

**DECISIONS SHOULD NOT BE IMPLEMENTED BEFORE
TUESDAY 17 MAY 2016**

**CABINET
3 May 2016**

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

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE – Councillors Mills and S Richmond. (?)

C147. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

C148. REPRESENTATIONS – In respect of minutes C156 and C157 below, representations were made by Members and members of the public in attendance at the meeting.

C149. MINUTES - Submitted - The Minutes (previously circulated) of the meeting of this Cabinet held on 5 April 2016.

RESOLVED - That the Minutes be confirmed.

REASON – They represent an accurate record of the meeting.

C150. MATTERS REFERRED TO CABINET - There were no matters referred back for reconsideration.

C151. ISSUES ARISING FROM SCRUTINY - There were no issues arising from Scrutiny considered at this meeting.

C152. DISABLED FACILITIES GRANT 2016/17 - The Cabinet Member with Adult Social Care and Housing Portfolio introduced the report of the Director of Children and Adults Services (previously circulated) advising Members of the capital resources available for Disabled Facilities Grants (DFG) during 2016/17 and requesting that consideration be given to utilising those resources in accordance with Darlington Borough Council Disabled Facilities Grant Policy 2014/17.

RESOLVED - That the Disabled Facilities Grant for 2016/17, as detailed in the submitted report, be agreed and the capital funding be released.

REASON - To enable the adaptations for those individuals who are eligible to receive a Disabled Facilities Grant for 2016/17 to proceed.

C153. UPDATE ON CHILDREN'S SERVICES IMPROVEMENTS - The Cabinet Member with the Children and Young People's Portfolio introduced the report of the Director of Children and Adults Services (previously circulated) requesting that

consideration be given on the improvements made to date within Children's Services further to the Single Inspection undertaken in June 2015.

Discussion ensued on the implementation of 'Liquid Logic', the replacement for 'Care First'; recruitment and retention of social workers; and training of staff and Members.

RESOLVED - That the information contained within the submitted report be noted.

REASON - That Cabinet should receive regular updates on improvement progress.

C154. CLEVELAND TERRACE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO RESIDENTS' PARKING - The Cabinet Member with the Leisure and Local Environment Portfolio introduced the report of the Director of Economic Growth (previously circulated) advising Members of an objection received to the proposed amendment to the residents' parking scheme in Cleveland Terrace and requesting that consideration be given to proceeding with the proposal.

RESOLVED - That the objection be set aside and officers be authorised to proceed with the proposal to install the residents' parking in Cleveland Terrace as follows:-

Cleveland Terrace	on the north side, from the western boundary 38 Cleveland Terrace to the western boundary 20 Cleveland Terrace on the south side, from a point 20 metres west of the western boundary 19 Cleveland Terrace to the western boundary 35 Cleveland Terrace
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REASON - Only one objection has been received so it must be concluded that the majority of residents welcome the proposal and consider it beneficial to assist their parking.

C155. ROCKINGHAM STREET PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO RESIDENTS' PARKING - The Cabinet Member with the Leisure and Local Environment Portfolio introduced the report of the Director of Economic Growth (previously circulated) advising Members of an objection received to the proposed amendment to the residents' parking scheme in Rockingham Street and requesting that consideration be given to proceeding with the proposal.

RESOLVED - That the objection be set aside and officers be authorised to proceed with the proposal to install the residents' parking in Rockingham Street as follows.

Rockingham Street	on the north side, from a point 3 metres east of its junction with Bedford Street eastwards for a distance of 24 metres on the north side, from the western boundary 23 Rockingham Street eastwards for a distance of 22 metres on the south side, from a point 3 metres east of its junction with Bedford Street eastwards for a distance of 30 metres eastwards for a distance of 30 metres
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REASON - Sufficient parking for all permit holders will be provided within the street. This accords with the RPZ policy.

C156. UPDATE ON COVERED AND OPEN MARKET PARTNERING - The Cabinet Member with the Leisure and Local Environment Portfolio introduced the report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services and Resources (previously circulated) updating Cabinet on the progress in identifying a partner for the Markets and requesting that consideration be given to some remedial works to be undertaken in the Covered Market.

The Acting Chair of Darlington Retail Stallholders Association addressed Cabinet in respect of the proposals for the Markets and stated that although the market traders felt uncertain about the future they had a common goal of saving and enhancing the service provided by the markets and bringing them up to date.

RESOLVED - (a) That it be noted that existing market traders do not wish to make a proposal to run the Markets but wish to work with the Council to find a partner.

(b) That £200,000 be released for capital repairs to the Covered Market.

(c) That the procurement process be deemed strategic and be added to the Annual Procurement Plan and that Procurement Board be delegated to make the final award decision.

(d) That the process for selecting a preferred partner, as set out in the submitted report, be noted.

(e) That the draft heads of terms, attached as Appendix 1 to the submitted report, be approved, and the Director of Neighbourhood Services and Resources be authorised to finalise the same.

REASONS - (a) To release funds to enable the Covered Market to operate effectively in the short term.

(b) To enable a process to be put in place to select a preferred partner to lease, manage, improve and maintain the covered market and old town hall building and manage the outdoor market offering.

C157. DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS LAND - BATES AVENUE, HARTINGTON WAY, RED HALL STABLES - The Cabinet Member with the Efficiency and Resources Portfolio introduced the report of the Director of Economic Growth (previously circulated) requesting that consideration be given to disposing of two parcels of Council owned land, as shown on the plan appended to the submitted report, so that they can be brought forward for new housing development and to entering into an Option Agreement in respect of the Red Hall Stables site, also as shown on the plan appended to the submitted report.

Members of the public and a Member in attendance at the meeting addressed Cabinet in respect of their concerns regarding the sale of land at Hartington Way/Bellburn Lane

for housing development and the subsequent loss of green open space that was currently used by children.

Discussion ensued on the process for the sale of the land at Hartington Way/Bellburn Lane to Keepmoat and on the consultation that had been undertaken by them. Reference was also made to the use of the land at the Red Hall Stable site.

RESOLVED - (a) That the Director of Economic Growth be given delegated powers, in consultation with the Cabinet Member with the Efficiency and Resources Portfolio, to make amendments to the site boundaries, as set out in Appendix A(i–iii) of the submitted report, as considered appropriate, and to dispose of the sites in due course.

(b) That the Director of Economic Growth be given delegated powers, in consultation with the Cabinet Member with the Efficiency and Resources Portfolio, to negotiate and finalise the sale agreements in line with the principles, as set out in the submitted report.

(c) That the terms negotiated, as detailed in the submitted report, be reported to Cabinet on the Schedule of Transactions in due course and the the Assistant Director for Law and Governance be authorised to complete sale agreements as necessary.

REASONS - (a) To facilitate the release of the option held by Keepmoat on land at Central Park and in so doing to help accelerate housing delivery within the borough.

(b) To secure a capital receipt for the Council :

- (i) To contribute to the provision of housing in line with the adopted Darlington Core Strategy;
- (ii) To complete the disposal process.

C158. MEMBERSHIP CHANGES - There were no membership changes reported at the meeting.

**DECISIONS DATED –
MONDAY 9 MAY 2016**