

**DECISIONS SHOULD NOT BE IMPLEMENTED BEFORE  
MONDAY 18 JUNE 2018**

**CABINET**

Tuesday, 5 June 2018

**PRESENT** – Councillors Dixon (Chair), Harker, C.L.B. Hughes, McEwan, S Richmond, A J Scott and Wallis

**INVITEES** – Councillors Curry and Mrs H Scott

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE** – Councillors Carson, Coultas, Johnson and Lyonette

**C1 REPRESENTATIONS**

No representations were made by Members or members of the public in attendance at the meeting.

**C2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Dixon and C.L.B. Hughes declared non-pecuniary interests in Minute C10 below. There were no other declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

**C3 DEATH IN SERVICE**

The Cabinet Member with the Efficiency and Resources Portfolio introduced the report of the Director of Economic Growth and Neighbourhood Services (previously circulated) informing Members of the Death in Service of Doug Sinclair, a Street Lighting Operative who was a valued member of the Civil Engineering team within Economic Growth.

It was reported that a letter of sympathy had been sent to Doug's family and that the Human Resource Division were ensuring that the family received the appropriate support and advice.

**RESOLVED** – (a) It is with great sadness that Cabinet notes the recent death in service of Doug Sinclair, a respected employee of the Council.

(b) That the actions of the Council in conveying sympathy to Doug's family and the support offered by the Human Resources Division be noted.

**REASON** - To make Members aware of the recent death in service.

**C4 TIMES OF MEETINGS**

**RESOLVED** - That meetings of this Cabinet be held at 5.00 p.m. for the remainder of the 2018/19 Municipal Year.

## **C5 MINUTES**

Submitted - The Minutes (previously circulated) of the meeting of this Cabinet held on 3 April 2018.

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

**REASON** – They represent an accurate record of the meeting.

## **C6 MATTERS REFERRED TO CABINET - THERE WERE NO MATTERS REFERRED BACK FOR RECONSIDERATION TO THIS MEETING.**

## **C7 ISSUES ARISING FROM SCRUTINY - THERE WERE NO ISSUES ARISING FROM SCRUTINY CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING.**

## **C8 UPDATE ON CHILDREN'S SERVICES IMPROVEMENTS AND OUTCOMES OF SINGLE INSPECTION FRAMEWORK RE-INSPECTION**

The Cabinet Member with the Children and Young People Portfolio introduced the report of the Director of Children and Adults Services (previously circulated) updating Cabinet on the outcome of the Single Inspection Framework (SIF) re-inspection conducted during February and March 2018.

The submitted report set out the inspection findings, published on 21 May 2018, which had cited considerable improvements and concluded that, overall, Children's Services in Darlington had improved considerably from a position of inadequate in 2015 to now requiring improvement to be good.

It was reported that the progress was a considerable achievement, pivotal to which was dynamic leadership, effective political and corporate support and significant resourcing of the improvement journey.

**RESOLVED** – (a) That the findings of the SIF re-inspection of Children's Services be noted.

(b) That the revised inspection regulation framework that the Council is now subject to be noted.

(c) That it be noted that an improvement plan will now be developed in response to the recommendations.

**REASON** - Cabinet agreed they should receive regular update reports on improvement progress.

## **C9 KEY DECISION - DARLINGTON BOROUGH LOCAL PLAN 2016/36**

The Cabinet Member with Economy and Regeneration Portfolio introduced the report of the Director of Economic Growth and Neighbourhood Services (previously circulated) seeking Cabinet's approval to undertake a consultation exercise on the draft Local Plan 2016/36 (also previously circulated) and requesting that delegated powers be given to the Director of Economic Growth and Neighbourhood Services, in

consultation with the Economy and Regeneration Portfolio holder, to make minor editorial amendments to the draft prior to its publication.

**RESOLVED** – (a) That approval be given to the commencement of a six-week period of consultation on the draft Local Plan 2016/36.

(b) That the Director of Economic Growth and Neighbourhood Services, in consultation with the Economy and Regeneration Portfolio holder, be given delegated power to make any minor changes to the documents before they are finally published.

**REASON** - Local Planning Authorities must prepare a Local Plan that sets out the local planning policies for their local planning authority area. Government guidance requires that Local Plans must be positively prepared, justified, effective and be consistent with national policy, in accordance with Section 20 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) and the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

## **C10 FUTURES FUND: NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL**

The Leader introduced the report of the Managing Director (previously circulated) seeking approval to allocate resources from the Futures Fund to further assist the Darlington Credit Union in its work to improve the financial wellbeing of the community.

**RESOLVED** – (a) That a one-off payment of £50,000 be made to the Darlington Credit Union in return for a deferred shareholding to strengthen capital balances.

(b) That the Managing Director, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing, Health and Partnerships, be given delegated power to draw up a funding agreement to secure the objectives and protect the interests of the Council.

**REASONS** – (a) Cabinet is a signatory to the goals of One Darlington, Perfectly Placed, as a statement of intent to narrow inequalities and protect the most vulnerable in our community.

(b) The financial hardship faced by many people in Darlington is rising and there was public support for the Council in taking steps to alleviate the problems households face.

## **C11 TOWN CENTRE CAR PARKING**

The Cabinet Member with Leisure and Local Environment Portfolio introduced the report of the Managing Director and the Director of Economic Growth and Neighbourhood Services (previously circulated) requesting that consideration be given to reviewing car parking charges in the Town Centre in response to feedback and views from the public and traders.

It was reported that, to assist Town Centre trading, it was proposed to offer two hours free car parking in a number of car parks on the outside of the ring road, with East Street car park having an offer of all day parking for £2.00.

**RESOLVED** - That the charges for car parking as set out in paragraph 16 of the submitted report be approved.

**REASONS** – (a) To approve new charges in response to requests by traders and the public.

(b) To enhance the attractiveness of the Town Centre to visitors and residents.

## **C12 REVENUE BUDGET OUTTURN 2017/18**

The Cabinet Member with the Efficiency and Resources Portfolio introduced the report of the Managing Director (previously circulated) presenting the revenue outturn 2017/18 (subject to Audit), to allow Members to consider the results in light of the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) and also to consider the Collection Fund and Housing Revenue Account outturn.

The submitted report stated that the draft year-end position showed an improvement of £0.530 million from the opening balance projections reported in the 2018/19 to 2021/22 MTFP.

**RESOLVED** - (a) That the revenue outturn for 2017/18, as detailed in the submitted report, be noted.

(b) That the additional carry forward requests of £1.189M, referred to in paragraphs 14 to 18 of the submitted report, be approved and carried forward into 2018/19.

(c) That the Earmarked Reserves, requested in paragraphs 25 and 26 of the submitted report, be approved.

**REASON** - In order to maintain appropriate management arrangements for the Council's finances and make effective use of the Council's resources.

## **C13 PROJECT POSITION STATEMENT AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING OUTTURN 2017/18**

The Cabinet Member with the Efficiency and Resources Portfolio introduced the report of the Managing Director and the Director of Economic Growth and Neighbourhood Services (previously circulated) updating Members on the delivery of the Council's Capital Programme, the financial outturn position as at 31st March 2018; the proposed financing of the 2017/18 Capital expenditure; providing an update on the current status of all construction projects currently being undertaken by the Council; and seeking approval for a number of changes to the programme.

**RESOLVED** – (a) That the delivery and financial outturn of the 2017/18 Capital Programme, as detailed in the submitted report be noted.

(b) That the status position on construction projects, as detailed in the appendix to the submitted report, be noted.

(c) That the adjustments to resources, as detailed in paragraph 21 of the submitted report, be approved.

**REASONS** – (a) To enable Members to note the progress of the 2017/18 Capital Programme and to allow the capital spend to be fully financed.

(b) To inform Cabinet of the current status of construction projects.

(c) To maintain effective management of resources.

**C17 PROPOSED RESIDENT'S PARKING - OBJECTORS TO TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER:-**

**(1) CLEVELAND AVENUE**

The Cabinet Member with the Leisure and Local Environment Portfolio introduced the report of the Director of Economic Growth and Neighbourhood Services (previously circulated) advising Members of an objection received to a resident parking proposal in Cleveland Avenue and seeking a decision on whether to proceed with the proposal.

**RESOLVED** – That, having considered the objection, it be set aside and Officers be authorised to proceed with the proposal to introduce residents' parking as advertised.

**REASON** - To improve the amenities of the area through which the road runs.

**(2) MOWDEN TERRACE, WESTBROOK TERRACE AND MOWDEN STREET**

The Cabinet Member with the Leisure and Local Environment Portfolio introduced the report of Director of Economic Growth and Neighbourhood Services (previously circulated) advising Members of two objections received to a resident's parking proposal in Mowden Terrace, Mowden Street and Westbrook Terrace and seeking a decision on whether to proceed with the proposal.

**RESOLVED** – That, having considered the objections, they be set aside and Officers be authorised to proceed with the proposal to introduce resident's parking and no waiting at any time as advertised.

**REASON** - To improve the amenities of the area through which the road runs.

**C19 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED** - That, pursuant to Sections 100A(4) and (5) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the ensuing item on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in exclusion paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act.

**C20 SCHEDULE OF TRANSACTIONS - REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC GROWTH AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES.**

The Cabinet Member with the Efficiency and Resources Portfolio introduced the report of the Director of Economic Growth and Neighbourhood Services (previously circulated) to consider the Schedule of Transactions and to seek approval of the terms negotiated.

**RESOLVED** - It is recommended that the schedule be approved and the transactions completed on the terms and conditions detailed therein.

**REASON** - Terms negotiated require approval by Cabinet before binding itself contractually to a transaction.

**DECISIONS DATED –  
FRIDAY 8 JUNE 2018**