

**GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**Thursday, 19 November 2020**

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

Councillors: J Adams, Anderson, R Beadle, D Bradford, M Brain, C Buckley, D Burnett, L Caffrey, M Charlton, B Clelland, P Craig, S Craig, C Davison, W Dick, 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, B Oliphant, C Ord, M Ord, R Oxberry, I Patterson, Reay, S Ronchetti, J Simpson, J Turnbull, J Wallace, R Waugh and A Wheeler

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors: R Mullen, J Raine and K Wood

**A minute's silence was observed following the deaths of former Councillors Harry Dinning and Judith Lister.**

**CL25 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 17 SEPTEMBER 2020**

COUNCIL RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting held on 17 September be approved as a correct record.

**CL26 OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(A) Queen's Birthday Honours

The Mayor announced that within the Queen's Birthday Honours List 2020, people that live and work within the Borough were recognised:

- Stephen Walters, Gateshead Council Libraries Manager, was awarded a British Empire Medal for his contribution to the COVID-19 crisis.
- Brendan Foster, Great North Run founder and Freeman of Gateshead, was awarded a knighthood for services to sport, culture and the North East.
- Tanja Smith, Technical Director at Gradon Architecture, was awarded an OBE for services to apprenticeships and technical education.
- Rabbi Sugarman, Director of Haskel School, was awarded an MBE for

services to education and children with special educational needs.

- Katherine Simpson, Vice-Chair of Employer Engagement with the North of England Reserve Forces and Cadets Association, was awarded an MBE for voluntary service to the armed forces.
- Joanne Swan, Manager of Fountain Court, Housing 21, was awarded the British Empire Medal for her contribution to the COVID-19 crisis.

(B) Attendance at Meetings

Current arrangements, which waives the requirement for members to attend a meeting, have been reviewed and will cease at the end of November.

**CL27 PETITIONS**

Councillor M Charlton submitted a petition regarding Winlton Mill traffic and parking.

**CL28 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

There were no questions submitted by members of the public.

**CL29 MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2021/22 TO 2025/26**

Consideration was given to a report seeking approval of the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2021/22 – 2025/26.

COUNCIL RESOLVED - That the Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2021/22 to 2025/26, including the proposed MFS principles and the medium-term financial context, be approved.

**CL30 TREASURY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2020**

Consideration was given to a report informing on Treasury Management performance for the six months up to 30 September 2020/21.

COUNCIL RESOLVED - That the Treasury Management Performance to 30 September 2020 be noted; to contribute to sound financial management and the long-term financial sustainability of the Council.

**CL31 CHARGING STRUCTURE FOR GARDEN WASTE COLLECTIONS 2021**

Consideration was given to a report seeking approval of the charging structure for garden waste collections 2021.

- COUNCIL RESOLVED -
- (i) That the charging structure for garden waste collections for 2021 be approved.
  - (ii) That the £34 and £36 charges be included on the fees and charges schedule for 2020/21 so that payments can be taken from November 2020.

**CL32 REVENUE BUDGET - SECOND QUARTER REVIEW 2020/21**

Consideration was given to a report setting out the latest position on the 2020/21 revenue budget at the end of the second quarter, including impacts of the global pandemic.

- COUNCIL RESOLVED -
- (i) That the revenue expenditure position at the end of the second quarter be noted.
  - (ii) That the virements to contingency actioned for operational purposes be approved.
  - (iii) That an amendment to the net revenue budget for 2020/21 from £238.071m to £240.961m, to account for the additional COVID-19 emergency grant funding, be approved.

**CL33 CAPITAL PROGRAMME AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2020/21**

Consideration was given to a report informing of the latest position on the 2020/21 Capital Programme and Prudential Indicators at the end of the second quarter to 30 September 2020.

- COUNCIL RESOLVED -
- (i) That all variations to the 2020/21 Capital Programme be approved as the revised programme.
  - (ii) That the financing of the revised programme be approved.
  - (iii) That the capital expenditure and capital financing requirement indicators have been revised in line with the revised budget and none of the approved Prudential Indicators set for 2020/21 have been breached.

**CL34 CAPITAL STRATEGY**

Consideration was given to a report seeking approval of the Capital Strategy for 2021/22 to 2025/26.

- COUNCIL RESOLVED -
- That the Capital Strategy be approved to

ensure full compliance with the requirements of good financial practice in capital accounting.

**CL35 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE 2019/20**

Consideration was given to the annual report of the Audit and Standards Committee for 2019/20.

COUNCIL RESOLVED - That the annual report of the Audit and Standards Committee for 2019/20 be endorsed.

**CL36 REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY**

Consideration was given to a report seeking approval of the proposed arrangements for the review of the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.

COUNCIL RESOLVED - That the existing Statement of Licensing Policy be rolled forward as from the 7 January 2021 to the 6 January 2026, with a review of the Licensing Policy to be undertaken as and when deemed appropriate to do so within the stated five year period.

**CL37 NOTICE OF MOTION**

There were no motions submitted.

**CL38 QUESTIONS**

There were no questions submitted.

**Mayor.....**