

Cabinet

25 June 2018

Present: Councillor C B Pickard (Deputy Mayor) (in the Chair)
Councillors G Bell, C Burdis, S Cox, S Day, P Earley,
R Glindon, M Hall and C Johnson

In Attendance: P Arnold (Young Mayor)
D Hodgson (Business Sector)
E Vick (Voluntary and Community Sector Representative)
R Layton (North Tyneside Joint Trade Union Committee)

CAB05/06/18 Apologies

Apologies were received from Mrs N Redfearn (Elected Mayor) and Alma Caldwell (Age UK).

CAB06/06/18 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

There were no declarations of interest or dispensations reported.

CAB07/06/18 Minutes

Resolved that the Minutes of the meetings held on 14 May 2018 (Ordinary Meeting) and 29 May 2018 (Extraordinary Meeting) be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

CAB08/06/18 Report of the Young Mayor

The Young Mayor reported on the following activities in which she, Young Cabinet Members and/or Youth Councillors had been involved:

- The Young Mayor had helped in the selection of award winners from the nominations for the Chair's Commendation Awards and the Young Mayor's Award and presentations were made by Deputy Young Mayor Daniel McTiernan along with Member of UK Youth Parliament Abbie.
- Representatives from the Environment group had attended the Young Flood Ambassadors meeting along with young representatives from the North East region who had agreed to produce a video for schools to educate the students on actions to take in a flood situation.
- The Young Cabinet and other Youth Parliament Members and Youth Councillors from around the region had attended a regional residential in Cumbria which involved team challenges, debating activities, budget setting and drafting a North East region manifesto.
- The working groups were all meeting to take forward Youth Council plans and the Young People's Activities group had the responsibility of helping to organise Soundfest and fundraising for Bay foodbank.

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- The Ready for Life Group was focusing on political education in schools, researching what resources and activities were currently being used in schools in the UK.
- The Anti-bullying group had completed the flyer for the creative writing and poetry competition that had been launched in schools at the start of June. The group had particularly wanted to target years 7 and older teenagers to raise awareness of issues around bullying, the best of the applications received would be displayed during anti bullying week in November.
- The Environment and Transport group were focusing on the Reuse Refill water bottle project and the logo design had been used on the reusable water bottles which were now available to buy in leisure centres and at Quadrant. Some Environment group members would be North Tyneside representatives on the new Young People's Tyne and Wear Nexus Transport Forum.
- The Young People's Health and Wellbeing group had agreed to focus on Young People's mental health and were looking to work together with MH2K citizen researchers on their recommendations which they had launched successfully last month.
- The Young Mayor and Member of UK Youth Parliament Abbie had presented awards to Valley Gardens Middle School school councillors for getting the highest turnout of voters in the youth elections earlier this year, also promoting the opportunities available to participate in a variety of North Tyneside Youth Council activities supported by the Chair of the Council.
- The Young Mayor had attended the North East Youth Pride Awards organised by NE Youth where she had presented an award to their young volunteer of the year
- Some Youth Councillors, Children's Council and young people from The Base had attended a Canny Planners workshop facilitated by Newcastle University school of Architecture Planning and Landscape.
- Several Youth Councillors had attended the British Youth Council convention in Redcar where they had taken part in workshops about young people's mental health and revisited the North East Manifesto and had heard from a young inspirational speaker former MYP and young ambassador from South Tyneside.

The Young Mayor explained that auditions had been held at YMCA Studios for this year's Soundfest to be held at Segedunum on 30 June 2018. Also, some of the Children in the Care Council had been involved in helping with interviews for the new Assistant Director for Children's Services.

The Deputy Mayor thanked the Young Mayor for her report.

CAB09/06/18 Cabinet Response to the Report of the Transitions Sub-Group – Transition Process for Young People with Special Education Needs and Disability (All Wards)

Cabinet received a report seeking approval to the proposed response to the recommendations of the report of the Transitions Sub-group established to examine the process undertaken by both Adult Services and Children Services when a child with special education needs and/or a disability (SEND) transferred to Adult Services at age 18.

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Having completed its investigation, the sub-group had prepared a report and a series of recommendations. Cabinet had received the report and recommendations on 9 April 2018 (Previous Minute CAB162/04/18).

Cabinet's response to the recommendations of the Sub-group were attached at Appendix 1 to the report. The North Tyneside SEND Governance and Planning Structure was included at Appendix 2.

Cabinet considered the following options:

- Option 1 – Accept the recommendations set out in section 1.2 of the report.
- Option 2 – Reject the recommendations set out in section 1.2 of the report.
- Option 3 – Accept part of the recommendations as set out in section 1.2 of the report and reject the rest.

The Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Learning thanked the Transitions Sub-group for the report and all participants/consultees involved in the examination of SEND. He indicated that the work of the Transitions Sub-group underpinned and complimented the work undertaken in North Tyneside by the Whole Life Disability Board.

The actions from the sub-group were consistent with best practice, national guidance and local plans for improvement. The developments had been put in place with colleagues from different agencies as well as parents and family carers.

Resolved that the proposed response to the recommendations from the Transitions Sub-Group, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.

(Reason for decision – it fulfils the statutory requirement for Cabinet to respond to recommendations put forward by the Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee.)

CAB10/06/18 North Tyneside Transport Strategy Annual Report (All Wards)

Cabinet received the North Tyneside Transport Strategy Annual Information Report which summarised the work undertaken to demonstrate progress against delivery of performance of the Transport Strategy during 2017-18.

The North Tyneside Transport Strategy had been adopted by Cabinet on 8 May 2017 and set out the Authority's vision for transport in the borough. It sought to ensure that "North Tyneside will have a safe, easy to use, healthy, affordable, accessible and integrated travel and transport infrastructure that works for residents, businesses and visitors effectively and efficiently". It set out five principles which were key to achieving this. In order to provide regular information about transport in North Tyneside the Transport Strategy contained a commitment to provide an annual information report to Cabinet.

Strategic policies that fed into the Transport Strategy were the:

- Our North Tyneside Plan 2018 - 2020;

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- Local Plan 2017 - 2032;
- Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2013 - 2023; and
- NECA Transport Manifesto and Plan.

The Authority's policies and strategies specific to transport matters, which were aligned with the Transport Strategy, were the:

- Local Development Document LDD12 – Transport and Highways;
- North Tyneside Cycling Strategy;
- North Tyneside Travel Safety Strategy;
- North Tyneside Parking Strategy;
- North Tyneside Highway Asset Management Plan (HAMP); and
- North Tyneside Network Management Plan (currently being refreshed).

The main priority of this first year had been to refresh and update the Authority's policies and strategies which were specific to transport and ensure these were aligned with the Transport Strategy. The majority of these had been updated within this past year, while a refreshed Network Management Plan was expected to be brought to Cabinet for its approval in autumn 2018. The changes to these policies were detailed in the report. Associated supporting information in relation to the report were contained in the Transport Strategy Data Factsheet, Strategic Cycle Route "Tube Map", and Regional and National Transport Trends Note were contained in Appendices 1, 2 and 3 respectively.

Cabinet was requested to note the content of the Transport Strategy Annual Information Report for 2017-18.

Resolved that the content of the report and associated supporting information contained in Appendices 1, 2 and 3 to the report, be noted.

CAB11/06/18 Introduction of Alternate Weekly Bin Collections Plan (All Wards)

Cabinet received a report seeking approval to implement the Alternate Weekly Bin Collections Plan, to deliver the efficiencies agreed as part of the 2018-2020 Financial Planning and Budget Process and the expected increase in recycling rates. The report also sought approval for an approach to assess requests for larger bins.

In 2012/13, the Authority had received circa £3.4 million from national Government to subsidise weekly collections, a combination of £2.5 million revenue and £0.9 million capital. This funding had now been exhausted and the national funding had not been renewed.

After funding specific revenue initiatives around waste and recycling, £0.397 million per annum was available for five years until March 2017, to support weekly collections. The grant had run out at the end of 2017/18.

As part of the Authority's 2018/19 budget setting process, proposals had been included to introduce Alternate Weekly Collections. This not only would deliver a financial benefit but would deliver a number of environmental improvements.

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Over 75% of Local Authorities across the country collected waste on a two weekly cycle and all regional neighbouring Authorities now operated this system. North Tyneside was currently one of the few remaining Authorities where a weekly collection of household waste still took place.

Alternate Weekly Collections had a positive environmental impact by increasing householders' awareness of the waste they throw away and different ways to deal with it, including an increased take up of home composting.

The experience of other Local Authorities that had moved to Alternate Weekly Collections was that recycling rates increased and costs associated with waste disposal reduced. There were also positive impacts on air quality due to the reduction in vehicles required to deliver the service.

In 2016/17, the Authority had sent 52% of the Borough's waste to the Energy from Waste plant in Teesside. This plant burned waste to produce electricity, which was then fed into the national grid to power homes and businesses. 38% of the Borough's waste had been recycled and 10% sent to landfill.

Having previously been a comparatively strong performer, North Tyneside Council was in the bottom quartile in 2016/17 for recycling performance, which was linked to weekly collections.

Waste disposal costs had risen dramatically in the last 10 years, from £44 per tonne in 2007, £95 per tonne in 2012 to £122 per tonne currently. In contrast, the Authority paid considerably less per tonne for recycling (currently £12.81), so it was important to maximise the shift from green bin (refuse) to grey bin (recycling).

Engagement on the budget proposals had been undertaken with residents and key stakeholders between 28 November 2017 and 24 January 2018. The details of consultation undertaken with respect to this proposal as a part of the budget engagement process, was set out in section 2.3 of the report. Many of those raising issues as part of the engagement process either actively agreed with Alternate Weekly Collections, especially if it was accompanied by improved recycling, or accepted the proposal with certain caveats. However a sizable minority of respondents wished to retain weekly household waste collections.

Notwithstanding the feedback received, it was important that the Authority moved to Alternate Weekly Collections to ensure that the environmental and financial benefits were achieved. An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) had been undertaken to identify any impact the proposals might have on those with protected characteristics (as defined in the Equality Act 2010). The EIA also set out the mitigations that the Authority had identified to address any identified impact.

It was proposed that the Alternate Weekly Bin Collections Plan and the associated communications plan and exception criteria as set out in Appendix 1 to the report would be implemented from August 2018.

Cabinet considered the following decision options: either to approve the recommendations as set out in section 1.2 of the report, or alternatively not to approve

the recommendations and ask Officers to reconsider the options available to Cabinet in relation to the introduction of Alternative Weekly Collections.

Resolved that (1) the implementation of the Alternate Weekly Bin Collections Plan and the associated communications plan and exception criteria, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be approved; and
(2) the Head of Environment, Housing and Leisure, be authorised to introduce and manage the above changes, and in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport, the Head of Finance and the Head of Law and Governance, undertake all ancillary matters associated with this resolution.

(Reason for decision: To achieve the financial saving agreed by Full Council on 15 February 2018 to deliver the environmental benefits associated with an increase in recycling and reduction in waste going to landfill).

CAB12/06/18 Clean Bus Technology Fund: Distribution of Funding (All Wards)

Cabinet received a report seeking approval to enter into individual agreements with qualifying bus operators to enable funding awarded to the Authority from the Clean Bus Technology Fund to be released to them.

As part of national modelling, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) had identified an 800m length of the Coast Road at North Tyneside's boundary with Newcastle which, after 2020, was anticipated to be marginally above the permitted level of nitrogen dioxide. Officers had been working with DEFRA colleagues to explore and agree the best way to prevent this happening. As 13% of the nitrogen dioxide in this area came from buses, the Authority had been offered, and accepted, as part of the Financial Management Plan considered and approved by Cabinet on 12 March 2018 (Previous Minute CAB141/03/18) a grant of £1.201 million which would be passported directly to the relevant bus operators to make engine improvements which would reduce vehicle emissions and should bring the relevant portion of the Coast Road into compliance.

The Authority intended to pass on the capital funding of £1.201 million received to Go North East, Stagecoach and Arriva through formal agreements to improve air quality. There was no additional contribution required from the Authority.

It was proposed that the funding be distributed to the bus operators on a back-to-back basis in order to indemnify the Authority against any liability. The terms of the back-to-back agreement had not been prescribed by DEFRA and it was proposed that the Authority together with neighbouring authorities (Gateshead Council, Newcastle City Council, South Tyneside Council) who had been awarded the funding would each use a pro forma agreement, with minor amendments as required to provide consistency across the region. The agreements would:

- Specify the terms and conditions of the funding to be provided to the qualifying bus operator in line with the conditions imposed for the grant funding by DEFRA;
- Require the qualifying bus operator to meet the relevant duties and obligations imposed on the Authority under the funding terms; and

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- Require the bus operator to monitor the delivery and outcomes of the project and provide the Authority with information to enable it to prepare reporting information to DEFRA on the numbers of buses retrofitted in the previous quarter.

The Authority would continue to work with its neighbouring authorities who were also about to distribute the grant funding they had received to their qualifying bus operators. This would ensure that, as far as is practicably possible, consistency in approach was achieved.

Cabinet considered the following decision options: to either to approve the recommendations as set out in section 1.2 of the report, or alternatively to not approve the recommendations.

Resolved that (1) it be noted that the Authority has accepted funding from the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Clean Bus Technology Fund in accordance with the Financial Management Plan considered and approved by Cabinet on 12 March 2018; and
(2) the Head of Environment, Housing and Leisure, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance, the Head of Finance and the Head of Law and Governance, be authorised to award grants to qualifying local bus operators on terms approved by the Head of Law and Governance.

(Reason for decision: This will permit the release of funds to qualifying bus operators on appropriate terms as set out in the report. This will also enable compliance with the conditions of funding imposed on the Authority under the funding terms. The qualifying bus operators will be required under the agreement to meet the relevant duties and obligations and monitor the delivery and outcomes of the project. The retrofitting of the buses to achieve Euro 6 compliance has been identified as one of the measures to improve air quality by reducing the nitrogen dioxide levels within the identified 800m area of the Coast Road in the shortest possible time. If the Authority fails to take action then it is likely that some form of Clean Air Zone will be imposed that will provide restrictions on vehicles operating in the identified 800 m of the Coast Road).

CAB13/06/18 Regional Adoption Agency Update (All Wards)

Cabinet received a report detailing the progress of the development of a proposed delivery model for the Regional Adoption Agency (RAA); and seeking authority to undertake consultation with stakeholders on the current proposals to create the RAA.

On 12 March 2018, Cabinet had authorised the relevant Heads of Service to participate in and contribute to the development of the proposals associated with the RAA (Previous Minute CAB148/03/18)

It was currently planned that the development of a RAA for the North East would be subject to approval in September 2018 by the Cabinet of each of the participating local authorities (Gateshead Council, Newcastle City Council, North Tyneside Council, Northumberland County Council and South Tyneside Council).

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To take the project forward, a Project Board comprising representatives of the Constituent councils and voluntary adoption agencies: After Adoption, Barnardo's, Arc Adoption and Durham Family Welfare had considered a range of options for regionalised adoption services. The potential delivery models, which the Department for Education (DfE) had asked the Project Board to consider, were summarised below:

- Option 1: A single local authority host on behalf of a number of local authorities;
- Option 2: A Joint Venture between local authorities;
- Option 3: A Joint Venture between the voluntary adoption agencies and the local authorities;
- Option 4: A Commissioned RAA (Consortium of Voluntary Adoption Agencies proposed model also considered in addition to DfE options)
- Option 5: Outsourcing to existing Voluntary Adoption Agency

Financial modelling had been carried out on Option 1 and Option 2. Options 3, 4 and 5 had been discounted at an early stage as none of the voluntary adoption agencies had indicated a wish to enter into such arrangements.

In June 2017, the Constituent Councils had indicated their support in principle for the continued development of a RAA for the North East and the use of a local authority owned Joint Venture Company (JVCo) as the preferred business model to deliver the RAA. This "in principle" support was subject to an analysis of the available options and the final decision on the model.

In March 2018, a further report to Cabinet had stated that although initial results of the options appraisal exercise had indicated that Option 2 could provide flexibility and the ability to innovate in a business sense, financial modelling had clarified that the cost of this model would be considerably higher than current arrangements in each local authority.

The financial modelling had highlighted that, between the two options, the ability to recover VAT within the local authority hosted model established a clear and significant financial difference between the two options with the host model assessed as significantly more efficient in this regard.

In relation to ease of implementation generally, the delegation of adoption functions to one local authority was more straightforward than establishing a joint venture vehicle and commissioning that vehicle to provide the required services. In addition, the transfer of staff to another local authority and the provision of proper pension arrangements were simpler and more cost effective than with a joint venture vehicle. Furthermore it was considered an advantage in terms of the sense of ownership if the regional adoption service was hosted by one of the Constituent Councils.

In the light of the above the recommended delivery model for the RAA was a hosted model (Option 1).

To enable the hosted model to operate effectively the Constituent Councils were required to delegate their adoption services functions to the Host Authority. The Host

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Authority was then able to deliver the adoption services on behalf the Constituent Councils. This arrangement would be supported by an appropriate legal agreement between the Constituent Councils dealing with such matters as the financial contributions and support, indemnities, sharing of budget shortfalls together with internal governance and oversight.

North Tyneside Council had been identified as the host and lead authority in view of the Authority's ability and readiness to undertake the role. It was also proposed that the hosted RAA would be known as "Adopt North East" and be based at an agreed venue to be determined.

Under the proposed Host Authority arrangement approximately fifty staff from across the Constituent Councils would be transferred to the employment of the host authority under the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006.

Further engagement with stakeholders would be necessary to consult on the current proposals for the establishment of Adopt North East if the current proposals were supported by the Constituent Councils. Consultation with the stakeholders would include an online questionnaire, promoted through each of the Constituent Councils and engagement sessions with key stakeholder groups, including adopted children, families and potential adopters. It was anticipated that this further engagement would be for a period of 8 weeks following the Cabinet decisions of each of the Constituent Councils.

The results of the consultation process together with the Final Business Case for the RAA were planned to be presented to the Constituent Councils in September 2018. At that time the Constituent Councils would be invited to agree the proposed final model and to proceed with the establishment of the RAA.

A schedule detailing the services to be delivered by the Regional Adoption Agency was attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

In anticipation of the arrangements to mobilise Adopt North East the project would be led by a senior officer from one of the constituent Councils seconded to undertake the role.

Cabinet considered the following decision options:

Option 1 – to approve the recommendations as set out in paragraph 1.2 of the report.
Option 2 – to reject the recommendations as set out in paragraph 1.2 of the report and request that officers undertake more work in relation to the development of proposals for a Regional Adoption Agency.

Resolved that (1) the progress made with the development of a Regional Adoption Agency for Gateshead MBC, Newcastle City Council, North Tyneside Council, Northumberland County Council and South Tyneside Council to be known as "Adopt North East", be noted;

(2) it be noted that the preferred business model for "Adopt North East" is the local authority hosted model with the delegation of the Constituent Councils' adoption functions to North Tyneside Council as the host local authority pursuant to

Sections 9EA and 9EB of the Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Authorities (Arrangements for the Discharge of Functions) (England) Regulations 2012;

(3) consultation proceed on the proposals for “Adopt North East” with the relevant stakeholders as set out in the report, jointly with the other Constituent Councils; and

(4) a further report be submitted to Cabinet in September 2018 seeking final agreement to the proposals following the receipt and analysis of consultation responses and the completion of the Final Business Case and the approval of the terms of the agreement between the Constituent Councils addressing legal, financial and operational matters to support the approved business model as set out in the Final Business Case.

(Reason for decision: Option 1 meets the requirements being placed on the Authority by the Government in relation to the regionalisation of adoption services and is the most financially and legally efficient available option).

CAB14/06/18 Drug and Alcohol Treatment Service Procurement Exercise 2018/19 (All Wards)

Cabinet considered a report seeking approval to undertake a procurement exercise for specialist drug and alcohol treatment services in North Tyneside to identify a provider(s), and to appoint and award following the procurement exercise, a contract for the provision of a specialist Drug and Alcohol Treatment Service across the borough for an initial contract period of 12 months, with an option to extend for a further two 12 months periods.

Local Authorities had the duty to reduce health inequalities and improve the health of their local population. Drug and alcohol treatment services made a significant contribution to tackling health inequalities, increasing life expectancy, improving the health and well-being of families and reducing crime and disorder in local communities. Drug and Alcohol services were not a mandated service under the provisions of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 but they were a condition of the ring fenced Public Health Grant which the Authority received from the Department of Health and Social Care to deliver the public health functions of the Authority.

The current specialist drug and alcohol treatment service in North Tyneside performed well against a number of national indicators. Challenges remained across the health and social care economy in relation to the number of alcohol related hospital admissions locally.

Drug and alcohol problems were best addressed by a range of evidence-based interventions comprising preventative measures, early interventions targeted at those who were particularly vulnerable to the harms associated with alcohol and drug use, and the delivery of recovery-focused treatment and support.

The Contract for the delivery of the specialist Drug and Alcohol Treatment Service held by the Authority was due to end on 31 March 2019, with no further options to extend.

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There was no evidence of local authorities in England in-sourcing a drug and alcohol treatment service to date. The potential reasons for this were that the service provided a complex pathway of clinical, pharmacological and psychosocial interventions with a specialist medical and allied health professional workforce, which is supported by the Drug and Alcohol National Occupational Standards (DANOS).

Treatment services were closely aligned with clinical mental health services and this was the reason why many services were located within NHS mental health trusts. Local Authorities were not equipped to comply with the clinical governance requirements for the nature of this service for example in the prescribing of controlled drugs such as methadone and buprenorphine.

On this basis it was proposed that the Authority procures, through the open market, a drug and alcohol treatment service with the procurement process being overseen by a Drug and Alcohol Procurement Steering Group chaired by the Director of Public Health.

The aim was to procure a high quality community based treatment service that included detoxification, pharmacological support, harm reduction, psychosocial interventions with a range of clinical and recovery support interventions. The clinical focus on helping people recover from dependence was a vital component with crime reduction featuring as an important secondary outcome.

A systematic needs assessment was currently being undertaken. This would review the full range of performance and quality indicators available together with unmet need and build on the limited data contained in the report. It would inform the development of the service specification which would ensure that the new service had a focus upon improving outcomes. It would assess the range of options available from research for improving successful completions which included flexible opening hours, visible recovery through the use of peer support, good visibility within communities and the promotion of mutual aid.

The process would be guided by Best Practice Guidance and all relevant Department of Health and Social Care and National Institute for Clinical Excellence Guidelines and standards.

Cabinet considered the following decision options:

Option 1- to not approve the specialist Drug and Alcohol Treatment Service Procurement Exercise 2018/19 and request Officers to look at alternative options for the delivery of treatment for drug and alcohol misuse in North Tyneside.

Option 2- to approve the specialist Drug and Alcohol Treatment Service Procurement Exercise 2018/19.

The Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing undertook to keep Cabinet updated on the outcome of the procurement exercise.

Resolved that (1) the Director of Public Health, in consultation with the Head of Health, Education, Care and Safeguarding, Head of Commissioning and Investment,

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Head of Finance, Head of Law and Governance and the Cabinet Members for Adult Social Care, Public Health and Wellbeing and Finance and Resources, be authorised to:

- i. undertake a procurement exercise for specialist drug and alcohol treatment services in North Tyneside to identify a provider(s);
- ii. appoint and award following the procurement exercise, a contract for the provision of a specialist Drug and Alcohol Treatment Service across the borough for an initial contract period of 12 months, with an option to extend for a further two 12 months periods.

(Reason for decision: Local Authorities have the duty to reduce health inequalities and improve the health of their local population. The provision of public health services aimed at reducing drug and alcohol misuse is a key way to address inequalities.

Whilst not mandated under the provisions of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 the provision of a drug and alcohol treatment service is a condition of the Authority's ring fenced Public Health grant. If the preferred option is not approved, the Authority will be unable to undertake the proposed procurement exercise and will be unable to meet its obligations under the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

The model of drug and alcohol treatment service in North Tyneside is based on expressed local need and evidence of effectiveness, whilst at the same time ensuring best value for the Authority. The current contract for the delivery of drug and alcohol treatment services will terminate on 31 March 2019. If approved, the Authority will be in a position to commence a procurement exercise to appoint a replacement provider when the current contract comes to an end, and allow for a transition period).

CAB15/06/18 Exclusion Resolution

Resolved that under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and having applied a public interest test as defined in Part 2 of Schedule 12A of the Act, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

CAB16/06/18 Construction Project - Accommodation (Camperdown Ward)

Further to the Cabinet meeting held on 15 January 2018, consideration was given to a report seeking approval to submit a full application for European Regional Development Funding (ERDF) Grant and to commence a procurement exercise and appoint the preferred provider to deliver the relevant works following the procurement exercise to refurbish the Killingworth site for use as its main operations depot.

To support the delivery of the Project, the Investment Programme Board had approved the submission of an ERDF grant application to match fund (by 50%) energy saving measures and initiatives associated with the refurbishment, which would reduce both the initial capital spend and on-going energy revenue costs for the site.

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The grant, if successful, would contribute towards the capital works and towards the revenue costs associated with managing the delivery of the grant funded elements of the Project. In order to comply with ERDF procurement rules the Authority was required to appoint a contractor through an approved framework or open tender exercise.

Cabinet considered the following decision options: either to agree the recommendations as set out in section 1.2 of the report, or alternatively to disagree with the proposals – if this was the case, the Authority would only use existing resources to deliver the project.

Resolved that in relation to the delivery of the Authority's future depot requirements, the Head of Commissioning and Investment, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, the Head of Environment, Housing and Leisure, the Head of Finance and the Head of Law and Governance, be authorised to:

- (a) take all necessary steps to submit the full application in relation to the European Regional Development Funding and to accept the ERDF funding award, should it (and the funding terms) be successful and economically advantageous to the Authority;
- (b) undertake a procurement exercise either through an open tender or an appropriate existing construction procurement framework for the proposed funded works on terms approved by the Head of Law and Governance; and
- (c) award contract(s) for the proposed funded works to those bidders successful in the procurement process who provide the Authority with the most economically advantageous tender(s) and in line with the agreed Investment Plan.

(Reason for decision – Option 1 is the preferred option as this will enable the Authority to pursue ERDF grant funding. This will reduce initial capital spend and ongoing revenue costs for the Authority.)

CAB17/06/18 Chief Executive

This being his last meeting of Cabinet before taking up his post as Chief Executive at Sunderland City Council, the Deputy Mayor on behalf of the Elected Mayor and Cabinet thanked the Chief Executive, Mr Patrick Melia, for his service during his time at North Tyneside Council and wished him well for the future.

CAB18/06/18 Date and Time of Next Meetings

Monday 30 July 2018 at 6.00pm (Ordinary Meeting).

Minutes published on Thursday 28 June 2018.

The decisions contained within these Minutes may be implemented (unless called in by 3 Non-Executive Members for consideration by the Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee) immediately following the expiry of the call-in period; i.e. 5.00pm on Thursday 5 July 2018.