

**Cabinet
(Extraordinary Meeting)**

28 January 2019

Present: Mrs N Redfearn (Elected Mayor) (in the Chair)
Councillors G Bell, C Burdis, S Cox, S Day, P Earley, R Glindon,
C Johnson and C B Pickard

In Attendance: R Layton (North Tyneside Joint Trade Union Committee)

CAB95/01/19 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor M Hall and Alma Caldwell (Age UK).

CAB96/01/19 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

There were no declarations of interest or dispensations reported.

CAB97/01/19 2019-2023 Financial Planning and Budget Process: Consideration of Scrutiny Recommendations on Cabinet's Proposals

The Elected Mayor informed Cabinet that there were no further recommendations arising from the Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee Budget Study Group's meeting held on 22 January 2019 to review the Cabinet's final budget proposals.

The Elected Mayor thanked the Members of the Study Group for their work and for their advice and support for the budget proposals.

The Elected Mayor announced that following engagement with residents and businesses she was putting forward further proposals on matters that continued to be raised as concerns with her; ie parking and environmental enforcement.

To that end, she had asked the Cabinet Member for the Environment and the Officers to look into the following measures:

Parking:

- suspend parking charges after 18.00, with a view to supporting the area's growing nighttime economy and increasing visitor numbers;
- reduce the cost of Coast Day Parking Passes to £3.00 and do more to promote their use; and
- as part of planning for the Northern Promenade in Whitley Bay, trial making Briar Dene car park free, to see if that would move cars out of the town centre and make it easier for people to use the promenade.

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Environment:

- continue for another year, the successful trial of environmental enforcement work, where the team and their CCTV van have made a real difference
- add a Hit Squad to the team to supplement day to day operations and respond in areas of high footfall or fly tipping; and
- install bigger bins in places where lots of people visit.

The Elected Mayor indicated that the proposals would have no anticipated impact on the draft Budget for 2019/20 and they would be funded through a combination of the Service Improvement Fund, the Waste Reserve and agreed Investment Plan. She would be asking the Officer Team to report back to Cabinet to see if this response to residents and business was addressing the issues raised.

The Mayor also stated that she would ensure Council would be made aware of these policy proposals ahead of their consideration of the Budget.

Resolved that the Mayor's further proposals as outlined above be included as part of the Cabinet's budget proposals for submission to full Council.

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