

**DECISIONS SHOULD NOT BE IMPLEMENTED BEFORE
MONDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2013**

CABINET
5 February 2013

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

INVITEES – Councillors Curry, I Haszeldine and Mrs Scott. (3)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE – Councillors Carson, Francis, Long and E A Richmond. (4)

C112. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

C113. REPRESENTATIONS – In respect of Minute C116 below, representation was made by a Member in attendance at the meeting.

C114. MINUTES - Submitted - The Minutes (previously circulated) of the meetings of this Cabinet held on 8 and 15 January 2013.

RESOLVED - That the Minutes be confirmed.

REASON - They represent an accurate record of the meeting.

C115. MATTERS REFERRED TO CABINET - There were no matters referred back for reconsideration.

C116. ISSUES ARISING FROM SCRUTINY - REFUSE COLLECTION (WHEELED BINS) REVIEW GROUP - PROGRESS REPORT - The Cabinet Member with the Leisure and Local Environment Portfolio introduced the report of the Director of Place (previously circulated) reporting the initial findings and recommendations of the Refuse Collection (Wheeled Bins) Review Group being undertaken by the Place Scrutiny Committee, established to examine the introduction of wheeled bins within the Borough.

The Chair of the Place Scrutiny Committee addressed Cabinet in respect of the work undertaken by the Committee and in presenting the findings from the review stated that discussions had been held with a representative of Darlington Association on Disability (DAD) in respect of assisted collections; the size of the bins was an issue to some residents; the recycling rates would be reviewed after a year to assess the impact, if any, of the introduction of the wheeled bins service, on recycling; residents would not be expected to pay for replacement wheeled bins; that officers from Streetscene had been working with residents to encourage a consistent approach to the design of bin

stores on public and private housing estates; and that Streetscene officers were working with residents to assess their individual needs.

RESOLVED - (a) That the following recommendations of the Place Scrutiny Committee be approved, namely that:-

- (i) residents be advised that it is essential that wheeled bins are not stored outside the curtilage, or on the street of properties, before or after collection unless there are unusual circumstances;
- (ii) the individual consultation and visits to residents continue as they have proved to be a very useful exercise;
- (iii) monitoring recycling rates is essential to assess the impact of the introduction of wheeled bins and therefore Place Scrutiny Committee should review this aspect after a year of operation in 2014;
- (iv) as there is a continuing need to encourage recycling, a label be attached to the lid of each bin with the 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle' message or a variation of it;
- (v) the comprehensive plans for on-going publicity be applauded as residents need to be made aware of new collection dates from 29 April, the deployment of the bins in mid-June and necessary information as and when thereafter;
- (vi) the use of collection points be kept to a minimum and the bins be collected from the immediate vicinity of the household wherever possible;
- (vii) a consistent approach to the design of bin stores on public and private housing estates be encouraged;
- (viii) householders be encouraged to make use of the space provided on the top of their bins for their house number to ensure a consistent solution to the identification of the bin with the premises;
- (ix) as there could be a business opportunity for the cleaning of wheeled bins, households be given guidance relating to the potential increase in traders as residents need to be made aware that such traders need to be licensed;
- (x) discussions be held with the Durham Constabulary and the Anti-Social Behaviour team regarding potential anti-social behaviour as there is a risk that anti-social behaviour could increase with regard to wheeled bins being stolen, set on fire or used as a means of entry;
- (xi) further advice be provided on storage of wheeled bins at the end of farm tracks and similar households in rural areas; and
- (xii) further advice on the regulatory framework be received.

(b) That the thanks of Cabinet be conveyed to the Chair and Members of the Place Scrutiny Committee for their work in respect of the review.

REASON – (a) To ensure that the residents in Darlington are continually updated to reduce the issues in the lead up to and following the implementation of the wheeled bins service.

(b) To convey the thanks of Cabinet.

C117. KEY DECISION - PLANNING OBLIGATIONS SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT - INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT LIST - The Cabinet Member with Economy and Regeneration Portfolio introduced the report of the Director of Place (previously circulated) requesting that consideration be given to the content, operation, governance and implementation of the Infrastructures Projects List (IPL) (also previously circulated) as the basis for delivering community infrastructure sought via developer contributors known as Planning Obligations or a Section 106 Agreement (as required by the Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document), from new development.

RESOLVED - (a) That the content, operation, governance and implementation of the Infrastructure Projects List, as detailed in the submitted report, be agreed.

(b) That the Director of Place be given delegated authority to release planning obligations funding on a bi-annual basis, until 2016, for relevant community infrastructure projects identified in the Infrastructure Projects List, as appended to the submitted report, in accordance with the approach as detailed in paragraphs 23 and 24 of the submitted report.

(c) That the Scheme of Delegation, under the Legal Exceptions, be amended to include an additional exception in relation to Specific Projects, as detailed below and it be included in the Constitution as a consequential amendment, namely:-

‘In relation to the Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document: Infrastructure Projects List - variation of schemes and projects each financial year subject to planning obligation requirements being delivered - Director of Place’.

REASONS - (a) To help deliver the Local Plan.

(b) To help deliver new and improved infrastructure in the Borough.

(c) To implement the Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document.

C118. REVENUE BUDGET MANAGEMENT 2012/13 - QUARTER THREE - The Cabinet Member with the Efficiency and Resources Portfolio introduced the report of the Director of Resources (previously circulated) providing Members with an up to date forecast for the 2012/13 revenue budget out-turn as part of the Council’s continuous financial management processes.

RESOLVED - (a) That the forecast revenue outturn for 2012/13 and actions being taken to manage the Council’s finances, as detailed in the submitted report, be noted.

(b) That the proposed carry forward of departmental resources to 2013/14, as referred to in paragraph 28 of the submitted report, be noted.

(c) That further regular reports be submitted to future meetings of Cabinet to monitor progress and take prompt action if necessary.

REASONS - (a) To continue effective management of resources.

(b) To continue to deliver services to agreed levels.

C119. PROJECT POSITION STATEMENT AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING - QUARTER THREE 2012/13 - The Cabinet Member with the Efficiency and Resources Portfolio introduced the report of the Director of Resources and the Director of Place (previously circulated) presenting a summary of the latest capital resource and commitment position, to inform monitoring and affordability and funding of the Council's capital programme and updating Members on the current status of all construction projects currently being undertaken by the Council.

RESOLVED - (a) That the status position on construction projects, as detailed in the submitted report, be noted.

(b) That the projected capital expenditure and resources, as detailed in the submitted report, be noted.

(c) That the resource virements as indicated in paragraph 19 of the submitted report, be approved.

REASONS - (a) To inform Cabinet of the current status of construction projects.

(b) To make Cabinet aware of the latest financial position of the Council.

(c) To maintain effective management of resources.

C120. MEMBERSHIP CHANGES - There were no membership changes reported at the meeting.

**DECISIONS DATED
FRIDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2013**