

**DECISIONS SHOULD NOT BE IMPLEMENTED BEFORE
MONDAY 21 DECEMBER 2015**

CABINET

8 December 2015

PRESENT – Councillor Dixon (in the Chair); Councillors Copeland, Harker, C L B Hughes, McEwan, C L B Hughes, McEwan, A J Scott and Wallis. (7)

INVITEES – Councillors Curry, I G Haszeldine and Mrs H Scott and Dr A Jones. (4)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE – Councillors Crichlow and L Haszeldine. (2)

C80. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

C81. REPRESENTATIONS – There were no representations made at the meeting from Members or members of the public in attendance at the meeting.

C82. MINUTES - Submitted - The Minutes (previously circulated) of the meeting of this Cabinet held on 3 November 2015.

RESOLVED - That the Minutes be confirmed as a correct record.

REASON - They represent an accurate record of the meeting.

C83. MATTERS REFERRED TO CABINET - There were no matters referred back to this meeting for reconsideration.

C84. ISSUES ARISING FROM SCRUTINY – There were no issues arising from Scrutiny considered at this meeting.

C85. REVIEW OF OUTCOME OF COMPLAINTS MADE TO OMBUDSMAN – Pursuant to Minute C9/Jun/15, the Leader introduced the report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services and Resources (previously circulated) providing Members with an update of the outcome of cases which had been determined by the Local Government Ombudsman (LGO) and indicating any points for particular attention since the preparation of the previous report to Cabinet on 16 June 2015.

RESOLVED - That the contents of the report be noted.

REASONS - (a) It is important that Members are aware of the outcome of complaints made to the Local Government Ombudsman in respect of the Council's activities.

(b) The contents of this report do not suggest that further action, other than detailed in the report, is required.

C86. OFSTED INSPECTION OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND DARLINGTON SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD 2015 - The Cabinet Member with the Children and Young People Portfolio introduced the report of the Interim Director of Children's Services (previously circulated) providing a summary of the key findings and progress to date from the outcome of the Ofsted Inspection of services for children in need of help and protection, children looked after and care leavers and Review of the effectiveness of the Local Safeguarding Children Board.

It was reported at the meeting that the Director of Adults and Children's Services was due to start in post on 14 December 2015 and NOT the 7 December 2015 as detailed in the submitted report.

RESOLVED - (a) That the content and outcomes of the Ofsted Inspection of services for children in need of help and protection, children looked after and care leavers and Review of the effectiveness of the Local Safeguarding Children Board, be received.

(b) That the actions already taken to improve performance, as detailed in the submitted report, be noted.

REASON - The Local Authority is highly committed to ensuring that services in Darlington are of the highest quality and that children are safeguarded and protected from harm and that all children and young people in Darlington get the best start in life.

C87. DARLINGTON DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT 2014 - 'PUBLIC HEALTH: A SHARED AGENDA' - The Cabinet Member with the Health and Partnerships Portfolio introduced the report of the Director of Commissioning (previously circulated) presenting the Director of Public Health Annual Report 2014 entitled 'Public health: A Shared Agenda'.

The submitted report stated that this was the second annual report following the transfer of public health responsibilities from the NHS to local government, as part of the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

RESOLVED - That the Director of Public Health Annual Report 2014 'Public Health: A Shared Agenda', as appended to the submitted report, be received.

REASON - The Director of Public Health being responsible for producing an annual report on the health of the local population which contains recommendations for improving health, in accordance with the Health and Social Care Act (2012).

C88. IN-YEAR REDUCTIONS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH GRANT: PROPOSALS - The Cabinet Member with the Health and Partnerships Portfolio introduced the report of the Director of Commissioning (previously circulated) requesting that consideration be given to proposals for managing the in-year cut to the Public Health Grant of £520k, calculated on a 6.2 per cent deduction from the Public Health Grant 2015/16.

Discussion ensued on the impact that the cuts would have on the preventative services that were provided by Public Health and the long term implications of those cuts on services.

RESOLVED - (a) That the following be approved, namely:-

- (i) re-procuring of the 0-19 years Public Health Services achieving a saving of £202,300 by an application of 7 per cent efficiency to the baseline contract;
- (ii) non-renewal of the HEAT Project contract achieving a saving of £20,000 and reconsideration of how excess winter deaths are tackled in Darlington;
- (iii) non-renewal of the weight management contract achieving a saving of £35,000 by remodelling provision of adult weight management;
- (iv) de-commission the Dolphin Centre Young People's Sexual Health Pilot achieving a saving of £20,000, learning from this pilot will be incorporated into the future commissioning of Sexual Health and Community Contraceptive Services;
- (v) re-procuring a new model of Stop Smoking service achieving a saving of £20,000 by reviewing and remodelling Community Stop Smoking Support services (GP and Pharmacies) to provide a more streamlined, targeted service;
- (vi) re-procuring a new model of Stop Smoking service achieving a saving of £70,000 by reviewing current practice to provide a targeted provision of Nicotine Replacement therapy (NRT) to the most vulnerable groups;
- (vii) withdraw the Public Health Grant contribution to the Supporting People commissioning workforce achieving a saving of £7,900, to additional support is no longer required;
- (viii) voluntary redundancies to achieve a saving of £129,300 through reviewing and re-profiling Public Health wider team; and
- (ix) reduction of contribution to the existing contract with Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council for the Tees Valley Shared Service achieving a saving of £15,300, which is an application of 6.2 per cent efficiency.

(b) That the impact that this level of cut to the Public Health Grant will have on local public health capacity, commissioned front line services and the wider local public sector system, as detailed in the submitted report, be noted.

REASONS - (a) To implement the enforced cut to the Public Health Grant.

(b) The proposals outlined will reduce expenditure in line with the cut in grant and reflect a differential approach to the Public Health Core Offer.

C89. NEW MODELS OF CARE - PRIORITIES - The Cabinet Member with the Health and Partnerships Portfolio introduced the report of the Director of Commissioning (previously circulated) requesting that consideration be given to the Programme Definition Document (PDD) (also previously circulated) outlining the overall scope of the activities designed to deliver the Darlington vision for a sustainable health and care economy by 2020 and identifying the six priority areas.

RESOLVED - That the Programme Definition Document, for New Models of Care, as appended to the submitted report at Appendix 1, be approved..

REASON - In order to make the most efficient use of resources.

C90. (URGENT ITEM) PROPOSED CHANGES TO TAXI LICENSING FEES AND CHARGES 2016/17 - The Cabinet Member with the Leisure and Local Environment Portfolio introduced the report of the Director of Economic Growth (previously circulated) requesting that consideration be given to proposed changes in the fees and charges relating to the licensing of hackney carriages and private hire vehicles, their drivers and operators, based on the actual cost of administering, and where appropriate, enforcing the relevant legislation pertaining to such licences.

RESOLVED - (a) That the proposed fees and charges relating to hackney carriage vehicle and driver licences, private hire vehicle and driver licences and private hire operator licences, as detailed in Appendix B of the submitted report, be approved.

(b) That the proposed revised charges be advertised in accordance with the relevant legislation with a view to being introduced for licences due on or after 1 April 2016.

(b) That in the event of any objections to the proposed fees and charges, a further report submitted to Cabinet to further consider the proposals in the light of such objections.

REASON - That the Council meets the legislative requirements in respect of amending fees and to ensure that the costs of delivering the taxi licensing service can be met.

C91. MEMBERSHIP CHANGES – There were no membership changes reported at the meeting.

**DECISIONS DATED –
FRIDAY 4 DECEMBER 2015**