

**DECISIONS SHOULD NOT BE IMPLEMENTED
BEFORE MONDAY 23 JANUARY 2012**

CABINET
10 January 2012

PRESENT - Councillor Dixon (in the Chair); Councillors Copeland, Harker, C L B Hughes, McEwan, D A Lyonette, A J Scott and Wallis. (8)

INVITEES – Councillors Curry and Mrs Scott. (2)

APOLOGIES – Councillors I Haszeldine and Swainston and Mr A MacConachie. (3)

C98. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

C99. REPRESENTATIONS – There were no representations made at the meeting.

C100. MINUTES - Submitted - The Minutes (previously circulated) of the meeting of this Cabinet held on 6 December 2011.

RESOLVED - That the Minutes be confirmed.

REASON - They represent an accurate record of the meeting.

C101. MATTERS REFERRED TO CABINET - There were no matters referred back for reconsideration.

C102. ISSUES ARISING FROM SCRUTINY - There were no issues arising from Scrutiny.

C103. YOUTH PARLIAMENT – Ben Million, the Member of the Youth Parliament (MYP) for Darlington gave a presentation to Cabinet on Youth Participation in Darlington.

Particular reference was made to the government’s new strategy to involve young people in decision making entitled ‘Positive for Youth’. The initiative promotes ‘cross sector partnership’ to involve young people in helping to shape services provided increasingly through commissioning by the public and voluntary sector.

It was reported that the Darlington Youth Council was in decline and currently only had five members. It was felt that one of the reasons for the decline in membership of the Youth Council was the lack of integration with the Council and the Private and Voluntary Sectors. Improved integration would provide young people with a platform to be effective and allow them to influence and affect decisions. Reference was made to the proposed Darlington Participation Structure which would assist integration and to the research that had been undertaken with other Youth Councils both in this country and in Europe.

Members of Cabinet and the Council asked a number of questions, and Ben Million, MYP responded thereon.

RESOLVED - That the thanks of Cabinet be extended Ben Million, MYP, for his informative presentation.

REASON - To express the views of Cabinet.

C104. KEY DECISIONS - (1) Draft Darlington's Children and Young People Plan 2011/14 - The Cabinet Member with the Children and Young People Portfolio introduced the report of the Director of People (previously circulated) requesting that consideration be given to the draft Children and Young People's Plan 2011/14 (also previously circulated).

RESOLVED - That the draft Children and Young People's Plan 2011/14, as appended to the submitted report, be agreed and submitted to Council for consideration.

REASON - The Children and Young People's Plan 2011/14 is part of the Council's Policy Framework.

(2) Mid-Year Prudential Indicators and Treasury Management Monitoring Report - The Cabinet Member with the Efficiency and Resources Portfolio introduced the report of the Director of Resources (previously circulated) requesting that consideration be given to the revised prudential indicators and the half yearly review of the Council's borrowing and investment activities.

RESOLVED - (a) That the revised prudential indicators and limits, as detailed in tables 2 to 17 of the submitted report, be noted.

(b) That the Treasury Management half yearly review, as detailed in the submitted report, be noted.

(c) That the report be forwarded to Council, in order for the updated prudential indicators, as detailed in the submitted report, for approval.

REASONS - (a) In order to comply with the Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities.

(b) To inform Members of the performance of the Treasury Management function.

(c) To inform Members of the borrowing implications of the Housing Revenue Account self-financing reforms.

(d) To comply with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2003.

(e) To enable further improvements to be made in the Council's Treasury Management Function.

C105. NORTHERN GRID FOR LEARNING - The Cabinet Member with the Children and Young People Portfolio introduced the report of the Director of People (previously circulated) requesting that consideration be given to retrospective approval for an indemnity for the

Assistant Director Transformation to serve as a member of the Northern Grid for Learning (NGFL) Board.

RESOLVED - That the Assistant Director Transformation, be indemnified to serve as a member of the Northern Grid for Learning Board, as detailed in the submitted report.

REASON - To ensure that the Assistant Director has an indemnity for his involvement in the company.

C106. (URGENT ITEM) HEATHFIELD SCHOOL COMPANY - The Cabinet Member with the Children and Young People Portfolio introduced the report of the Director of People (previously circulated) informing Members of the establishment of a school company 'Darlington Well Being', which was intended to be incorporated by the Heathfield Primary School and requesting that consideration be given to this Council establishing itself as the supervising authority for the company and to formerly approve its formation.

RESOLVED - (a) That the formation of the school company 'Darlington Well Being' at Heathfield Primary School be agreed and the Local Education Authority act as the supervising authority for the company.

(b) That the Director of People be authorised to monitor and supervise the Company in accordance with the School Companies Regulations 2002.

REASONS - (a) The requirements of the School Companies Regulations 2002 make provision that the Authority must approve the formation of a School Company if stated conditions have been met.

(b) Those conditions having been met the Authority must approve the company formation.

(c) The Director of People will be delegated authority to monitor these conditions in accordance with the School Companies Regulations 2002.

(d) The Director of People will be delegated authority to serve the relevant notice on the Secretary of State as required by the regulations.

C107. DARLINGTON TOWN CENTRE FRINGE MASTER PLAN CONSULTATION - The Cabinet Members with Economy and Regeneration and Transport Portfolios introduced the report of the Director of Place (previously circulated) outlining the context and work undertaken to date on the Town Centre Fringe Master Plan and the issues and options that had been considered in the process of developing a preferred option for consultation.

RESOLVED - That consultation be undertaken on the Master Plan, supported by the technical reports and options analysis, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the submitted report.

REASONS - (a) The master planning of the area is part of the on-going plan making process and is a continuation of work already undertaken.

(b) The views of residents and stakeholders are an important part of the strategy for the area.

DECISIONS DATED -

FRIDAY 13 JANUARY 2012