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Decision Taker: Cabinet **Appropriate Scrutiny Committee:**
Environment and Attractive City Scrutiny Committee/Planning and
Highways Committee

Date decision in force:
18/Mar/2011

Date of decision:
09/Mar/2011

Full description of decision:

To authorise the Deputy Chief Executive to award the main works contract for the Market Square Public Realm Improvements to Bardon Construction, following a competitive tender process.

Reasons for decision:

The Market Square Public Realm Improvements project is identified in the Strategic Investment Plan as a key element of the regeneration of the City Centre. The benefits arising from the project would include: - • An improved image of the City Centre. • Improved pedestrian environment and potential for events. • Improved local resident perceptions and greater number of visits to the City Centre. • Improved perceptions about cleanliness of the City Centre.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

The funding for the project has been secured and a first phase has been completed. Materials have been ordered and the delivery team is progressing the final design stages of the street furniture. A competitive tender process has been undertaken. No alternative options have been considered.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Market Square Public Realm Improvements - Appointment of Contractor - report of the Deputy Chief Executive

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Is this a key decision: Yes

Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information: No

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

None.

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Environment and Attractive City Scrutiny Committee/Planning and
Highways Committee

Date decision in force:
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Full description of decision:

To: - (i) endorse the Green Infrastructure Strategy Framework as the basis for the production of a GI Strategy for Sunderland; and (ii) agree that the provisional 'Vision' and 'Principles' included in the framework be adopted for interim use, pending the final strategy, in preparing the Local Development Framework, green-space related schemes and as a material consideration in spatial planning and other planning decisions.

Reasons for decision:

Agreement to Green Infrastructure Strategy Framework would confirm those basic elements and principles for the development of the full Strategy for a network of green infrastructure within Sunderland. This would comply with national and local requirements to prepare such a strategy.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

Green infrastructure could emerge through ad hoc decisions and actions but a GI strategy is the only mechanism that will allow a consistent approach to the subject across the Council and its partners that will satisfy the evidence base for the LDF, Sunderland's Housing Priorities Plan and other plans and that will also provide a stronger foundation for bidding for grants and other funds.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Green Infrastructure Strategy Framework - report of the Deputy Chief Executive

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Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information: No

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

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Planning and Highways Committee/Environment and Attractive City
Scrutiny Committee

Date decision in force:
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Full description of decision:

To endorse the Annual Monitoring Report as the basis for measuring how policies in the LDF are performing in terms of both its implementation and effectiveness.

Reasons for decision:

As part of the LDF, the City Council is required to prepare an AMR for Submission to the Secretary of State on timetabled development plan progress and the extent to which policies in the LDF are being achieved. The AMR would comply with the planning regulations.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

LDF performance would emerge through ad hoc actions but an AMR provides a consistent approach to monitoring that will inform the evidence for the review and preparation of the LDF. The AMR ensures early identification of issues, and a clear mechanism for checking if targets have been met.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Sunderland City Council Local Development Framework: Annual Monitoring Report 2009/10 - report of the Deputy Chief Executive

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Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

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Decision Taker: Cabinet **Appropriate Scrutiny Committee:**
Children, Young People and Learning Scrutiny Committee

Date decision in force:
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Date of decision:
09/Mar/2011

Full description of decision:
To recommend to Council to approve the CYPP Annual Report (2010).

Reasons for decision:
As an Article 4 Plan, which has been endorsed by Scrutiny Committee, Cabinet and Council, the annual report is provided to assure Members that the actions outlined in the Plan have been taken forward.

Alternative options considered and rejected:
The Annual Report is presented to Cabinet to inform Members of the outcomes achieved as part of the CYPP 2009-2010, and as such there are no viable alternative options.

Title and author(s) of written report:
Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) Annual Report 2010 - report of the Executive Director of Children's Services

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Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:
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Children, Young People and Learning Scrutiny Committee

Date decision in force:
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Full description of decision:

To approve:- (i) the admission policy and procedures; (ii) details of the oversubscription criteria; (iii) published admission numbers (PANS).

Reasons for decision:

Cabinet approval of the admission arrangements is required prior to submission to Department for Education and publication for parents.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

The alternative decision would be not to publish admission arrangements which would mean that the Local Authority would be in breach of their statutory obligations.

Title and author(s) of written report:

School Admission Arrangements - September 2012 - report of the Executive Director of Children's Services

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Is this a key decision: Yes

Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information: No

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

Councillors Anderson, Allan, Blackburn, Charlton, Gofton, P. Smith, Speding, Trueman, and D. Wilson declared personal interests as Governors of Primary and Secondary Schools in Sunderland.

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Decision Taker: Cabinet **Appropriate Scrutiny Committee:**
Sustainable Community Scrutiny Committee/Health and Well-Being
Scrutiny Committee

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Full description of decision:
To approve the FAP, which is appended to the report.

Reasons for decision:
To ensure that the Council has an effective Housing FAP that is responsive to Government initiatives and is aligned with regional policy.

Alternative options considered and rejected:
The Regulatory Reform Order (England and Wales) (Housing Assistance) 2002 requires Councils to produce a Private Sector Housing Policy outlining where it intends to use the powers provided by the Order. Without a Policy, the Council would be unable to administer a financial assistance scheme.

Title and author(s) of written report:
Housing Financial Assistance Policy (FAP) 2011-14 - report of the Executive Director of Health, Housing and Adult Services

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Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:
None.

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Decision Taker: Cabinet **Appropriate Scrutiny Committee:**
Management Scrutiny Committee

Date decision in force:
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Date of decision:
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Full description of decision:
To: -

- (i) note the report of the 24th February, Part II, and
- (ii) approve the following staffing proposals: -

Office of the Chief Executive

(i) Business Investment Team

- To establish the position of Senior Development Executive (Property & Infrastructure) on a full time, permanent basis grade POL. The grade has been established in consultation with Aquarius, the Council's appointed management consultants.
- To establish the position of Property/Development Surveyor scale POF/G on a full time, permanent basis.
- To establish the position of Low-carbon Sector Specialist, scale POK/L on a full time, permanent basis.
- To establish the position of Case Officer (Retail & Service Sector) scale POE/F on a full time, permanent basis.
- To re-designate the post of Senior Business Development Officer, Scale POF/G to Case Officer (Funding & Investment) Scale POF/G.
- To delete the post of City Centre Manager.

Office of the Chief Executive

(ii) ICT Unit

- To transfer the post of Manager-Business & Support, POI from Childrens Services EdIT section to the ICT Unit.
- To transfer the post of Revenue teams Team Manager, POF/G from Finance, Revenues and Benefits section to the ICT Unit
- To transfer the post of CCC Manager POL from Finance, SAP Customer Competency Section to the ICT Unit.
- To transfer the post of FMS Business Process Manager POG/H from Finance, SAP Customer Competency Section to the ICT Unit.
- To transfer the post of HCM Business Process Manager from Finance POG/H SAP Customer Competency Section to the ICT Unit.
- To transfer the post of Business Systems Manager-Bus. Processes POG from Health, Housing and Adults to the ICT Unit

Office of the Chief Executive

(iii) Asset Management

Design Services

- To redesignate the post of Programme Co-ordinator, POJ to Principal Quantity

Surveyor, POJ.

- To redesignate the post of Principal Officer Capital Works, POJ to Principal Building Services Engineer, POJ.
- To redesignate the post of Contract Coordinator, POG-H to Senior Project Manager (Construction), POG-H.
- To redesignate the post of Building Services Team Leader Technical Works, POF-G to Project Building Services Engineer, POF-G.
- To redesignate the post of Contract Coordinator, POG-H to Senior Architect, POG-H.

Surveying Services

- To delete the post of Principal Asset Manager, POD/H.
- To redesignate the post of Valuation Manager, POL to Estates and Valuation Manager, POL.

City Services

(iv) Facilities Management

- To delete the post of Assistant Head of Community Services (Facilities Management) POL + 10%.
- To delete the post of Building Services Manager POL, Streetscene Services.
- To create the post of Assistant Head of Community Services (Facilities Management) JNC Band 4. The grade has been established in consultation with Aquarius, the Council's appointed management consultants.

Reasons for decision:

To reflect additional duties and responsibilities being undertaken by the postholders and to provide an appropriate response to the development of services.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

The proposals are an appropriate response to meet the requirements of the services and the proposed grades are commensurate with the duties and responsibilities of the posts.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Report of the Meeting of the Personnel Committee held on 24th February 2011, Part II - report of the Head of Law and Governance

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Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

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Management Scrutiny Committee

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Full description of decision:

To approve the implementation of proposed enhancements of the corporate network to achieve significant efficiencies.

Reasons for decision:

The proposal to enhance the current network to provide 21st Century network and telephony infrastructure will: - • Enhance and build on considerable effort to date by the ICT Unit. • Deliver efficiency savings immediately in the cost of network and telephony provision. • Deliver carbon savings by the introduction of energy efficient hardware. • Support the Council's Smarter Working Programme by securely delivering council applications to employees working remotely. • Support the Business Transformation Programme by supporting a consistent ICT working environment across all council's ICT equipment. • Provide ICT equipment capable of securely linking to the corporate wireless network supporting a flexible working environment. • Provide foundation for a network which can be utilised by partner organisations.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

Continue to deliver the Corporate computing via the current network without any changes. It is recommended that this option is rejected as it would not maximise savings and would not support the change in working practices required by the Business Transformation Programme.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Implementation of Network Management and Efficiencies - joint report of the Deputy Chief Executive and the Head of ICT

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Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

None.