

# ***Report of the Cabinet***



## **The CABINET reports and recommends as follows:-**

### **1. Creation of a Combined Authority**

That they have given consideration to a report of the Chief Executive (copy attached) on the outcome of the extensive area-wide review of governance arrangements undertaken in relation to local authority functions concerning economic growth, skills and transportation across the seven North East Local Authority areas comprising: Durham, Gateshead, Newcastle, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside and Sunderland and the proposed submission to Government of a request to establish a Combined Authority covering the area of the seven local authorities.

Accordingly the Cabinet, having agreed the recommendations in the report, recommends the Council to endorse its decisions upon those recommendations.

### **2. Capital Programme Outturn 2012/2013 and First Capital Review 2013/2014 (Including Treasury Management)**

That they have given consideration to a report of the Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services on an aspect of the report on the Capital Programme Outturn 2012/2013 and First Review 2013/2014 (including Treasury Management), namely requesting the Council to approve the variations in of the capital programme for both years to include additional schemes with an estimated cost in excess of £250,000.

Accordingly, the Cabinet recommends the Council to approve the proposed variation to the Capital Programme for 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 to include additional schemes with an estimated cost in excess of £250,000 as set out in the attached extract.

They also referred the report to the Scrutiny Committee for advice and consideration in the context of inclusion of an additional scheme for 2013/2014 costing over £250,000. The comments of Scrutiny Committee will be reported to the meeting

### **3. Revenue Budget Outturn for 2012/2013 and First Revenue Review 2013/2014**

That they have given consideration to a report of the Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services on the Revenue Budget Outturn for 2012/2013 and First Revenue Review 2013/2014 namely requesting the Council to approve the transfer of funds.

In accordance with the Council's Budget and Policy Framework certain transfers require Council approval. The attached extract sets out the relevant extract from the Cabinet report, which refers to the transfer of £6.031m underspending on the budget in 2012/2013 to the Strategic Investment Reserve to support one off transitional costs arising from the implementation of budget savings proposals in 2013/2014 and future years.

Accordingly the Cabinet recommends the Council to approve the budget transfers for the first quarter of 2013/2014 as set above and in the attached extract.

They also referred the extract of the budget transfers to the Scrutiny Committee, for advice and consideration. The comments of the Scrutiny Committee will be reported to the meeting.

#### **4. Establishment of People Directorate: Transfer of Delegated Council Functions and Update to the Constitution**

The Cabinet, at its meeting to be held on 17 July 2013, will be giving consideration to a report of the Head of Law and Governance regarding a reference from the Human Resources Committee. The report concerns changes to the senior management structure, including the creation of a People Directorate, to be implemented immediately following the retirement of the Executive Directorate of Children's Services on 31 July 2013.

The report recommends Council to agree to the transfer of delegated Council functions from the Executive Directors of Children's Services and Health, Housing and Adult Services to the Executive Director of People Services, upon implementation of the new structure and to authorise the Head of Law and Governance to amend the constitution accordingly to reflect the new arrangements.

The comments of Cabinet will be reported to the meeting.