

**Record of  
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## **Record of Executive Decisions Published: 20/Jul/2011**

**Decision Taker: Appropriate Scrutiny Committee:**

Cabinet

None. The report has also be considered and accepted by the Audit and Governance Committee on 30th June 2011.

**Date decision in force:**

20/Jul/2011

**Date of decision:**

20/Jul/2011

**Full description of decision:**

To:

- consider and agree the Draft Improvement Plan, and
- consider and agree the Draft Annual Governance Statement.

**Reasons for decision:**

In order to comply with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2011 and good practice guidance regarding Corporate Governance.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

None available in view of the circumstances.

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

Annual Review of Corporate Governance Arrangements - Report of the Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate 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: 20/Jul/2011**

**Decision Taker: Appropriate Scrutiny Committee:**

Cabinet

Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

**Date decision in force:**

28/Jul/2011

**Date of decision:**

20/Jul/2011

**Full description of decision:**

To note and endorse the extension of the current agreements with housing related support providers for housing related support contracts for a period of 12 months (1st April 2011 - 31st March 2012).

**Reasons for decision:**

To enable the current provision of housing related support to continue until 31st March 2012 , whilst Health, Housing and Adult Services continues with ongoing engagement and consultation with providers and service users to establish what services need to be commissioned and how they need to be commissioned. This work is in line with the housing related support service assessment.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

There is no alternative to this decision.

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

Extension of Current Agreements with Housing Related Support Providers - Report of the Executive Director 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

## **Record of Executive Decisions Published: 20/Jul/2011**

**Decision Taker:** **Appropriate Scrutiny Committee:**  
Cabinet Environment and Attractive City Scrutiny  
Committee

**Date decision in force:**

28/Jul/2011

**Date of decision:**  
20/Jul/2011

**Full description of decision:**

To:

- Endorse the proposed actions in respect of progressing the Best and Final Bid (BAFB), as set out in section 5 and the key activities summarised in section 6;
- Authorise the Executive Director of City Services in consultation with the Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services to finalise and submit the BAFB to DfT; and
- Agree to receive a further report on the outcome of the BAFB submission

**Reasons for decision:**

To enable the Council to take necessary actions to continue to progress the SSTC - New Wear Crossing.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

No alternative options are proposed.

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

Sunderland Strategic Transport Corridor (SSTC) - New Wear Crossing Progress - Report of the Executive Director of City Services

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**Is this a key decision:** Yes

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

**Declarations of Interest and Dispositions:**

None

## **Record of Executive Decisions Published: 20/Jul/2011**

**Decision Taker: Appropriate Scrutiny Committee:**

Cabinet

Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee

**Date decision in force:**

28/Jul/2011

**Date of decision:**

20/Jul/2011

**Full description of decision:**

To approve the establishment of a framework of Public Art Consultants following a procurement procedure being undertaken in accordance with the Appendix to the Procurement Procedure Rules (Part 4, Section 7 of the Council's Constitution) .

**Reasons for decision:**

The Constitution requires Cabinet approval for the use of Consultants in excess of £100,000.00. As the Council does not have the necessary in-house expertise and skills to deliver every project, providing a call off framework for public art Consultants will allow the department to call on those skills if and when they are needed.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

In-House Service: The Council does not have the necessary skills available to provide this type of service in-house. To ensure that the expertise is available at the point of project approval would mean employing staff specifically for each project and would be very costly to the Council.

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

Procurement Procedure to Establish a Framework for Public Art Consultants - Report of the Executive Director of City 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: 20/Jul/2011**

**Decision Taker: Appropriate Scrutiny Committee:**

Cabinet

Management Scrutiny Committee

**Date decision in force:**

20/Jul/2011

28/Jul/2011

### **Full description of decision:**

To agree to the disposal of the Council's freehold interest in 1.895 hectares (4.68 acres) of land at the former Felstead School to the developer detailed in the report for the sum detailed for the proposed development of 176 extra-care apartments.

### **Reasons for decision:**

(1) To enable the development of a mixed tenure retirement village within an extra care environment, specially designed for people with dementia which will support delivery of the council's strategic housing need and priority for older people.

(2) Obtain a capital receipt at best consideration in respect of surplus land that is not required for operational purposes

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

The alternative options are:-

To not accept the offer from the developer.

This will result in the loss of the extra care apartments which in themselves will make a significant contribution to the requirement for this form of accommodation in the City. This option will also result in the retention of the former school buildings on the site which are a risk in terms of on going security and health and safety.

To market the site for disposal for acceptable planning uses. The offer received from the developer represents best consideration and as such the Council's obligations in respect of the disposal have been met.

These options have therefore been considered but are not recommended.

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

Disposal of former Felstead School site, Fordfield Road, Sunderland - Joint report of the Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director of Health Housing and Adult Services

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**Is this a key decision:** Yes

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

Yes

**Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:**

None

## **Record of Executive Decisions Published: 20/Jul/2011**

**Decision Taker:** **Appropriate Scrutiny Committee:**

Cabinet

Management Scrutiny Committee

**Date decision in force:**

28/Jul/2011

**Date of decision:**

20/Jul/2011

**Full description of decision:**

To approve the funding detailed in the report to support the purchase of a mobile crane which will assist in generating additional income to the Port.

**Reasons for decision:**

The Port Board has approved the procurement of a new mobile crane. The new crane will provide important new additional crange capacity at the Port of Sunderland in order to enable the Port to more efficiently meet its existing trading obligations. The additional capacity will also position the Port to enable commercial opportunities to be maximised.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

If the funding for this procurement is not approved, the Port will have to continue with the existing arrangements of hiring additional crange from third parties in order to meet its trading commitments.

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

Funding the purchase of a new Mobile Crane - Joint Report of the Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services

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**Is this a key decision:** Yes

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

Yes

**Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:**

None

## **Record of Executive Decisions Published: 20/Jul/2011**

**Decision Taker:** **Appropriate Scrutiny Committee:**  
Cabinet Environment and Attractive City Scrutiny  
Committee

**Date decision in force:**

20/Jul/2011

**Date of decision:**  
20/Jul/2011

**Full description of decision:**

To:

- i) note the report of the 7 July 2011, and
- ii) approve the following staffing proposals:-

### **Children's Services**

To re-grade the posts of 6 Children's Home Managers from POF to Children's Home 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 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 held on 7 July 2011, Part II

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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                      Appropriate Scrutiny Committee:**

**Taker:** Cabinet      Environment and Attractive City Scrutiny  
Committee/Prosperity and Economic Development  
Scrutiny Committee/also Planning and Highways  
Committee

### **Date decision      Date of decision:**

**in force:**              20/Jul/2011

28/Jul/2011

### **Full description of decision:**

To:

- (i) Note the amendments made to the draft Seaburn Masterplan and Design Code in light of responses received during the public consultation on the document and other considerations;
- (ii) Adopt the amended Seaburn Masterplan and Design Code as a Supplementary Planning Document.

### **Reasons for decision:**

The adoption of the Seaburn Masterplan and Design Code as a Supplementary Planning Document will help facilitate the planning and regeneration of the Seaburn area in accordance with the aspirations of the Sunderland Strategy and overarching Seafront Regeneration Strategy. The Masterplan and Design Code will be used by developers as a basis for preparing detailed proposals for this area of Seaburn and would be afforded weight as a material consideration when determining future planning applications.

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

The alternative option is not to prepare a masterplan for Seaburn. The consequences of this would be not to have clear guidance on appropriate forms of development for Seaburn. This would weaken the council's ability to control the type of development and design quality at the seafront leaving the area to be developed on an ad hoc basis. Not having an approved masterplan would result in a lower standard of development than would otherwise be achieved, failing to make the best use of Seaburn's potential as a main attraction in the City for residents visitors and investors.

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

Seaburn Masterplan and Design Code Supplementary Planning Document - 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