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Decision Taker:

Cabinet

Appropriate Review Committee:

Policy and Co-ordination Review Committee

Date decision in

force:

11/Mar/2009

Date of decision:

11/Mar/2009

Full description of decision:

To note the Council's response to the legislative requirement to make provision for a CCfA and: (a) to endorse the amendment to the Constitution as set out in Paragraph 8.2 of this report for submission to Council. (b) to endorse the draft guidance attached as Appendices 1-3. (c) to refer the draft guidance to all the Review Committees for further comment. (d) to agree that Members' workshops be held to provide training to Members and to receive further comments before the draft guidance is finalised for inclusion in the Overview and Scrutiny handbook.

Reasons for decision:

1. Councils must make arrangements for the CCfA in order to comply with the requirements of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, and the Police and Justice Act 2006. 2. It is important that Members understand and contribute to the development work which imposes new responsibilities on them and the Council. 3. It is also important that Members understand how current review and action promoted through the emerging Community Leadership Programme will assist the Council to approach CCfA in the most constructive and effective manner.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

The alternative option would be not to provide arrangements for the CCfA which would be a failure to comply with the legislation. The guidance set out in this report is devised from best practice guidance which has been tailored specifically for local use.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Councillor Call for Action - Guidance - Joint report of the Chief Executive and the City Solicitor

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Is this a key decision: No

Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information: No

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

None.

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Cabinet

Appropriate Review Committee:

Policy and Co-ordination Review Committee

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Full description of decision:

To recommend to Council to approve and adopt a Town Council Charter for Hetton Town Council.

Reasons for decision:

The value of charters is widely recognised. Research from the Local Government Information Unit (LGIU) points to the benefits of improving relations between tiers of government, facilitating communication, and promoting partnership working. The Town Council's role could be increasingly important in the current climate of increased neighbourhood empowerment, as Town and Parish Councils could have a significant role in delivering this agenda.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

The alternative of not adopting a Charter would not enrich the relationship between the City Council and the Town Council.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Hetton Town Council - Request for a Town Council Charter - Report of the City Solicitor

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Is this a key decision: No

Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information: No

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

Councillors Anderson and Blackburn declared personal interests as Members of Hetton Town Council.

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Cabinet

Appropriate Review Committee:

Policy and Co-ordination Review Committee

Date decision in

force:

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11/Mar/2009

Full description of decision:

To note the outcome of the Auditors Comprehensive Performance Assessment - Use of Resources - Auditors Judgement 2007/2008 and refer it to the Policy and Co-ordination Review Committee and then to Council for consideration.

Reasons for decision:

To make Cabinet aware of the performance of the Council in relation to its Use of Resources Assessment for 2007/2008 as independently assessed by the Audit Commission.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

None recommended.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Comprehensive Performance Assessment - Use of Resources - Auditors Judgement 2007/2008 - Report of the City Treasurer

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Is this a key decision: No

Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information: No

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

None

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Cabinet

Appropriate Review Committee:

Children's Services Review Committee

Date decision in

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Full description of decision:

To approve that those learners receiving a 50% concession receive up to a maximum of three free courses in any one academic year once they have paid for six courses at a total cost of £108, subject to the availability of funding.

Reasons for decision:

Concern was expressed that in the current economic climate potential fee paying learners may exclude themselves from participating on learning programmes on the basis of affordability.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

There are three options proposed for Cabinet to consider, with option two being the recommended option to approve, given that the average number of courses currently undertaken by learners in this category is three per term or nine per year.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Capping Fees for Personal Community Development Learning Programme (PCDL) - Report of the Director of Children's Services

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Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information: No

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

None

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Decision Taker: Cabinet
Appropriate Review Committee: Children's Services Review Committee

Date decision in force:

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11/Mar/2009

Full description of decision:

To note the sub-regional response to the Stage 2 guidance (Annex 1) and the approach to the transition undertaken locally.

Reasons for decision:

The Machinery of Government changes require local authorities to prepare for the transfer of statutory responsibility from LSC in 2010 by responding to the published guidance and managing the transition process in localities.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

Any alternative options depend upon the response from DCSF to the sub-regional response.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Machinery of Government - Report of the Director of Children's Services

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Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information: No

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

None

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Cabinet

Appropriate Review Committee:

Children's Services Review Committee

Date decision in

force:

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11/Mar/2009

Full description of decision:

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

Reasons for decision:

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

Alternative options considered and rejected:

There are no alternative options to be considered at this time.

Title and author(s) of written report:

School Admission Arrangements - September 2010 - Report of 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:

The following Councillors declared personal interests as Governors of the undermentioned schools:- Councillor Allan -Hasting Hill Primary, Thorney Close Primary, Sandhill View School Councillor Anderson - Hetton-le-Hole, Hetton Primary Councillor Blackburn - Easington Lane Primary, Hetton Lyons Primary And Hetton Lyons Nursery Councillor Charlton - Hylton Red House Academy Councillor Rolph - Houghton Kepier School and Newbottle Primary School Councillor P. Smith - St Leonard's RC Aided Primary and Plains Farm Primary Councillor Speding - Barnwell Primary Councillor Trueman - Blackfell Primary And Columbia Grange

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Cabinet

Appropriate Review Committee:

Environmental and Planning Review Committee

Date decision in

force:

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Date of decision:

11/Mar/2009

Full description of decision:

To agree to the extension of existing wastes management contracts to 31 March 2010.

Reasons for decision:

To ensure the continued provision of appropriate and affordable wastes management arrangements and continuity of service provision.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

No practical alternative options are available at this time.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Wastes Disposal Contracts - Report of the Director of Community and Cultural Services

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Is this a key decision: Yes

Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information: No

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

The following Councillors declared personal interests as follows:- Councillors Rolph and Blackburn - Members Of South Tyne And Wear Waste Management Partnership Joint Executive Committee Councillor Anderson - Substitute Member Of South Tyne And Wear Waste Management Partnership Joint Executive Committee

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Decision Taker:

Cabinet

Appropriate Review Committee:

Culture and Leisure Review Committee

Date decision in

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Full description of decision:

To formally approve the merger of Tyne and Wear Archives and Tyne and Wear Museums Services into the Tyne and Wear Archives and Museums Service. To nominate three members, namely Councillors R. Bell, Rolph and Speding and their three substitutes, namely Councillors M. Smith, Stephenson and Whalen, to serve on the new executive joint committee as the service is to be constituted from 1 April 2009.

Reasons for decision:

The reason for the decision is that the merger will result in service improvements and cash benefits to both services.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

None are submitted for consideration.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Tyne and Wear Archives and Tyne and Wear Museums Services - Report of the Director of Community and Cultural Services

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Is this a key decision: Yes

Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information: No

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

The following Councillors declared the undermentioned personal interests - Councillor Rolph - Member of Tyne and Wear Archives Joint Committee and substitute member of Tyne and Wear Museums Joint Committee Councillor Speding - Member of Tyne and Wear Archives Joint Committee and Tyne and Wear Museums Joint Committee

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Decision Taker:

Cabinet

Appropriate Review Committee:

Culture and Leisure Review Committee

Date decision in

force:

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Full description of decision:

To note the contents of the report and agree to the continuation of the existing procurement model for public art commissions estimated to be over the tender limit of £75,000 and up to £250,000 for the period 2009/2010 and 2010/2011.

Reasons for decision:

The reason for the decision is to facilitate the progression of the current and forthcoming programme of public art commissions, and to create a procurement model by which further commissions can be procured with minimal delays..

Alternative options considered and rejected:

The alternative option would be for the Council to not continue the approved procurement procedures. This will require each project, where the Procurement Procedure Rules are not considered appropriate, being presented to Cabinet for approval on an individual basis, possibly delaying progress on the commissions and agreed deadlines not being met.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Public Art Procurement - Report of the Director of Community and Cultural Services

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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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Appropriate Review Committee:

Policy and Co-ordination Review Committee

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Full description of decision:

To rescind its previous decision to dispose of the Council's freehold interest in the site of the former Belford House, Belford Close, Ashbrooke, Sunderland.

Reasons for decision:

The prospective purchaser, RDM Homes (Belford) Limited, has failed to confirm that an offer still stands for the purchase of the site.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

The Council could await confirmation of an offer from RDM Homes (Belford) Limited pending an improvement in market conditions. Given the reluctance of the developer to confirm an offer still stands for the site, this option is not recommended. The Council could open negotiations with the developer who offered the next highest price for the site. Given the lapse in time since the offers were received and the current market conditions, it is considered that the Council could not evidence that best consideration had been achieved and this option is similarly not recommended.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Land at the former Belford House, Belford Close, Ashbrooke, Sunderland - Report of the Director of Development and Regeneration

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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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Cabinet

Appropriate Review Committee:

Environmental and Planning Review Committee together with the Planning and Highways Committee

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Full description of decision:

To:- (i) note the outcome of consultations on the draft 'Newbottle Village Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Management Strategy'; (ii) adopt the revised Character Appraisal and Management Strategy as Planning Guidance.

Reasons for decision:

To provide the Council with an appropriate basis for the control of development in Newbottle Village Conservation Area.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

The alternative option is not to adopt the Character Appraisal and Management Strategy as formal Planning Guidance. This option would weaken the Council's ability to discharge its responsibilities for the control of development in the Newbottle Village Conservation Area and result in Best Value Performance Indicator (BVPI) 219 not being achieved for 2008/09.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Newbottle Village Conservation Area: Character Appraisal and Management Strategy - Report of the Director of Development and Regeneration

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Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information: No

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

None

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Appropriate Review Committee:

Policy and Co-ordination Review Committee

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Full description of decision:

To approve the commissioning of a consultant to provide highway design services for the Sunderland Strategic Transport Corridor – new Wear bridge project.

Reasons for decision:

It is necessary to start work on the detailed highway design in September 2009 so that the project can remain on programme.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

The Council has the capability to provide the highway design service in house but does not have sufficient capacity to deliver the completed design within the required timescale. It would be possible to procure the design through the Engineering Services framework contract but the value of the commission is such that market testing by means of a competitive procurement method where a contractor would be appointed to be responsible both for the design of the works & their construction is that the client, which is the Council, does not have control of the design as it is developed. Design & Construct is normally used for relatively uncomplicated projects where it is possible to fully define the client's requirements at tender stage. The design of the concept bridge is not yet at the stage of development necessary for it to be included in a Design & Construct contract, therefore this option is not recommended.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Sunderland Strategic Transport Corridor - New Wear Bridge Use of a Consultant to provide Highway design Services - Report of the Director of Development and Regeneration

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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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Cabinet

Appropriate Review Committee:

Environmental and Planning Review Committee together with the Planning and Highways Committee

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Full description of decision:

To: i) Approve the proposed amendments to the Local Development Scheme (LDS); ii) Authorise officers to forward the LDS to the Government Office for the North East (GO-NE) for consideration; iii) Delegate authority to the Director of Development and Regeneration to agree any minor amendments to the LDS in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transportation; iv) Resolve that the revised LDS shall have effect from 1st May 2009 provided that no direction or notice is received from GO-NE on behalf of the Secretary of State.

Reasons for decision:

To provide a programme for bringing forward the Local Development Framework for the City.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

The City Council has a statutory duty to prepare and revise a Local Development Scheme consequently no alternative options can be recommended.

Title and author(s) of written report:

City of Sunderland Local Development Framework: Amendments to Local Development Scheme - Report of the Director of Development and Regeneration

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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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Appropriate Review Committee:

Environmental and Planning Review Committee

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Full description of decision:

To approve the confirmation of making an Article 4(2) Direction covering 6 properties in St Michael's Conservation Area, Houghton.

Reasons for decision:

This decision will enable the Council to protect the architectural qualities and features of distinctive unlisted historic buildings in Church Street from inappropriate alteration, thereby preserving the special character and appearance of the St Michael's Conservation Area.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

Alternative options would be to allow the Direction to lapse or to amend the range of Permitted Development Rights to be removed. However, in view of the general support from residents for the Direction and the level of additional control it has introduced, it is recommended these options are rejected.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Confirmation of making of Article 4(2) Direction: St. Michael's Conservation Area - Report of the Director of Development and Regeneration

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Is this a key decision: No

Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information: No

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

None

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Cabinet

Appropriate Review Committee:

Health and Well-Being Review Committee/Regeneration and
Community Review Committee

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Full description of decision:

To approve the placing of an advert in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) inviting tenders from potential contractors to deliver the service in accordance with the Council's Procurement Procedure Rules.

Reasons for decision:

The contract awards will ensure that efficiencies can continue to be achieved as follows:

- Timescales will be kept to a minimum for the customer as a result of having the contracts in place. The contracts will remove the need to procure the works on a job by job basis;

- Unit costs will be kept to a minimum through economies of scale. These efficiencies have been demonstrated over the last two years, for the duration of the previous contracts.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

There are no alternative options for consideration.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Sunderland Home Improvement Agency (HIA) - Procurement of straight and curved tracked stairlifts - Report of the Director of Health, Housing and Adult Services

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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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Cabinet

Appropriate Review Committee:

Environmental and Planning Review Committee together with the Planning and Highways Committee

Date decision in force:

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Full description of decision:

To: i) Agree and endorse the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment; ii) Delegate authority to the Director of Development and Regeneration, in consultation with the portfolio holder for Planning and Transportation to finalise the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment report, including where necessary any required non-substantive amendments; (iii) Authorise officers to make appropriate arrangements for submitting the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment report to Government Office for the North East acting on behalf of the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.

Reasons for decision:

To comply with the requirement to prepare a Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment report as set out in Planning Policy Statement 3 Housing (PPS3).

Alternative options considered and rejected:

Under PPS3 the Council is required to produce a SHLAA to inform the evidence base of the emerging Local Development Framework, consequently no alternative options can be recommended.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Sunderland City Council Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment 2009-2024 - Report of the Director of Development and Regeneration

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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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Cabinet

Appropriate Review Committee:

Health and Well-Being Review Committee

Date decision in

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Full description of decision:

To note the decision made to award a contract to Sunderland Home Care Associates for domiciliary support service to Adults with Learning Disabilities, and the circumstances that gave rise to the use of the urgency powers as set out in Paragraph 5.4(g) of the Council's Procurement Procedure Rules.

Reasons for decision:

To provide a domiciliary support service to Adults with Learning Disabilities with complex and challenging behaviour, in order to facilitate independent living in the community with skilled and sensitive support in a person centred and empowering way.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

The Department of Health have set very tight timescales for the completion of the transfer of resources and responsibility (31 March 09). Tendering options would not be possible in the timescales available and the very specialist nature of the support service required is not available elsewhere currently within the City.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Independent Futures - Award of Contract for Domiciliary Support Service to Adults with Learning Disabilities - Report of the Director of Health, Housing and Adult Services

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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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Cabinet

Appropriate Review Committee:

Policy and Co-ordination Review Committee

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Full description of decision:

For full description of decision see attached schedule or contact Kate Cuthbert on extension 5617881.

Reasons for decision:

To reflect the additional duties and responsibilities being undertaken by the post holders and to provide an appropriate response to the development of services, as set out in the attached reports.

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 26th February 2009, Part II

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Is this a key decision: No

Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information: Yes

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

None

To:-

- i) note the report of the Meeting of the Personnel Committee held on 26th February 2009, Part II; and
- ii) approve the following staffing proposals:-

(i) Children's Services

To re-grade the following posts from their existing post threshold teacher grades detailed below to Leadership 1 to 5 (£35,437 - £39,110):

- a) Key Stage 1 Pupil Referral Unit Team Leader from Post Threshold Teacher Level 3 plus 2 Management Points;
- b) Specialist Teacher, Behaviour Intervention Team from Post Threshold Teacher Level 2 plus 2 Management Points;
- c) Specialist Teacher, Behaviour Intervention Team from Post Threshold Teacher Level 3 plus 2 Management Points;
- d) Specialist Support Teachers from Post Threshold Teacher Level 3 plus 2 Management Points;

To re-grade the following posts from their existing post threshold teacher grades detailed below to Leadership 2 to 6 (£36,326 - £40,090):

- a) Key Stage 4 Behaviour Team Leader from Post Threshold Teacher Level 3 plus 3 Management Points;
- b) Specialist Teacher, Behaviour Intervention Team from Post Threshold Teacher Level 3 plus 3 Management Points;
- c) Specialist Support Team Leader from Post Threshold Teacher Level 3 plus 3 Management Points;
- d) Specialist Support Teacher from Post Threshold Teacher Level 3 plus 3 Management Points;
- e) English as a Second Language Team Leader from Post Threshold Teacher Level 3 plus 3 Management Points.

To re-grade the post of 0.6 Education Safeguarding Manager from Post Threshold Teacher Level 3 plus 3 Management Points to Leadership 2 to 6 (£21,796 - £24,054).

To re-grade the following posts to Leadership 4 to 8 (£38,161 - £42,119):

- a) 2 posts of Specialist Support Teacher from Post Threshold Teacher Level 3 plus 4 Management Points;
- b) Special Educational Needs Training Officer from Post Threshold Teacher Level 3 plus 4 Management Points.

To re-grade the post of Principal Inclusion Officer, Partnership and Planning from Post Threshold Teacher Level 3 plus 5 Management Points to Leadership 6 to 10 (£40,090 - £44,280);

To re-grade the post of Team Leader of the Language and Learning Team from Post Threshold Teacher Level 3 plus 2 Management Points with Special Educational Needs Allowance Level 2 to Soulbury 8 – 11 (£39,678 - £43,231)

To re-grade the position of Sensory Support Teacher from Post Threshold Teacher Level 3 plus 2 Management Points to Post Threshold Teacher Level 3 with Special Educational Needs Allowance Level 2 (£38,511);

To re-grade the position of Specialist Support Teacher from Post Threshold Teacher Level 3 plus 3 Management Points to Post Threshold Teacher Level 3 with Teaching and Learning Responsibility (TLR) 2c (£40,632);

To re-grade the position of Pupil Referral Unit Returners Teacher from Mainscale Teacher plus 1 Management Point to Mainscale Teacher plus TLR 2a (£32,245);

To re-grade the position of 0.9 Pupil Referral Unit Specialist Teacher from Post Threshold Teacher Level 1 with Special Educational Needs Allowance Level 1 to Post Threshold Teacher Level 1 with TLR2a (£31,258 - £33,452);

To re-grade the position of English as a Second Language Teacher from Post Threshold Teacher Level 3 with 1 Management Point to Post Threshold Teacher Level 3 with TLR 2a (£37,169);

To re-grade the position of School Improvement ICT Support Teacher from Post Threshold Teacher Level 3 plus 3 Management Points to Post Threshold Teacher Level 3 with TLR 2c (£40,632);

To re-grade the position of School Improvement Training Officer from Mainscale Teacher with 3 Management Points to Mainscale Teacher with TLR2c (£35,709);

To create the position of Mainscale Teacher in the Returners Provision of the Pupil Referral Unit on M6 on the Mainscale Teacher Pay Scale (£29,848 - £34,771);

To create 1.5 positions of teacher within the Home and Hospital provision on a Permanent Variable Hours Contract on Mainscale Teacher Pay Scale pro rata (£29,848 - £34,771).

(ii) Development & Regeneration

To regrade 2 posts of Project Manager from POE/F (£28,172 - £33,291) to POF/G (£30,598 - £35,852);

To regrade and redesignate the post of Technical Support Team Leader from POE/F (£28,172 - £33,291) to Building Services Team Leader, POF/G (£30,598 - £35,852);

To delete the vacant post of Senior Quantity Surveyor, POG/H (£33,291 - £38,404).

(iii) Community & Cultural Services

To redesignate and regrade the vacant post of Assistant Head of Environmental Services (Projects and Policy), POL (£46,497 - £49,224), to Senior Waste Manager, POJ/K (£41,083 - £46,497).

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Appropriate Review Committee:
Health and Well-Being Review Committee

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Full description of decision:

To approve the use of an exception under Part 4, Section 7, 5.1 of the Procurement Procedure Rules, which states 'no exception from any of these Procedure Rules shall be made unless listed in paragraph 5.4 and approved in accordance with paragraph 5.2 or specifically authorised by Cabinet'. Due to the need to ensure continuity of care to service users presently receiving home care service from existing home care contracted providers, approval is being sought to an exception to the tender process under Part 4, Section 5.4(f) provision of personal social services including contracts for the provision of residential care and community support packages which form an alternative to residential care on the basis that only the current providers will be approached to undertake an evening service which will operate from 1 April 2009 to 31 April 2010.

Reasons for decision:

In order to provide additional flexible services for existing service users during the hours of 8pm - 11pm, there is a need to operate an extended Evening Home Care service, which will allow more people to receive a service that is flexible and meets their individual needs. It is proposed that an exception is used (as outlined in description of decision) to ensure that existing contracted providers are able to provide the evening service and at the same time providing continuity of service to service users. This will ensure the sustainability of a comprehensive home care service and provide continuity of service provider for individuals who receive home care services.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

To continue with present arrangements - this would mean that some individuals who need and would benefit from a flexible service may not be able to access a service at a time acceptable to them. To undertake a procurement process - this would mean that more individuals would see a change in the home care provider between service provision delivered during the day and that of the evening service. In addition, this could mean that there would be different service models in operation. For the Council to manage and provide the service - we are seeking to expand a service which is mostly provided by the independent sector. In order to increase capacity and continue to focus the Local Authority provision on those who require more specialist support it is considered more effective and efficient to commission the service. To do so will also provide greater consistency for service users.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Provision of Home Care Evening Service - Changes in Contractual Arrangements - Report of the Director of Health, Housing and Adult Services

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Is this a key decision: Yes

Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information: No

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

Councillor Tate (who was an observer at the meeting) declared a personal and prejudicial interest as Chair of Hetton Home Care Services - Voluntary Management Committee.

Record of Executive Decisions Published: 13/Mar/2009

Decision Taker: Cabinet

Appropriate Review Committee:
All Review Committees

Date decision in force:

11/Mar/2009

Date of decision:

11/Mar/2009

Full description of decision:

To receive and note the report for information.

Reasons for decision:

Information regarding needs and perceptions of residents is vital for future planning.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

No alternative options have been considered.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Annual Residents Survey 2008 - Findings - Report of the Chief Executive

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Is this a key decision: No

Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information: No

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

None

Record of Executive Decisions Published: 13/Mar/2009

Decision Taker: Cabinet

Appropriate Review Committee:
Policy and Co-ordination Review Committee

Date decision in force:

11/Mar/2009

Date of decision:

11/Mar/2009

Full description of decision:

To agree to extend the existing Agreement between the Councils of Sunderland, Newcastle upon Tyne, Gateshead, North Tyneside and South Tyneside which established the Tyne and Wear Economic Development Joint Committee, and ensure the provision of a joint economic development service for a further period of five years.

Reasons for decision:

The existing arrangement has proved successful in promoting the joint economic development interests of the participating authorities and should continue to be supported

Alternative options considered and rejected:

None are submitted for consideration.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Tyne and Wear Economic Development Joint Committee - Report of the City Solicitor

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Is this a key decision: No

Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information: No

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

The following Councillors declared personal interests as Members of the undermentioned bodies:- Councillors P. Watson and Anderson - Tyne and Wear Economic Development Joint Committee Councillor Allan - Substitute Member of the Tyne and Wear Economic Development Joint Committee