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## Record of Executive Decisions Published: 05/Feb/2010

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

**Date decision in force:**

03/Feb/2010

**Date of decision:**

03/Feb/2010

**Full description of decision:**

To note the report of the meeting held on 28th January, 2010, Part I and to approve the content of the Health and Safety Six Monthly Report.

**Reasons for decision:**

To review progress in implementing our Health and Safety Policy, highlight main risks, outline performance and present recommendations for further reducing health and safety risks and improving overall performance.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

No alternative options.

**Title and author(s) of written report:**

Report of the Meeting of the Personnel Committee, Part I held on 28th January, 2010 - report of the Chief 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.

## Record of Executive Decisions Published: 05/Feb/2010

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

**Date decision in force:**

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**Full description of decision:**

To note the report.

**Reasons for decision:**

The Settlement informs the final stages of the budget preparation process of the Council.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

Not applicable as the report is for information only.

**Title and author(s) of written report:**

Final Revenue Support Grant Settlement for 2010/2011 - report of the Director of Financial Resources

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

**Date decision in force:**

03/Feb/2010

**Date of decision:**

03/Feb/2010

**Full description of decision:**

To note the contents of the Annual Audit Letter and the presentation from the Audit Commission, and it be referred to Council for consideration.

**Reasons for decision:**

To ensure that the Council acknowledges the progress made, and takes appropriate action in relation to those areas requiring further development, as described within the Audit Commission's Annual Audit Letter.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

Consideration of the Annual Audit Letter by Members and its publication are statutory requirements and therefore no alternative options are proposed.

**Title and author(s) of written report:**

Audit Commission Annual Audit Letter - November 2009 - joint report of the Chief Executive and the Director of Financial Resources

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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: 05/Feb/2010

**Decision Taker:** Cabinet  
**Appropriate Review Committee:** Environment and Attractive City Scrutiny Committee together with the Planning and Highways Committee

**Date decision in force:**

03/Feb/2010

**Date of decision:**

03/Feb/2010

**Full description of decision:**

To note the outcome of consultations on the draft 'Silksworth Hall Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Management Strategy' and adopt the revised Character Appraisal and Management Strategy as Formal Planning Guidance.

**Reasons for decision:**

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

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

The alternative option is not to adopt the Character Appraisal and Management Strategy as Planning Guidance. This option would weaken the Council's ability to discharge its responsibilities for the control of development in the Silksworth Hall Conservation Area and result in Best Value Performance Indicator (BVPI) 219 not being achieved for 2009/2010. It would also hinder the Council's progress to discharging its obligations under the provisions of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.

**Title and author(s) of written report:**

Silksworth Hall Conservation Area: Character Appraisal and Management Strategy - report of the Deputy 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: 05/Feb/2010

**Decision Taker:** Cabinet  
**Appropriate Review Committee:** Environment and Attractive City Scrutiny Committee, Prosperity and Economic Development Scrutiny Committee together with Planning and Highways Committee

**Date decision in force:**

15/Feb/2010

**Date of decision:**

03/Feb/2010

**Full description of decision:**

To: - (i) note the amendments made to the draft Seafront Regeneration Strategy and draft Marine Walk Master Plan in light of responses resulting from public consultation on the documents and other considerations; (ii) approve the amended Seafront Regeneration Strategy as planning and investment guidance; and (iii) adopt the amended Marine Walk Master Plan as a Supplementary Planning Document.

**Reasons for decision:**

The adoption of the Marine Walk Master Plan as a Supplementary Planning Document and the approval of the Seafront Regeneration Strategy as formal planning and investment guidance will help facilitate the planning and regeneration of the seafronts at Roker and Seaburn. The Master Plan and strategy will be used by developers as a basis for preparing detailed proposals for the seafront and would be afforded weight as a material consideration when determining future planning applications. In addition the strategy will identify opportunities for public investment in the seafront.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

The alternative option is not to adopt the Marine Walk Master Plan or approve the Seafront Regeneration Strategy as proposed. The consequences of this would be not to have clear guidance from the Council as Planning Authority on appropriate forms of development for the seafronts at Roker and Seaburn. This would weaken the Council's ability to control the type of development and the design quality of new structures at the seafront and would allow for an ad hoc approach to be taken to the redevelopment of the area. The failure to adopt a strategy or Master Plan would result in a lower standard of development than would otherwise be achieved, making the City less attractive to residents, visitors and investors.

**Title and author(s) of written report:**

Marine Walk Master Plan and Seafront Regeneration Strategy - 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.

## Record of Executive Decisions Published: 05/Feb/2010

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

**Date decision in force:**

15/Feb/2010

**Date of decision:**

03/Feb/2010

**Full description of decision:**

To approve that:- (i) the Council enter into a JVA with ONE, HCA and Sunderland Arc in respect of the development of Stadium Village; (ii) the Deputy Chief Executive, in consultation with the Director of Financial Resources, the Chief Solicitor and the relevant Portfolio Holders, be authorised to agree the terms of the Joint Venture Agreement; and (iii) authority be delegated to the Deputy Chief Executive in consultation with the Director of Financial Resources, the Chief Solicitor and the Portfolio Holder for Prosperous City, to acquire the leasehold interest in Hay Street Industrial Estate, which is required to assemble the proposed development known as Site C and to acquire property interests as appropriate, within the boundary of the JVA.

**Reasons for decision:**

To enable the Council to formally engage with public sector partners in progressing the development of Stadium Village and to provide an appropriate degree of confidence to the private sector. To progress the assembly of site C Stadium Village for future development.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

The Council could decide not to enter into the proposed JVA. This would require the Council outside the terms of a JVA to consider how best to transfer its relevant land holdings required to progress the regeneration aspirations if it was so minded. More significantly, it would signal that the Council was not able to commit to a formal partnership with its public sector partners with the common aim of bringing forward the development of the site. The Council could enter into the JVA but decide not to acquire the leasehold interest in the Hay Street Industrial Estate. This would however add greater uncertainty to the land assembly of Site C, making it a less attractive option for any prospective developer.

**Title and author(s) of written report:**

Proposed Joint Venture Agreement and Acquisition of Leasehold Interest at Stadium Village, Sunderland - 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:**

The following Councillors declared personal interests as Members of the bodies indicated:- Councillor P. Watson - Sunderland arc Councillor F. Anderson - Sunderland arc (substitute) The following Councillors declared personal and prejudicial interests as Members of the bodies indicated and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of the report:- Councillors P. Watson, F. Anderson and Allan - Tyne and Wear Development Company Limited

## Record of Executive Decisions Published: 05/Feb/2010

**Decision Taker:** Cabinet  
**Appropriate Review Committee:** Health and Well-being Scrutiny Committee

**Date decision in force:**

03/Feb/2010

**Date of decision:**

03/Feb/2010

**Full description of decision:**

To note the content of the report and agree to receive an annual report from the Learning Disabilities Partnership Board on learning disability issues.

**Reasons for decision:**

Recommendation 1 of the Ombudsman's report is that all NHS and social care organisations in England should review urgently: - \* The effectiveness of the systems they have in place to enable them to understand and plan to meet the full range of needs of people with learning disabilities in their areas; \* The capacity and capability of the services they provide and/or commission for their local populations to meet the additional and often complex needs of people with learning disabilities; and \* Should report accordingly to those responsible for the governance of those organisations within 12 months of the publication of the report. Therefore, Cabinet are requested to receive this report in line with this recommendation.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

There are no alternative options.

**Title and author(s) of written report:**

'Six Lives - The Provision of Public Services to People with Learning Disabilities': A Report by the Parliamentary Health Service Ombudsman in Conjunction with the Ombudsman for Local Government - joint report of the Chief Executive and the Executive Director of Health, Housing and Adult Services

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**Is this a key decision:** No

**Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information:** No

**Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:**

Councillors Charlton and N. Wright declared personal interests as Members of the Sunderland Hospitals Trust.



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

**Date decision in force:**

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**Full description of decision:**

To note the report of the 28th January, 2010, Part II and to approve the following staffing proposals: - (i) Children's Services \* To establish one permanent post of Senior Team Manager, POH; (ii) Office of the Chief Executive \* To re-designate the post of Performance and Information Manager, POI within the Programme and Project Office, Office of the Chief Executive, to Service Development Manager, City Services, POI, Customer Service Network, City Services; \* To establish the post of Customer Service Network Manager, POG.

**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 in 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:**

Reports of the Meeting of the Personnel Committee, Part II held on 28th January, 2010 - report of the Chief Solicitor

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**Is this a key decision:** No

**Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information:** Yes

**Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:**

None.

## Record of Executive Decisions Published: 05/Feb/2010

**Decision Taker:** Cabinet  
**Appropriate Review Committee:** Not applicable but the updated Corporate Risk Profile will also be reported to the Audit and Governance Committee

**Date decision in force:**

03/Feb/2010

**Date of decision:**

03/Feb/2010

**Full description of decision:**

To note the updated Corporate Risk Profile and the amendments that have taken place, and to endorse the amendments proposed and recommended actions set out in the Profile.

**Reasons for decision:**

To ensure that the major risk issues the Council faces are being identified and actively managed.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

There are no alternative options.

**Title and author(s) of written report:**

Corporate Risk Profile - report of Director of Financial Resources

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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 bodies indicated: -

Councillor P. Watson - Sunderland Partnership, Sunderland arc, LSC Councillor Anderson -

Sunderland Partnership, Sunderland arc (substitute) Councillor P. Smith - 14-19 Steering Group,

Children's Trust Councillor N. Wright - Children's Trust

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

**Date decision in force:**

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**Date of decision:**

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**Full description of decision:**

To note the position in relation to the Collection Fund for 2009/2010 and the surplus of £50,000 which will be taken into account when setting the Council Tax level for the Council for 2010/2011.

**Reasons for decision:**

Estimating the Collection Fund balance available at the end of 2009/2010 for use in setting the Council Tax for 2010/2011 is a legal requirement, which the Council must fulfil, based on information available to it as at 15th January, each year. The Council also has an obligation to notify its major precepting authorities of the estimated surplus or deficit on the Collection Fund within 7 working days of when this calculation has been made.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

Not applicable as the report is for information only.

**Title and author(s) of written report:**

Collection Fund 2009/2010 - report of the Director of Financial Resources

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**Is this a key decision:** Yes

**Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information:** No

**Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:**

None

## Record of Executive Decisions Published: 05/Feb/2010

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

**Date decision in force:**

15/Feb/2010

**Date of decision:**

03/Feb/2010

**Full description of decision:**

To: - (i) vary the contract with Balfour Beatty Construction Northern Limited (BBCNL) (who are currently constructing the new Biddick School Sports College teaching block) to include the design and construction of the proposed ASD Centre together with remodelling of music provision to transform this key curriculum area; and (ii) fund the developments as shown in paragraphs 7.1-7.2.

**Reasons for decision:**

The capital construction costs of the proposals for Biddick School Sports College have been negotiated with Balfour Beatty and costs have been based on other similar schemes in the Council's BSF Programme. The main construction works are due to be completed at the end of January 2010 with external works continuing until September 2010. The procurement method proposed for the further works is to vary the existing BSF contract for Biddick to include design and construction of the proposals as set out in this report. As the main contractor is currently working on site it is anticipated that, subject to approval, they will be in a position to commence works on the existing building in March 2010 so that pupils are able to access the new and improved provision on 1st September 2010.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

It would be possible to tender the refurbishment works as a separate project outside of the BSF Project. However there are clear advantages for this to be procured expeditiously as a variation to the existing BSF Design and Build contract. BBCNL's costs for the above project have been tested and are able to be funded from within the available budget. Using a single contractor on site also has benefits for the management of the site during the works under the scope of the Construction (Design Management) Regulations 2007, given Health and Safety and Access arrangements are of the utmost importance.

**Title and author(s) of written report:**

Building Schools for the Future: Proposed Remodelling and Extension of Biddick School - 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:**

None

## Record of Executive Decisions Published: 05/Feb/2010

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

**Date decision in force:**

15/Feb/2010

**Date of decision:**

03/Feb/2010

**Full description of decision:**

To approve: - (i) the procurement of training provision for the Early Childhood Services and Childcare Workforce; (ii) the establishment of a framework of training providers who can provide training for practitioners working in Early Childhood Services and Childcare; (iii) the provision of free childcare for disadvantaged 2 year olds as part of the Extended 2 Year Pathfinder Project; and (iv) the provision of free childcare for vulnerable children 0-5 year olds as part of Children's Centre family support childcare service.

**Reasons for decision:**

To procure training to meet the needs of the Early Childhood Services & Childcare Workforce to improve the quality of practice in early years & childcare settings & meet the requirements of the SSEYC grant conditions & the Childcare Act 2006. To establish a framework of training providers to provide a more cost effective & efficient method of procuring appropriate training. Training providers will benefit from the framework as they will only need to provide evidence of their competence & quality once rather than repeating the process for every training course that they tender for. To procure appropriate childcare services to meet the needs of disadvantaged & vulnerable children & families & to fulfil the requirements of the Extended 2 Year Pathfinder Project & the Children's Centre Core Offer for family support. The provision of free childcare supports the reduction of child poverty.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

Not to procure training from external providers & require Children's Services staff to deliver all the training - not recommended - insufficient staff to deliver the amount of training required & some training needs to be procured from external specialists. Or to procure each training course individually - this is the current practice & is time consuming & is therefore not an efficient use of resources. Extended 2 Year Pathfinder Project and Children's Centre Family Support Childcare Service - not to proceed with the procurement of the services - not recommended as it would adversely impact on Council's ability to fulfil requirements & grant conditions of Project, & the Children's Centre core offer for family support & their contribution towards key national indicators. Or to purchase places for children on an individual basis but this would not comply with Council's Procurement Procedure Rules/demonstrate best value/ensure that a consistent service specification is in place with all providers.

**Title and author(s) of written report:**

Procurement of Services to Support Early Childhood and Childcare Services - 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:**

None

## Record of Executive Decisions Published: 05/Feb/2010

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

**Date decision in force:**

15/Feb/2010

**Date of decision:**

03/Feb/2010

**Full description of decision:**

To note the key actions arising from the YOS Inspection Improvement Plan and to agree that the Sunderland Youth Offending Service Board, chaired by the Executive Director of Children's Services, has responsibility for ensuring that all actions in the improvement plan are implemented.

**Reasons for decision:**

The published report has been considered by the YOS Partnership Board. Following the publication, an Improvement Action Plan has been developed to address the areas for improvement identified within the report which the YOS Partnership Board approved at a meeting on 18th January 2010.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

Sunderland Youth Offending Service is funded in part through a core Youth Justice Board (YJB) grant, and Youth Justice Board grants for specific initiatives. It is a requirement of the YJB that YOTs participate in the inspection process and implement an Improvement Plan addressing the recommendations arising from the YOS Inspection. No other options are therefore recommended.

**Title and author(s) of written report:**

Sunderland Youth Offending Service - Inspection Report - 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:**

None

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

**Date decision in force:**

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**Date of decision:**

03/Feb/2010

**Full description of decision:**

To note the information set out in the report and the actions that have been taken.

**Reasons for decision:**

To enable Members to be fully apprised of developments in this matter and to seek to protect the Council's financial position.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

In relation to the completion of a pay and grading review for all 'Green Book' employees, further options will be submitted in a future report to Personnel Committee and Cabinet. In relation to the other issues outlined in the report no alternative options are recommended.

**Title and author(s) of written report:**

Single Status and Equal Pay Issues - joint report of the Chief Executive, Chief Solicitor, Director of Financial Resources and Director of Human Resources and Organisational Development

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**Is this a key decision:** No

**Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information:** Yes

**Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:**

The following Councillors declared personal interests as members of the unions indicated: - Councillors Anderson, Blackburn, Charlton, P. Smith, P. Watson and N. Wright - Members of GMB Councillor Allan - Member of GMB and Unison

## Record of Executive Decisions Published: 05/Feb/2010

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

**Date decision in force:**

15/Feb/2010

**Date of decision:**

03/Feb/2010

**Full description of decision:**

To approve the Consultation Draft of the CYPP 2010-2025 Strategy CYPP three year delivery plan 2010-13 and to canvas the views of members prior to presentation of the final CYPP to Council for ratification in March 2010.

**Reasons for decision:**

The CYPP is an Article 4 plan under the Constitution of the Council and is the primary document for the Children's Trust partnership to set out how it will deliver priorities to deliver better outcomes for children, young people and their families.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

The alternative option is not to produce a CYPP. This would result in a breach of the Council's Constitution and have a negative impact on outcomes for children, young people and their families.

**Title and author(s) of written report:**

Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) 2010-25 - 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:**

None



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

**Date decision in force:**

15/Feb/2010

**Date of decision:**

03/Feb/2010

**Full description of decision:**

To authorise the Deputy Chief Executive, in consultation with the Director of Financial Resources and the Chief Solicitor to enter into the appropriate funding agreements to secure funding for the acquisition of a key regeneration site.

**Reasons for decision:**

To secure funding that is available for the acquisition of a site through instalments over the period 2010- 2013. This would then enable the advancement of funding to the acquiring authority to complete the acquisition of the site as detailed in the report.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

To not enter into the proposed funding agreements. However, this option would not secure the finance necessary for the acquisition of this regeneration site, thereby leaving the public sector at risk of not being able to fund the acquisition. This option has been considered but is not recommended.

**Title and author(s) of written report:**

Approval of Funding Arrangements with the Homes and Communities Agency and One North East for Strategic Regeneration Purposes - report of the Deputy Chief Executive

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**Is this a key decision:** Yes

**Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information:** Yes

**Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:**

The following Councillors declared personal interests as members of the bodies indicated: -  
Councillor P. Watson - Sunderland arc Councillor Anderson - Sunderland arc (substitute)

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

**Date decision in force:** 15/Feb/2010  
**Date of decision:** 03/Feb/2010

### Full description of decision:

To: -

- (i) agree the establishment of a shared service to support sub-regional elements of planning, commissioning and quality assurance,
- (ii) note the arrangements, previously approved and validated by the Department for Children, Schools and Families, for North Tyneside Local Authority to act as the lead authority in matters that require the enactment of decisions taken by the Sub-regional Group in relation to planning, commissioning and quality assurance,
- (iii) approve the arrangements for managing the transfer of LSC staff into the LA,
- (iv) note the proposed funding mechanism to support the transfer and ongoing staffing and office costs created by the transfer of LSC staff into the LA,
- (v) authorise the Executive Director of Children's Services, in consultation with the Director of Financial Resources and Chief Solicitor and appropriate senior LSC officers to put in place all necessary arrangements for the transfer and management of funding contracts, agreed by the LSC with learning providers from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2010 to 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2010 and from 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2010 to 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2011;
- (vi) authorise the Executive Director of Children's Services, in consultation with the Lead Member for Children's Services to develop a local and sub-regional Memorandum of Understanding with the regional representatives of the National Apprenticeship Service (NAS) which will facilitate appropriate planning and provision to meet the needs of learners in respect of apprenticeships;
- (vii) note the proposed arrangements for funding learning provision in schools and colleges as given in the National Commissioning Framework (consultation document published 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2009, DCSF), and
- (viii) agree to receive an annual report on 16-19 priorities and commissioning intentions.

### Reasons for decision:

The Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning (ASCL) Act 2009 requires LA to put in place the arrangements described in this report and as such they represent statutory requirements.

### Alternative options considered and rejected:

The Machinery of Government (MOG) changes required LAs to prepare for the transfer of statutory responsibilities from the LSC in 2010 by agreeing regional and sub regional arrangements. This has now been statutorily required as part of the enactment of the ASCL Act. Therefore, as a statutory requirement there are no other viable alternatives.

### Title and author(s) of written report:

16-19 Sub-regional Commissioning for learning provision - 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:

The following Councillors declared personal interests as members of the bodies indicated: -  
Councillor P. Watson - LSC Councillor P. Smith - 14-19 Steering Group Councillor Gofton - City of Sunderland College Board of Corporation

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15/Feb/2010

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**Full description of decision:**

To: - (i) approve the Council entering into a JVA with ONE, HCA and Sunderland Arc in respect of the development of Stadium Village; (ii) authorise the Deputy Chief Executive in consultation with the Director of Financial Resources, the Chief Solicitor and the relevant Portfolio Holders to agree the terms of the Joint Venture Agreement; and (iii) delegate authority to the Deputy Chief Executive in consultation with the Director of Financial Resources, the Chief Solicitor and the Portfolio Holder for Prosperous City to acquire the leasehold interest in Hay Street Industrial Estate on the southern part of site C, which is required to assemble the proposed development known as Site C and to acquire property interests as appropriate, within the boundary of the Stadium Village development site as defined in the JVA.

**Reasons for decision:**

To enable the Council to formally engage with public sector partners in progressing the development of Stadium Village and to provide an appropriate degree of confidence to the private sector. To progress the assembly of site C Stadium Village for future development.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

The Council could decide not to enter into the proposed JVA. This would require the Council outside the terms of a JVA to consider how best to transfer its relevant land holdings required to progress the regeneration aspirations if it was so minded. More significantly, it would signal that the Council was not able to commit to a formal partnership with its public sector partners with the common aim of bringing forward the development of the site. The Council could enter into the JVA but decide not to acquire the leasehold interest in the Hay Street Industrial Estate. This would however add greater uncertainty to the land assembly of Site C, making it a less attractive option for any prospective developer.

**Title and author(s) of written report:**

Proposed Joint Venture Agreement and acquisition of leasehold interest at Stadium Village, Sunderland - report of the Deputy Chief Executive

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**Is this a key decision:** Yes

**Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information:** Yes

**Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:**

The following Councillors declared personal interests as Members of the bodies indicated: - Councillor P. Watson - Sunderland arc Councillor F. Anderson - Sunderland arc (substitute) The following Councillors declared personal and prejudicial interests as Members of the bodies indicated and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of the report: - Councillors P. Watson, F. Anderson and Allan - Tyne and Wear Development Company Limited