

Report of the Cabinet

THE CABINET reports as follows:-

1. Capital Programme Outturn 2009/2010 and First Capital Programme Review 2010/2011 (including Treasury Management)

That they have given consideration to a report of the Director of Financial Resources which detailed:-

- the Capital Programme Outturn for 2009/2010,
- the outcome of the First Capital Review for 2010/2011 taking account of the Capital Programme Outturn 2009/2010,
- changes made to the Capital Programme 2010/2011 since its approval, and
- an update on progress in implementing the Treasury Management Borrowing and Investment Strategy for 2009/2010 and 2010/2011.

They also referred the report to the Management Scrutiny Committee for advice and consideration in the context of inclusion of additional schemes that have been added to the Capital Programme which are set out in the attached extract. The Scrutiny Committee agreed with the inclusion of the additional schemes and amendments in resourcing the Capital Programme since it was approved by Council in March 2010.

Accordingly the Cabinet recommends the Council to approve the inclusion of the additional schemes and amendments in resourcing the Capital Programme as set out in the attached extract.

2. Revenue Budget Outturn for 2009/2010 and First Revenue Budget Review for 2010/2011

That they have given consideration to a report of the Director of Financial Resources which detailed the Revenue Budget Outturn for 2009/2010 and the First Revenue Review 2010/2011 and specifically the approval of the virement of funds.

They also referred the report to the Management Scrutiny Committee for advice and consideration in the context of the virement of funds in the attached extract relating to an earmarked reserve for pressures arising from the economic downturn and the Children's Placement Strategy Review together with transfers to the Strategic Investment Reserve to provide for capital programme priorities and the Improvement Programme. The Scrutiny Committee agreed with the issues of virement as set in the attached extract.

3. Final Approval of Sunderland's Economic Masterplan

That they have given consideration to a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (copy attached) seeking approval of the Sunderland Economic Masterplan, to agree to its adoption as the Prosperous City Chapter of the Sunderland Sustainable Community Strategy and to approve the governance arrangements that needed to be put in place to deliver the Economic Masterplan.

The Cabinet recommends the Council to:-

- (i) approve the Sunderland Economic Masterplan,
- (ii) agree to the establishment of an Economic Leadership Board to be responsible for overseeing its delivery, and
- (iii) agree to the establishment of a set of Aim Delivery Groups to manage the day to day activity required.

They also referred the matter to the Prosperity and Economic Development Scrutiny Committee for advice and consideration. The comments of the Scrutiny Committee will be reported to the meeting.

N.B. Members are advised that the Sunderland Economic Masterplan supporting documents can be viewed on-line at:-

<http://www.sunderland.gov.uk/committees/CmisWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=>

4. Government Grant Reductions for 2010/2011 and the Emergency Budget

That they have given consideration to a report of the Director of Financial Resources (copy attached) which provided details of the impact of Government grant reductions for 2010/2011 and subsequent amendments to the revenue budget and capital programme for 2010/2011 in the light of the reductions. The report also provided details of the Coalition Government's Emergency Budget and the emerging medium term financial position.

The Cabinet recommends the Council to approve the proposed actions set out in Section 3 of the report in respect of addressing the Government grant reductions for 2010/2011 and subsequent amendments to the revenue budget and capital programme for 2010/2011 to accommodate those reductions.

They also referred the matter to the Management Scrutiny Committee for advice and consideration. The comments of the Scrutiny Committee will be reported to the meeting.

5. Youth Justice Plan 2010/2011

That they have given consideration to a report of the Acting Executive Director of Children's Services (copy attached) seeking approval to the publication and distribution of the Youth Justice Plan 2010/2011. The report outlines the background, purpose and intentions of the Plan and provides the Plan intended for publication.

They also referred the report to the Children, Young People and Learning Scrutiny Committee for further advice and consideration. The Scrutiny Committee considered and endorsed the Youth Justice Plan prior to its submission to the Youth Justice Board.

Accordingly the Cabinet recommends the Council to consider the contents of the report and approve the Youth Justice Plan 2010-2011 and agree to its publication and distribution.

6. Updating the Constitution

That they have given consideration to a joint report of the Chief Executive and the Chief Solicitor (copy attached) which proposed further amendments to the Constitution.

Accordingly the Cabinet recommends the Council to note and endorse as appropriate:-

- (i) the amendments to the terms of reference of the Scrutiny Committees and the Audit and Governance Committee;
- (ii) that the Director of Human Resources and Organisational Development in consultation with the Director of Financial Resources, be granted delegated powers to consider and, where appropriate, approve all future requests for flexible retirement where it is considered to be in the employer's interest to approve the request, subject to such decision being reported to Personnel Committee for information and subject also to the right of appeal to the Personnel Committee against any such refusals being conferred upon the employee;
- (iii) to give notice of its intention to apply Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 as amended by Section 27 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009 in its area and that it is intended such restrictions shall come into force on the date that is two months after the date on which the resolution is passed (to regulate further sex establishments); and that the delegated powers of the Executive Director of City Services be revised to reflect new legislative requirements as set out in the report to the Licensing Committee of 6 September 2010 appended hereto;

- (iv) the Protocol for Members in relation to licensing matters be amended as set out in the report to Licensing Committee of 6 September 2010 appended hereto;
- (v) the arrangements for the transfer of delegated powers and the position of Monitoring Officer set out in paragraph 4.5.1 of the report, to give effect to the Council's revised management structure.

7. Review of Members' Allowances Scheme

That they have given consideration to a joint report of the Chief Executive, the Director of Financial Resources and the Chief Solicitor (copy attached) on proposals for a review of the current Members' Allowances Scheme and for the membership of the Independent Remuneration Panel which will make recommendations to the Council on the allowances to be paid to Members.

Accordingly the Cabinet recommends the Council to:-

- (i) agree that a review of the current Members' Allowances Scheme be undertaken; and
- (ii) agree that the Chief Executive, the Chief Finance Officer and the Monitoring Officer be given delegated powers to take all necessary action to facilitate the review including the appointment of the Independent Remuneration Panel.

8. South Tyne and Wear Waste Management Partnership – PFI Update

That they have given consideration to a report of the Executive Director of City Services (copy attached) on the procurement process to date and financial costs in relation to arrangements for residual waste treatment services Private Finance Initiative (PFI) Project by the South Tyne and Wear Waste Management Partnership.

The Cabinet recommends the Council to:-

- (i) note and endorse the procurement process to date, and
- (ii) agree that the total financial costs over the lifetime of the project and the commitment to meeting the annualised cost, as set out in paragraph 5.1 in the body of the report; be approved as an amendment to the budget.

They also referred the matter to the Management Scrutiny Committee for advice and consideration. The comments of the Scrutiny Committee will be reported to the meeting.