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Record of Executive Decisions Published: 09/Apr/2009

Decision Taker: Cabinet
Appropriate Review Committee: Policy and Co-ordination

Date decision in force: 08/Apr/2009
Date of decision: 08/Apr/2009

Full description of decision:

To note the report and the proposed response to the recommendations of the Policy and Co-ordination Review Committee, and endorse the amended terms of reference set out at Appendix A of the addendum, increasing to seven the number of Overview and Scrutiny Committees, and to propose the necessary consequential changes to the Constitution to be considered by Council.

Reasons for decision:

Overview & Scrutiny function is a key improvement area & presents a development opportunity to respond to community engagement agenda. The response to recommendations supports development of the arrangements, & complements work ongoing with the Community Leadership Programme. Each Committee has a broad remit & the proposal ensures adequate Member time can be devoted to key issues & emerging issues. The approach must be broadened to address wider city issues to achieve improved outcomes & support the requirements of CAA. To ensure the Committees are able to afford attention to the areas within their remit, & that the Management Scrutiny Committee's role of overview of corporate policies, performance & budget can be carried out, an additional Overview & Scrutiny Committee is proposed to oversee implementation of the X-cutting priorities, & major projects key to achieving the city's priorities.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

The alternative option is to retain the current Review Committee arrangements. It is considered that this would prevent the Council's scrutiny function from making the most of the opportunity established for Overview and Scrutiny by the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 to develop a more strategic direction with stronger accountability of joint partnership working. That the Council retains the existing six Committee structure, and that oversight of cross-cutting priorities and key major projects are absorbed within their workloads. This would require those committees' workloads to absorb all the work of overview of the city's strategic and cross-cutting priorities and provides no additional capacity to ensure the Committees are able to respond in a timely way to key emerging issues

Title and author(s) of written report:

Response of Cabinet - Review of Scrutiny - 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:

None.

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Decision Taker: Cabinet
Appropriate Review Committee: Policy and Co-ordination

Date decision in force:

08/Apr/2009

Date of decision:

08/Apr/2009

Full description of decision:

To accept the report and refer it to Council for consideration.

Reasons for decision:

To make Cabinet aware of the Council's CPA Scorecard for 2008, and how this compares to other single tier and county councils.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

There are no alternative options.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Audit Commission Annual Audit and Inspection Letter and Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA) Scorecard 2008 - joint report of the Chief Executive and the City Treasurer

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Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

None.

Record of Executive Decisions Published: 09/Apr/2009

Decision Taker: Cabinet
Appropriate Review Committee: All Review Committees

Date decision in force:

08/Apr/2009

Date of decision:

08/Apr/2009

Full description of decision:

To note the performance of the Council against key performance measures as part of the Council's quarterly monitoring arrangements.

Reasons for decision:

Monitoring and reviewing Council performance ensures that relative risks are actively managed.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

No alternative options are proposed.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Performance Report April - December 2008 (Progress in Implementing the Local Area Agreement and New National Indicator Set) - report of the Chief Executive

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Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

The following Councillors declared personal interests as Members of the bodies indicated:- 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
Councillor Speding - Governor of Barnwell and Shiney Row Primary Schools

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

Date decision in force: 21/Apr/2009
Date of decision: 08/Apr/2009

Full description of decision:

To:-

- (i) note the responses to the Stage four consultation on School Place Planning for the Future.
- (ii) note the following proposals for schools involved in the stage 4 consultation and give approval to officers to continue working upon the School Place Planning exercise, including the submission of further Cabinet reports at the appropriate time.
 - (a) Hylton Red House cluster - A single school serving the Hylton Red House and Witherwack communities be established in line with the Primary Strategy for Change programme and timescales. In the immediate term governing bodies of all three schools, Hylton Red House Primary, Hylton Red House Nursery and Willow Fields Primary, to consider the establishment of a federation to assist and support in consultation and community involvement.
 - (b) Castle View cluster - Reduce PAN at Bexhill Primary from 48 to 30 in two phases and re-model and re-align the net capacity of the school (see below). In the longer term, a single school serving the community be established, on the most appropriate site, in line with the Primary Strategy for Change (PSfC) programme and timescales.
Note - the single school would replace Bexhill Primary and Town End Primary.
 - (c) Hetton cluster - A single school be established in line with the Primary Strategy for Change programme and timescales. In the immediate term governing bodies of all three schools, Hetton Primary, Hetton Nursery and Eppleton Primary, to consider the establishment of a federation to assist and support in consultation and community involvement.
 - (d) Monkwearmouth cluster - Implement the PAN reductions and as set out in iv below and remodel accommodation in line with these reductions; and across the cluster, monitor and review the surplus position annually and within the next 2- 3 years formulate proposals in light of emerging trends and PSfC.
- (iii) Approve the publication of a statutory notice for the proposal to close Gillas Lane Primary school. In the event that the proposal is approved by School Organisation Committee of Cabinet, Bernard Gilpin Primary will be named as the receiving school, to be implemented in line with

admissions and capacity of the receiving school.

(iv) Agree to the following reduction in PANs:

Dame Dorothy Primary School - Reduce PAN from 30 to 25
Redby Primary School - Reduce PAN from 60 to 45
Seaburn Dene Primary School - Reduce PAN from 45 to 25
Grange Park School - Re-model accommodation to re-align net capacity with existing PAN).

Reasons for decision:

There is a clear duty on the Council to address the impact of existing demographic changes and those projected to occur in the medium and longer term. In addressing the surplus place position there is an opportunity to improve and develop school provision where possible.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

The alternative to implementing this stage of the School Place Planning for the Future exercise is to maintain the current number of school places in these areas and to see an increase in the current number of surplus places.

Title and author(s) of written report:

School Place Planning for the Future - report of the 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 schools indicated:-

Councillor Allan - Governor of Hasting Hill Primary, Thorney Close Primary.

Councillor Anderson - Governor of Hetton Primary.

Councillor Blackburn - Governor of Easington Lane Primary, Hetton Lyons Primary.

Councillor Rolph - Governor of Newbottle Primary School.

Councillor P. Smith - Governor of St. Leonard's RC Aided Primary and Plains Farm Primary.

Councillor Speding - Governor of Barnwell Primary and Shiney Row Primary.

Councillor Trueman - Governor of Blackfell Primary and Columbia Grange.

Councillor Anderson declared a personal and prejudicial interest as her grandchild attended Hetton Primary School and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of the report.

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Decision Taker: Cabinet
Appropriate Review Committee: Policy and Co-ordination

Date decision in force:

08/Apr/2009

Date of decision:

08/Apr/2009

Full description of decision:

To:- (i) authorise the signing of a Friendship Agreement with Harbin Municipal Government to promote friendship and co-operation with the aim of generating economic, educational and cultural benefits for both communities, (ii) authorise the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Nanjing Ministry of Science and Technology to promote co-operation in the software and technology sector, and (iii) note support provided to the University in the development of its ongoing relationship with Liuzhou Municipal Government.

Reasons for decision:

Sunderland's International Strategy aims to ensure the City's international engagement supports the Sunderland Partnership in achieving its vision for Sunderland, maximising the opportunities and benefits for the City and its residents. The relationships with Harbin Municipal Government and Nanjing Ministry of Science and Technology will provide opportunities in relation to a number of the key areas of activity within the International Strategy. It is particularly important for Sunderland to have links to China, given that it is expected to be the world's fastest growing economy over the next ten years, to make certain that Sunderland's companies are in a position to take up business opportunities as they arise.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

A decision could be taken not to give further consideration to co-operation with China. In light of China's significance in the world market, this would potentially place Sunderland at a disadvantage in the ongoing development of its economic base. This option is not considered to be appropriate.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Co-operation with China - report of the Chief Executive

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Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information: No

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

None.

Record of Executive Decisions Published: 09/Apr/2009

Decision Taker: Cabinet
Appropriate Review Committee: Regeneration and Community

Date decision in force:

21/Apr/2009

Date of decision:

08/Apr/2009

Full description of decision:

To approve the use of consultants to independently set baselines and evaluate the Working Neighbourhood Strategy programme and projects.

Reasons for decision:

The consultancy project is central to the successful monitoring and evaluation of the Working Neighbourhoods Strategy.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

Without Cabinet agreement for the use of consultants, it would not be possible to independently set baselines and evaluate the programme or projects within it. Although not required as a condition of grant, good practice shows that independent evaluation of the impact of programmes and the projects that make them up is central to ensuring effective future delivery. Evaluations could be carried out internally, but this would prejudice the independent nature of the evaluation and as such the credibility of the findings. Similarly as the evaluation is large scale and will need to be carried out quickly, there is no scope for carrying this out either in house or through the use of temporary staff. Measuring the success of the Working Neighbourhoods Strategy is especially important in light of the current economic climate. As the above options would affect the programme's effectiveness in measuring success and are therefore not recommended.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Working Neighbourhoods Strategy - Use of Consultants over £100,000 - report of the Chief Executive

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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:
Environmental and Planning Review Committee and
also Planning and Highways Committee

**Date decision in
force:**

21/Apr/2009

Date of decision:

08/Apr/2009

Full description of decision:

To:- (i) approve the Draft Lisburn Terrace Triangle Development Framework for the purposes of consultation; and (ii) approve the endorsement of the Draft Lisburn Terrace Triangle Development Framework as a material consideration in assessing planning applications, pending its finalisation following consultation.

Reasons for decision:

To initiate a formal process to progress the Council's endorsement of the Draft Lisburn Terrace Triangle Development Framework, including consultation on its content, in order to facilitate the redevelopment of the area by a private developer.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

The alternative option is not to prepare a development framework. The consequences of this would be a failure to meet the requirement set out in the adopted UDP Alteration No. 2 policy ECB5 to prepare a broad framework for each Strategic Location for Change site. In addition, failure to prepare an endorsed framework will reduce the Council's ability to ensure a high quality of development on the site.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Lisburn Terrace Triangle: Draft Development Framework - 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.

Record of Executive Decisions Published: 09/Apr/2009

Decision Taker: Cabinet
Appropriate Review Committee: Culture and Leisure

Date decision in force: 21/Apr/2009
Date of decision: 08/Apr/2009

Full description of decision:

To agree the following proposals in relation to the Northumbria Centre and the ATP at Silksworth Sports Complex:- - To seek expressions of interest from commercial operators, and to proceed with the selection of commercial operators to lease, develop, manage and operate the football facilities in accordance with the contents of the report, and subject to the necessary agreements being obtained.

Reasons for decision:

To ensure that a step change is made in respect of improving the quality of existing facilities. The artificial pitch at Silksworth Sports Complex was laid in 1983 and was envisaged to have a lifespan of approximately 15 years. The pitch is in need of replacement and a new surface will ensure that usage is increased and an annual income is achieved from a commercial developer. A redevelopment at the Northumbria Centre will ensure that an essential upgrade of the facility is undertaken and the annual subsidy presents a cashable saving to the Council. Facility developments supports the Council's and the City's objectives in relation to increasing participation in physical activity, improving health, tackling obesity and addressing anti-social behaviour through providing accessible positive activities. External investment into Council owned facilities will support the achievement of aspirations in the above areas. The developments will also contribute towards the national performance indicators.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

The option exists to do nothing in respect of Northumbria and Silksworth, however in doing so, the facilities will continue to deteriorate, maintenance costs will continue to rise and usage of the facilities will fall. In 2006 an 'invest to save' option was explored in respect of Silksworth, however it was concluded that the most appropriate way forward would be to minimise the risk of the investment through a commercial partner.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Football Development Opportunities - 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:

Councillor Speding declared a personal interest as a Member of the Football Foundation.

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Decision Taker: Cabinet
Appropriate Review Committee: Culture and Leisure

Date decision in force:

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Date of decision:

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Full description of decision:

To agree to vary the contract with Pellikan Construction Ltd (who are currently constructing the 25m swimming pool at the Sunderland Tennis Centre) to include the design and construction of the City Adventure Centre.

Reasons for decision:

The reasons for the decision include the economies of scale in procuring work from a single contractor already appointed to construct a swimming pool on the same site; and the construction of the swimming pool and Play Pathfinder scheme involves undertaking building, mechanical and electrical works to the same areas of the existing tennis centre building.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

If another contractor was appointed to work on the same site, there would be problems managing health and safety under the scope of the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2007 given that there is only one access and egress road and both schemes impact on each other in terms of mechanical and electrical installations.

Title and author(s) of written report:

City Adventure Centre - 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

Date decision in force:

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Full description of decision:

To rescind its decision made at its meeting on 9th July 2008 to dispose of the Council's freehold interest in 0.22 hectares or thereabouts of land at the former Whitefield Pit, Station Road, Penshaw to Bellway Homes Limited (Bellway).

Reasons for decision:

The Council has previously agreed to reduce the price for the land following a request from Bellway Homes Limited despite which the company has not completed the purchase. The company is not in a position to complete the purchase and the previous Cabinet decision needs to be rescinded.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

An alternative option is to leave the acceptance of the offer open to Bellway Homes Limited pending an improvement in market conditions. Cabinet will note that the price has been reduced at Bellway Homes Limited's request due to the market conditions and the Council is also unlikely to be in a position to demonstrate best consideration for its interest should this option be progressed. A further option is for the Council to re-market the site. This is unlikely to demonstrate best consideration in the current market conditions. These options therefore are not recommended.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Land at the Former Whitefield Pit, Station Road, Penshaw - 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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Decision Taker: Cabinet
Appropriate Review Committee: Policy and Co-ordination

Date decision in force:

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Date of decision:

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Full description of decision:

To:- (i) agree that a consultant should be commissioned to provide traffic modelling services for the SSTC project; and (ii) agree that a consultant should be commissioned to produce an updated Major Scheme Business Case for SSTC project.

Reasons for decision:

The value of both of the commissions exceeds £100,000 and Cabinet approval to the use of a consultant is therefore required.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

The Council does not have the capability to provide either the traffic modelling service or the updating of the MSBC in-house. Therefore it is proposed to procure both via the Council's existing Framework Agreement with Jacobs for the provision of transportation services. Consideration has been given to a competitive procurement for the modelling work as an alternative however to do so would add six months to the delivery date for the new model thus delaying the submission of the planning application and if the application is called-in by the Secretary of State for determination there will be considerable delay to the whole project.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Proposed Appointment of Consultants for the Sunderland Strategic Transport Corridor - New Wear Bridge - 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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Decision Taker: Cabinet
Appropriate Review Committee: Children's Services

Date decision in force:

21/Apr/2009

Date of decision:

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Full description of decision:

To seek approval for the draft CYPP 2009-10 and to approve the proposals for a 15 year Commissioning Strategy 2010-25.

Reasons for decision:

To align the Children's Trust governance arrangements for the CYPP with the LSP and Sunderland Strategy, and to formulate a new style 15 year Strategy from April 2010 to March 2025 which aligns with local frameworks and national policy and proposed legislation.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

The alternative option is to produce a further three year plan. However, it is the view of the Children's Trust partners that this would firstly, miss an opportunity to develop a more 'joined up' approach to local strategic planning, and, secondly, not fully capture the key requirements from statutory guidance that are likely to become embedded in legislation.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Children and Young People's Plan 2009-10 and 2010-25 - report of the 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 - Learning and Skills Council, Safer Sunderland Partnership, Children's Trust. Councillor P. Smith - Sunderland Safeguarding Children Board (Observer), Children's Trust, 14-19 Steering Group, Early Years and Childcare Partnership.

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Decision Taker: Cabinet
Appropriate Review Committee: Policy and Co-ordination

Date decision in force:

21/Apr/2009

Date of decision:

08/Apr/2009

Full description of decision:

To:- (i) authorise the Director of Development and Regeneration to acquire such land as may be needed to allow the construction of the Sunderland Strategic Transport Corridor - New Wear Bridge project; (ii) approve the making of the Compulsory Purchase Order pursuant to Sections 239, 240, 246, 250 and 260 of the Highways Act 1980 to be known as the Sunderland City Council (Sunderland Strategic Transport Corridor - New Wear Bridge) Compulsory Purchase Order 2009; (iii) approve the making of the Side Roads Order pursuant to Sections 14 and 125 of the Highways Act 1980 to be known as the Sunderland City Council (Sunderland Strategic Transport Corridor - New Wear Bridge A1231 and B1405 Classified Roads)(Side Roads) Order 2009; (iv) authorise the City Solicitor to take all necessary action to achieve confirmation of the above Orders; and (v) approve preliminary consultation with interested parties on a proposed Section 106(3) of the Highways Act 1980 Scheme for the new Wear Bridge.

Reasons for decision:

The Council has to be certain that it will be able to obtain all of the land that is needed for the SSTC scheme. Certainty can only be guaranteed by successfully completing the Compulsory Purchase process. The Council must also secure the rights to make changes to existing highways and to construct a bridge over navigable waters.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

It may be possible to acquire all of the land by negotiated agreements and every effort will be made to do so, however, in order to assure certainty it is necessary to promote a Compulsory Purchase Order in parallel with the negotiations. The rights to make changes to existing highways and to construct a bridge over navigable water can only be obtained through the confirmation of the Order and Scheme described and there is therefore no alternative that can be recommended.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Sunderland Strategic Transport Corridor - New Wear Bridge Acquisition of Land and Making of Statutory Orders - joint report of the Director of Development and Regeneration and the City Solicitor

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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: 09/Apr/2009

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

Date decision in force:

21/Apr/2009

Date of decision:

08/Apr/2009

Full description of decision:

To:- (i) agree that the Readiness to Deliver submission is submitted to PFS by 8th May 2009; (ii) authorise the Director of Children's Services to agree and complete the Readiness to Deliver submission in consultation with the Chief Executive, the City Treasurer, the Leader of the Council, and Cabinet Portfolio Holders for Children's Services and Resources prior to the deadline of 8th May 2009; and (iii) note the further stages in the PFS process to determine Sunderland's entry in the future national programme e.g. the PFS Assessment Panel meeting in June and PFS Remit Meeting anticipated to be held in October 2009.

Reasons for decision:

Although the Readiness to Deliver submission does not constitute formal entry into the programme, it is an essential step in seeking to secure Sunderland's place in the next waves of BSF. Sunderland is one of only 5 Authorities nationally with BSF first 'follow on' projects to be invited to submit at this stage. Approval of the Readiness to Deliver submission would provide the way forward to secure transformation at the earliest possible opportunity for the City's full secondary estate.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

The Council is not required to submit a Readiness to Deliver submission at this time. There will be future opportunities to submit later in the programme but there does not appear to be any compelling reason to delay the submission.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Building Schools for the Future (BSF) Waves 7-15 - Outcome of Expression of Interest and Invitation to submit Readiness to Deliver Submission - report of the 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:

Councillor Rolph declared a personal interest as a Governor of Houghton Kepier School.

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Decision Taker: Cabinet
Appropriate Review Committee: Regeneration and Community

Date decision in force: 21/Apr/2009
Date of decision: 08/Apr/2009

Full description of decision:

- (i) To agree that policy FAP13 in the Council's Housing Renewal Financial Assistance Policy be amended in the manner set out in Appendix 3 to the report.
- (ii) To authorise the Director of Health, Housing and Adult Services:
 - a) To proceed with the development of a block improvement scheme to properties in Sheppard Terrace, Alder, Elizabeth and Stanley Streets, Nos. 77 to 85 Castle View (odd nos. inclusive) and 2 and 3 Oswald Terrace, Castletown with a view to improving the appearance and image of the neighbourhood, increasing confidence in the community and local housing market.
 - b) To commence the process of appointing a project manager and commissioning works through an appointed contractor to enable the Council to deliver external improvements to properties in the identified locality.
 - c) To provide area based assistance at a level of 90% of the cost of eligible works and to set a level of contribution required from the owner at a level of 10% of eligible costs on a scheme basis and to include the condition that 100% of the Council's financial contribution will be repayable if a property is sold within two years of the completion of the works.
 - d) To provide assistance to participating homeowners in accordance with a signed agreement with the Council with a condition that the scheduled works will be undertaken by the Council's appointed contractor.

Reasons for decision:

The neighbourhood was identified in the Castletown Masterplan as requiring strategic intervention by the Council to assist in prevention of further housing market decline in the older terraced houses directly north of the Ethel Terrace shops. The Masterplan designated these streets for external improvements to the homes with a view to restoring confidence in the neighbourhood, assuring residents and sustaining the viability of the housing. It is also seen as a key initiative to complement the new mixed tenure residential development specified in the Masterplan for the cleared sites.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

The alternative option would be to allow the local housing market to determine its own level. This would involve the risk of the spread of housing decline into the locality and exacerbating problems experienced by local residents as a result of previous local housing market failure in the now cleared terraces to the south of Ethel Terrace.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Neighbourhood Renewal Block Improvements in Castletown - 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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Decision Taker: Cabinet
Appropriate Review Committee: Policy and Co-ordination

Date decision in force: 08/Apr/2009
Date of decision: 08/Apr/2009

Full description of decision:

To:-

- (i) note the reports of the meetings of Personnel Committee held on 10th and 26th March 2009, Part II; and
- (ii) approve the following staffing proposals.

Children's Services

(i) Empowering Young People Pilot Programme

To extend the fixed term post of Empowering Young People Project Manager, POJ from 1 April 2009 to 30 June 2009.

(ii) Extended Services and Attendance Group

To extend the following fixed term posts within the Extended Services and Attendance Group from 1 April 2009 until 31 March 2011:

- Integrated Local Services Manager, POJ.
- Early Years Settings & Partnership Manager, POJ.

To extend the following fixed term posts within Children's Centres South and East from 1 April 2009 until 31 March 2011:

- Extended Services Area Co-ordinator, POH.
- Early Years Foundation Stage Consultant (Teacher's Salary) Leadership 8.
- 2 posts of Early Years Foundation Stage Support Teacher (Teacher's Salary) Post Threshold Level 3 plus TLR 2a.

To extend the following fixed term posts within Children's Centres South and East from 1 April 2009 until 31 March 2011:

- Extended Services Area Co-ordinator, POH.
- Early Years Foundation Stage Consultant (Teacher's Salary) Leadership 8.
- 2 posts of Early Years Foundation Stage Support Teacher (Teacher's Salary) Post Threshold Level 3 plus TLR 2a.

To extend the following fixed term posts within Children's Centres Washington from 1 April 2009 until 31 March 2011:

- Extended Services Area Co-ordinator, POH.

To extend the following fixed term posts within Children's Centres North from 1 April 2009 until 31 March 2011:

- Extended Services Area Co-ordinator, POH.
- Early Years Foundation Stage Consultant (Teachers Salary) L8.
- 2 posts of Early Years Foundation Stage Support Teacher (Teachers Salary) Post Threshold Level 3 plus TLR 2a.

To extend the following fixed term posts within Children's Centres West from 1 April 2009 until 31 March 2011:

- Extended Services Area Co-ordinator, POH.
- Early Years Foundation Stage Support Teacher (Teacher's Salary) Post Threshold Level 3 plus TLR 2a.

To extend the following fixed term posts within Children's Centres Coalfields from 1 April 2009 until 31 March 2011:

- Extended Services Area Co-ordinator, POH.
- Early Years Foundation Stage Consultant, Soulbury 8-11.
- 2 posts of Early Years Foundation Stage Support Teacher (Teacher's salary) Post Threshold Level 3 plus TLR 2a.

(iii) Development & Regeneration

Transfer the post of City Centre Manager from North East Chamber of Commerce in accordance with the provisions of the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 (TUPE).

(iv) Office of the Chief Executive

- To extend the fixed term contract of the Operations Manager, Back on the Map (BOTM), POI to 31 March 2011. It is no longer proposed that there be a TUPE transfer of Council employees to BOTM because of the relatively short time remaining in the New Deal for Communities Programme.

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:

Reports of the meetings of the Personnel Committee held on 10th and 26th March, 2009, Part II - report of the City 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.

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Decision Taker: Cabinet **Appropriate Review Committee:**
Policy and Co-ordination/Regeneration and
Community

Date decision in force:
21/Apr/2009

Date of decision:
08/Apr/2009

Full description of decision:

To:- (i) agree in principle, subject to confirmation from the Council's partners, to the disposal of the Council's freehold interest in land identified in the report, and (ii) authorise the Director of Development and Regeneration, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Resources, and the Council's partners, to agree the precise boundaries of the site to be disposed of, and to negotiate the terms of the disposal which will be reported back to Cabinet in due course.

Reasons for decision:

To facilitate a major development opportunity in the City. The land in question has been identified by the developer as the preferred option for the location and the developer is seeking the assurance from the Council that in principle the site is available for disposal.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

To not agree that in principle the site can be disposed of to the developer. This option would not provide the developer with the assurances they have requested and could consequently result in the risk that the developer perceives that its preferred option is not available. This could lead to the loss of the developer's investment in the City. This option has been considered but is not recommended.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Land at Farringdon Row - 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: Yes

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

Councillor P. Watson declared a personal interest as a Member of Sunderland ARC.

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Decision Taker: Cabinet **Appropriate Review Committee:**
Policy and Co-ordination

Date decision in force:

08/Apr/2009

Date of decision:

08/Apr/2009

Full description of decision:

To note the outcome of the Auditors Comprehensive Performance Assessment - Benefits Service Assessment - Auditors Judgement 2008.

Reasons for decision:

To make Cabinet aware of the performance of the Council in relation to the Benefits Service Assessment for 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 - Benefits Service Assessment - Auditors Judgement 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.