

Sunderland City Council

At an extraordinary meeting of SUNDERLAND CITY COUNCIL held in the CIVIC CENTRE on MONDAY 30 JULY 2012 at 6.00pm

Present: The Mayor (Councillor Kay) in the Chair

Councillors	Allan Anderson Atkinson Ball Bell Blackburn Bonallie Copeland Curran Dixon Emerson Essl Farr Farthing Fletcher Forbes Foster	Francis Gibson, E Gibson, P Gofton Howe Jackson Kelly Lauchlan Lawson Macknight Maddison Marshall Martin, L Martin, T McClennan Miller, G Mordey	Oliver Padgett Porthouse Price Richardson, D Scanlan Scaplehorn Scott Shattock Smiles Smith, P Snowdon, D Snowdon, D E Speding Stewart Tate	Thompson Trueman, D Trueman, H Turton Tye Wakefield Walker Waller Watson, P Watson, S Williams Wilson, A Wilson, D Wiper Wood Wright, T
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The notice convening the meeting was read.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Davison, Ellis, Errington, Heron, F Miller, Rolph, D Smith and N Wright.

The Cabinet reported and recommended as follows: -

1. Transition from Early Implementer to Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board

That they had given consideration to a joint report of the Chief Executive and the Executive Director of Health, Housing and Adult Services which set out the next stage of transition from an Early Implementer to a Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board.

The Cabinet recommended that the Council:

- (i) endorse the transition to Shadow Board status;
- (ii) approve the representation of nominated elected members on the Shadow Board as stated in the revised terms of reference;
- (iii) note that the Children's Trust and the Adults' Board will act in an advisory capacity to the Shadow Board; and
- (iv) note the developmental work programme of the Board and that as a consequence further changes may be made.

2. Revenue Budget Outturn for 2011/2012 and First Revenue Review 2012/2013

That they had given consideration to a report of the Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services setting out details of the Revenue Budget Outturn 2011/2012 and the First Revenue Budget Review 2012/2013 and specifically the approval of the virement of funds which referred to a transfer of £7.584m under spending on the budget for 2011/2012 to the Strategic Investment Reserve to support one off transitional costs from the implementation of budget savings proposals in 2012/2013 and future years, and the potential costs of equal pay.

They had also referred the matter to the Scrutiny Committee for advice and consideration in relation to the issues of virement. The Scrutiny Committee had supported the Cabinet recommendation to approve the virement and had recognised the positive outturn on the budget for 2011/2012 which would assist the Council with the implementation of budget savings proposals in 2012/2013 and future years.

The Cabinet recommended that the Council approve the virement as detailed above.

3. First Capital Review 2012/2013 (including Treasury Management)

That they had given consideration to a report of the Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services which detailed: -

- reprofiling of projects since the Capital Programme for 2012/2013 was first approved in March and also taking account of the Capital Programme Outturn for 2011/2012;
- the inclusion of additional schemes and revisions to costs and resourcing for 2012/2013 since the Capital Programme Review was approved;
- the progress in implementing the Treasury Management Strategy for 2012/2013.

They had also referred the matter to the Scrutiny Committee for advice and consideration. The Scrutiny Committee had supported the Cabinet's

recommendation to approve the proposed variation to the Capital Programme for 2012/2013 to include the additional schemes with an estimated cost on excess of £250,000 which had been set out in the extract below:

Additional Schemes - Fully Funded	£000
Leader	
Newcastle International Airport Ltd - to increase the 2012/2013 Capital Programme by a maximum of £20million in order that the Council may participate in the re-financing of existing debt portfolio in respect of Newcastle International Airport Ltd. The proposal can be financed through prudential borrowing which has been provided for within headroom included in the approved Treasury Management Strategy/Prudential Indicators for 2012/2013 in March 2012 and by temporary use of internal resources to maximise the financial position for the Council. It is envisaged that the interest and dividends receivable over the course of the financing period will compensate for any additional costs of borrowing incurred by the Council on a worst case scenario basis and that as such the transaction is expected to be at least revenue neutral. A full business case for the potential transaction will be considered at a future Cabinet meeting.	20,000
City Services	
Better Bus Areas Fund – Improvements to Borough Road bus areas and for the provision of Intelligent Transport Systems to 5 key bus corridors fully funded from grant from the Department for Transport	410

The Cabinet recommended that the Council approve the additional schemes with an estimated cost in excess of the £250,000 for inclusion in the capital programme for 2012/2013 as set out above.

The Leader of the Council, duly seconded by the Deputy Leader, moved the report of the Cabinet.

Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Wood, moved that Item 3 of the Cabinet Report, First Capital Review 2012/2013 (including Treasury Management), be referred back to the Cabinet for further consideration and more information on the benefits of participating in the refinancing of Newcastle International Airport Limited.

Upon being put to the vote, the reference back was defeated with 58 members voting against: -

The Mayor (Councillor Kay)

Councillors	Allan Anderson Atkinson	Foster Gibson, E Gibson, P	Porthouse Price Richardson, D	Thompson Trueman, D Trueman, H
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Ball	Gofton	Scanlan	Turton
Bell	Jackson	Scaplehorn	Tye
Blackburn	Kelly	Scott	Wakefield
Bonallie	Lauchlan	Shattock	Walker
Copeland	Lawson	Smiles	Waller
Curran	Macknight	Smith, P	Watson, P
Dixon	Marshall	Snowdon, D	Watson, S
Emerson	Martin, T	Snowdon, D E	Williams
Essl	Miller, G	Speding	Wilson, A
Farr	Mordey	Stewart	Wilson, D
Farthing	Padgett	Tate	Wright, T
Fletcher			

And 8 members voting for: -

Councillors	Forbes	Howe	L Martin	Wiper
	Francis	Maddison	Oliver	Wood

Upon the Report of the Cabinet being put to the meeting, it was: -

RESOLVED that the views of the Scrutiny Committee be noted and the report of the Cabinet be approved and adopted.

Localism Act 2011 – Appointment of Independent Persons

The Head of Law and Governance submitted a report outlining the recent process which had been undertaken to appoint independent persons under the Localism Act 2011.

The Localism Act 2011 required the Council to appoint at least one independent person whose views must be sought and taken into account before the Standards Committee makes a decision in respect of an allegation against a Member which has been investigated. A Member who is the subject of a misconduct complaint may also seek the views of the independent person.

The Council had resolved, at its meeting on 28 March 2012, that two independent persons be appointed and the posts were advertised jointly with the other Tyne and Wear Authorities and Northumberland County Council. A panel drawn from the Standards Committee considered applications and carried out interviews and accordingly has recommended that the Council appoint Mr Anthony Atkinson and Mrs Sheba Joseph to the posts.

Councillor H Trueman, duly seconded by Councillor Shattock, moved the recommendation as set out in the report.

RESOLVED that the Council appoint Mr Anthony Atkinson and Mrs Sheba Joseph to the posts of independent persons, pursuant to the requirements of the Localism Act 2011, for a period of two years, with the provision for the Council to extend for a further period of three years, without re-advertising the posts.

Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies – the Scrutiny Committee and the Northumbria Police and Crime Panel

The Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services submitted a report requesting the Council to consider appointments to the Scrutiny Committee and the Northumbria Police and Crime Panel.

The Leader moved the recommendations set out in the report and was duly seconded by Councillor H Trueman and it was:-

RESOLVED that approval be given to: -

- (i) the appointment of Ms R Elliott and Ms H Harper as the two Parent Governor representatives on the Scrutiny Committee; and
- (ii) the nominations of the Leader of the Council and Councillor Gofton to the Northumbria Police and Crime Panel, with the Deputy Leader and Councillor S Watson as substitutes respectively.

The Mayor then closed the meeting having thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions to the meeting.

(Signed) I KAY
Mayor

