-16 of the report, be approved.
  - (ii) That the proposed changes to strategic reserves following the outcome of a review of Council reserves be approved.

**CL15 NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

There were no motions submitted.

**CL16 QUESTIONS**

There were no questions submitted.

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