

**GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**Thursday, 27 May 2021**

**PRESENT:** THE MAYOR COUNCILLOR D BURNETT (CHAIR)

Councillors: J Adams, R Beadle, D Bradford, M Brain, C Buckley, L Caffrey, B Clelland, P Craig, S Craig, C Davison, W Dick, S Dickie, Diston, K Dodds, C Donovan, A Douglas, D Duggan, John Eagle, P Foy, S Gallagher, M Gannon, A Geddes, F Geddes, J Gibson, B Goldsworthy, M Goldsworthy, T Graham, J Green, S Green, S Hawkins, H Haran, H Kelly, L Kirton, K McCartney, K McClurey, J McCoid, J McElroy, E McMaster, P McNally, M McNestry, J Mohammed, R Mullen, B Oliphant, C Ord, M Ord, R Oxberry, I Patterson, Reay, D Robson, S Ronchetti, J Simpson, J Turner, J Wallace, R Waugh, H Weatherley, A Wheeler and K Wood

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors: V Anderson, M Charlton, L Green, G Haley, M Hall, P Maughan and J Turnbull

**CL8 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 25 MARCH AND 21 MAY 2021**

COUNCIL RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meetings held on 25 March and 21 May 2021 be approved as correct records.

**CL9 OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no official announcements.

**CL10 PETITIONS**

The Council received a qualifying petition, requiring a debate, regarding the proposal to restructure Gateshead's Music Service.

Judith Thompson, the lead petitioner, presented the reasons for the petition.

Councillor M Gannon outlined the Council's position in relation to this matter and recommended that the petition be given full consideration as part of the consultation process.

COUNCIL RESOLVED - That the petition be given full consideration as part of the consultation process.

**CL11 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

There were no valid questions submitted by members of the public.

**CL12 PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT FRAMEWORK**

Consideration was given to a report seeking approval of the proposed new Performance Management and Improvement Framework.

COUNCIL RESOLVED - That the Performance Management and Improvement Framework be approved.

**CL13 CHARGING AND FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT FOR ADULT CARE AND SUPPORT SERVICES**

Consideration was given to a report seeking approval of a change to policy on Charging and Financial Assessment for Adult Care and Support Services.

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

**CL14 PROPOSALS FOR CORPORATE PARENTING ARRANGEMENTS**

Consideration was given to a report seeking approval to implement a Corporate Parenting Board.

COUNCIL RESOLVED -

- (i) That the Corporate Parenting OSC Sub-Committee be dissolved and the scrutiny of the Council's Corporate Parenting role be placed specifically within the remit of the Families OSC, with agenda items relating to the Corporate Parenting role prioritised within specific meetings in its work programme.
- (ii) That the proposal to develop a robust relationship between the Board, Overview and Scrutiny and the Corporate Partnership group to pursue continual improvement in the delivery of the Council's Corporate Parenting Strategy, including applying the learning from other local authorities, be endorsed.
- (iii) That the proposal that there should be regular mandatory training for all councillors in relation to the Council's Corporate Parenting role be endorsed.

**CL15 CARE LEAVERS COVENANT**

Consideration was given to a report seeking approval for the Care Leavers Covenant.

- COUNCIL RESOLVED -
- (i) That the Care Leavers Covenant be endorsed.
  - (ii) That the proposal for the Council to sign up to be a trailblazer organisation be approved.

**CL16 GATESHEAD CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COUNCILLORS**

Consideration was given to a report seeking approval of a new Code of Conduct for Councillors.

- COUNCIL RESOLVED -
- (i) That the new Code of Conduct for Councillors be approved.
  - (ii) That a Members' Seminar be held on the Code of Conduct for Councillors.

**CL17 NOTICE OF MOTION**

There were no motions received.

**CL18 QUESTIONS**

There were no questions submitted.

**Mayor.....**