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**Decision Taker:** Cabinet

**Appropriate Review Committee:**  
Policy and Co-ordination

**Date decision in force:**

29/Apr/2009

**Date of decision:**

29/Apr/2009

**Full description of decision:**

To approve the next steps proposals relating to continued development and implementation of the Community Leadership Programme as set out in Section 6 and in Annexes 1 and 2, as amended, of the report to take effect from Annual Council (13th May, 2009) and to recommend to Council to approve the changes to the Constitution which are set out in Section 6 and in Annexes 1 and 2 as amended, to take effect from Annual Council (13th May, 2009).

**Reasons for decision:**

In its drive to achieve sustainable improvements to the way that key elements of the City's governance structure work together, it will identify the need for changes to current policy and practice. Changes proposed are considered necessary in order to enable the Programme to proceed to maximise chances of achieving its objectives and outcomes in a timely and effective manner. Importantly, the changes proposed will also help to embed changes by rooting them in the Constitution. Proposed changes to Cabinet Portfolio responsibilities are designed to promote a direct alignment of Portfolios with the five strategic objectives of the Sunderland Strategy, with revised remits for Review Committees and to emphasise both the inward and outward-facing nature of Cabinet as a principal focus of Community Leadership within the City. Proposals also reflect the main strategic and other issues facing the Council and Sunderland at the present time.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

No other alternative options are proposed. The proposals identified in the report have been identified as the Programme has developed and are considered necessary to enable timely and effective implementation for the Programme to proceed.

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

Community Leadership Programme - 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.

# **Record of Executive Decisions Published: 01/May/2009**

**Decision Taker:** Cabinet

**Appropriate Review Committee:**

Policy and Co-ordination/Regeneration and Community

**Date decision in force:**

12/May/2009

**Date of decision:**

29/Apr/2009

**Full description of decision:**

To approve that the Council enter into a Joint Venture Agreement (JVA) with ONE NorthEast, the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA), and Sunderland arc in respect of the development of the site of the former Vaux Brewery, and appropriate Officers be authorised to agree the terms of the Joint Venture Agreement in consultation with relevant Portfolio Holders in accordance with the principles set out in the report.

**Reasons for decision:**

To enable the Council to formally engage with the public sector partners in progressing the development of the Vaux site.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

The alternative option is to not enter into the proposed JVA. This would require the Council outside the terms of a JVA to consider how best to transfer its land holdings if it was so minded, into the project area. 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. This option has been considered and is not recommended.

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

Proposed Joint Venture Agreement, Site of the Former Vaux Brewery, 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:**

Councillor P. Watson declared a personal interest as a member of Sunderland arc.

# **Record of Executive Decisions Published: 01/May/2009**

**Decision Taker:** Cabinet

**Appropriate Review Committee:**  
Children's Services

**Date decision in force:**

29/Apr/2009

**Date of decision:**

29/Apr/2009

**Full description of decision:**

To authorise the Director of Children's Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder:-  
(a) to consider the responses of the governing body of Hylton Red House Primary School to the consultation referred to in the report and, if considered appropriate, to seek the consent of the Secretary of State to the establishment of an IEB at the school; and (b) subject to obtaining the consent of the Secretary of State, to take all necessary steps to introduce an IEB including the determination of the number of members of the IEB and the making of any arrangements for their remuneration. To recommend to Council to:- (a) appoint the first members of the IEB namely Mr. R. Hennesey, Mrs. A. Hodgson and Mr. J. McKnight; and (b) delegate the making of future appointments to the Director of Children's Services.

**Reasons for decision:**

The governing body is unable to provide sufficient challenge to the Head Teacher and the senior leadership team of the school to bring about the necessary improvements quickly enough for the school to be removed from Special Measures within the required period of June - September 2010.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

The Local Authority does have other powers of intervention as set out in section 6.1 of the report but it is considered that these would not bring about the necessary improvements as expeditiously in a similar timescale.

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

Proposal to Establish an Interim Executive Board at Hylton Red House Primary School, Sunderland - report of the Director of Children's Services

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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: 01/May/2009

**Decision Taker:** Cabinet

**Appropriate Review Committee:**  
Environmental and Planning

**Date decision in force:**

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**Date of decision:**

29/Apr/2009

**Full description of decision:**

To agree the proposal to replace the existing black-box used to collect recyclable materials with a blue wheeled bin and to agree to progress the procurement of the necessary containers and vehicles.

**Reasons for decision:**

To achieve the objectives of the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy including an expansion in the range of materials to be collected and the achievement of recycling targets. To assist in the achievement of compliance with LATS targets, to provide for changes to collection arrangements for recyclable materials and other wastes that should prove easier to use for residents and to secure the delivery of containers and vehicles before 1st April, 2010.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

Continuation of the existing arrangements for the collection of recyclable materials will not address matters raised by residents and consequently is not likely to improve participation and recycling levels. Achievement of short and medium term recycling targets are, therefore, unlikely. Do nothing - the existing service would need to be gradually wound-down or would otherwise deteriorate as the current fleet of vehicles became uneconomic to maintain.

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

Kerbside Recycling

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**Is this a key decision:** Yes

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

**Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:**

Councillors Blackburn and Rolph declared personal interests as Members of the South Tyne and Wear Waste Management Partnership Joint Executive Committee.

## **Record of Executive Decisions Published: 01/May/2009**

**Decision Taker:** Cabinet

**Appropriate Review Committee:**  
Culture and Leisure

**Date decision in force:**

29/Apr/2009

**Date of decision:**

29/Apr/2009

**Full description of decision:**

To note the content of the report and to authorise the Director of Community and Cultural Services to enter into a contract with Nova International with a view to the City hosting the BUPA Great North 10k event in 2009.

**Reasons for decision:**

The reason for the decision is that the Event will provide Inward Investment, which will address a range of strategic priorities including creating a prosperous City, extending cultural opportunities, developing an attractive City and creating inclusive communities.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

There are no alternative options proposed.

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

BUPA Great North 10k - report of the Director of Community and Cultural Services

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

**Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:**

None.

## **Record of Executive Decisions Published: 01/May/2009**

**Decision Taker:** Cabinet

**Appropriate Review Committee:**

Policy and Co-ordination

**Date decision in force:**

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**Full description of decision:**

To note the report of the meeting of the Personnel Committee of 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2009, Part II, and to approve the following staffing proposals: -

### **Children's Services**

Safeguarding Unit

To regrade the vacant post of Assistant Head of Safeguarding, POL to JNC Band 4, as evaluated by Aquarius, the Council's retained consultants.

To establish the post of Independent Reviewing Officer, POG.

### **Youth Offending Service**

To extend the fixed term post of Intensive Support and Surveillance Programme Manager, POH/I.

### **Extended Services and Attendance Group**

To extend the following fixed term contracts until 31 March 2010:

Extended Services Manager, Schools and Communities, POJ

Extended Services Development Manager, POH/I

To extend the fixed term contract of Playing for Success Manager, Soulbury 3-6 until 31 March 2011.

### **Delivering the Council's Improvement Agenda**

To approve the amended grading structure for Executive Directors and Corporate Directors/ Deputy Executive Directors as detailed in the report.

To authorise the Chief Executive in consultation with the Director of Human Resources and Organisational Development and the Leader of the Council to change job titles and make other consequential amendments to the constitution in line with the new structure where there are no grade implications.

To cover transitional arrangements, during any period when there is no incumbent Chief Officer in post on the new structure, that Council be recommended to agree that the relevant Head of Service be authorised to exercise the appropriate delegated powers.

For full description of decision please contact Kate Cuthbert on extension 561 7881.

### **Reasons for decision:**

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

### **Alternative options considered and rejected:**

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

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

Report of the Meeting of the Personnel Committee, Part II held on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2009 - report of the City Solicitor

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**Is this a key decision:** Yes

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

**Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:**

None.