

CABINET

MINUTES AND DECISION RECORD

5 October 2009

The meeting commenced at 9.00 am in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

Present:

The Mayor (Stuart Drummond) - In the Chair

Councillors: Robbie Payne (Deputy Mayor) (Finance & Performance Portfolio Holder)
Pam Hargreaves (Regeneration and Economic Development Portfolio Holder)
Gerard Hall (Adult and Public Health Portfolio Holder)
Cath Hill (Children's Services Portfolio Holder)
Peter Jackson (Transport and Neighbourhoods Portfolio Holder)
Victor Tumilty (Culture, Leisure and Tourism Portfolio Holder)

Officers: Paul Walker (Chief Executive)
Nicola Bailey (Director of Child and Adult Services)
Peter Devlin (Chief Solicitor)
Joanne Machers (Chief Personnel Officer)
Graeme Frankland (Head of Procurement, Property and Public Protection)
Stuart Green (Assistant Director)
Alistair Rae (Public Relations Manager)
Denise Wimpenny (Principal Democratic Services Officer)

Also Present:

Malcolm Walker, NDC
Ian Worthy, NDC

70. Apologies for Absence

None

71. Declarations of interest by members

None at this point in the meeting.

72. Minutes of the meeting held on 21 September 2009

Received.

73. Older People's Housing Care and Support Strategy

(Director of Child and Adult Services and Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods)

Type of decision

Key – test ii

Purpose of report

To seek Cabinet's approval of the Older People's Housing Care and Support Strategy and agreement to implement the recommendations of the Strategy.

Issue(s) for consideration by Cabinet

Members were asked to note that a request to defer this item to the next meeting of Cabinet had been received from the Director of Adult and Child Services.

Decision

This item was deferred and would be considered at the next meeting of Cabinet on 19 October 2009.

74. Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) *(Director of Child and Adult Services)*

Type of decision

Key Test (ii)

Purpose of report

To present to Cabinet the refreshed 09/10 version of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)

Issue(s) for consideration by Cabinet

The Adult and Public Health Portfolio Holder presented the report which outlined the background to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. The report reminded Cabinet of the purpose of the JSNA, the content of the document, process and consultation undertaken to refresh the document and how it would be used across agencies to commission services and address priorities.

The Director of Child and Adult Services advised that the refreshed 09/10 version of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) would be available on weblink.

Decision

That the content of the document be noted and the use of the joint strategic needs assessment in commissioning services, be endorsed.

75. New Deal for Communities Succession Strategy *(Assistant Director (Planning and Economic Development) and New Deal for Communities Programme Director)*

Type of decision

Key test (ii)

Purpose of report

To seek approval of the New Deal for Communities (NDC) Succession Strategy, the Council being the accountable body for the NDC partnership and its programme and clearly a key interested party in sustaining the regeneration of the NDC area after the NDC funding ends.

Issue(s) for consideration by Cabinet

The Assistant Director and representatives from NDC reported on the importance of ensuring the sustainability of regeneration activity in the New Deal for Communities area after the end of the ten year funding period in March 2011. The Department for Communities and Local Government required the submission of a formal Succession Strategy by the end of October, 2009, with formal endorsement by the local authority. A draft copy of the Succession Strategy was appended to the report, which highlighted the Strategy's key strands:-

- (i) a commitment to continued neighbourhood management
- (ii) the establishment of the NDC trust as a successor body
- (iii) ongoing work to expand the capacity of key voluntary organisations to play their part in ongoing regeneration.

Appendices to the strategy included a risk register and a project sustainability matrix, copies of which were available in the Members' Room or electronically.

Work on the Succession Strategy was close to being finalised, however, there was a national meeting of the NDC partnerships, the accountable bodies and DCLG on 9 October which may influence the finalisation of the Strategy. It was not anticipated, however, that there would be any fundamental changes to the Strategy at this stage.

A Member expressed concern regarding the impact on a number of residents as a result of the requirement within regeneration areas to move house on more than one occasion as well as the implications for neighbourhoods once the NDC support was withdrawn at the end of the funding period in March 2011. During the discussion that followed, whilst it was acknowledged that there had been difficulties in certain areas, the substantial improvements in communities resulting in a much better quality of life for residents was highlighted.

DURING CONSIDERATION OF THIS ITEM OF BUSINESS THE MAYOR

AND PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR REGENERATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DECLARED A PERSONAL INTEREST AS A MEMBER OF THE NDC BOARD AND STEERING GROUP RESPECTIVELY

Further discussion ensued with regard to the benefits of continuous involvement of residents and partnership working and the importance of those benefits continuing at the end of the programme.

In response to a request for clarification in relation to the financial implications of the Strategy, Members were advised that there was no additional financial liability on the Council in terms of endorsing the strategy and the report sought approval for the continued commitment to work with partnerships already established.

Decision

- (i) That the NDC Succession Strategy, be endorsed.
- (ii) The Chief Executive be authorised to sign off the final version for submission to the DCLG, following consultation with the Mayor on any further amendments.

76. Children in Need, North East Event at Hartlepool Maritime Experience on 20 November 2009 *(The Mayor)*

Type of decision

Non key

Purpose of report

To request financial support from the Mayoral Reserve to assist delivery of the BBC Children in Need event in Hartlepool.

Issue(s) for consideration by Cabinet

The Mayor reported that the Council had been approached by the BBC to host the North East leg of their annual Children in Need appeal at Hartlepool Maritime Experience on 20 November 2009. This would be a live venue between 6.00 pm and 10.00 pm.

This was a good opportunity to highlight the Hartlepool Maritime Experience, to raise money locally as well as an ideal opportunity to promote the Tall Ships event. The report outlined what the Council needed to do in preparation for the event. A programme of the event activities was attached at Appendix 1.

Whilst great efforts had been made into securing performance and contributions without charge to the event, funding for technical requirements of stage, lighting and sound were required. The Mayor sought agreement from Cabinet to release the sum of £5,000 from the Cabinet contingency fund to assist with delivery of the BBC Children in Need event in Hartlepool.

In response to a query regarding the present financial position of the

contingency fund the Mayor stated that there was sufficient monies in the budget to fund this request, however, details of expenditure to date was available.

Decision

That a donation of £5,000 be approved from the Cabinet Contingency fund to assist with delivery of the BBC Children in Need event in Hartlepool.

77. Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006

Under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public were excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraphs below of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

Minute 78 Senior Management Review (Para 2 – information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual)

78. Senior Management Review 2008 (*Chief Personnel Officer and Chief Solicitor*)

Type of decision

Non-key

Purpose of report

To purpose of the report is set out in the exempt section of the minutes.

Issue(s) for consideration by Cabinet

Cabinet's consideration of this issue is set out in the exempt section of the minutes.

Decision

Cabinet's decision in relation to this issue is set out in the exempt section of the minutes.

The meeting concluded at 10.00 am.

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CHIEF SOLICITOR

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