

**Record of
Executive
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Decision Taker: Cabinet
Appropriate Scrutiny Committee: Scrutiny Committee

Date decision in force:

28/Jun/2012

Date of decision:

20/Jun/2012

Full description of decision:

To approve amendments to the Capital Programme since it was reported to Council in March 2012 and to note the projected outturn position for 2011/2012.

Reasons for decision:

To note variations in the Capital Programme which have arisen since the 2011/2012 Capital Programme was previously reported to Cabinet.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

No alternative options are proposed.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Capital Programme Outturn 2011/2012 - Report of the Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate 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

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Decision Taker:

Cabinet

Appropriate Scrutiny Committee:

Scrutiny Committee : Scrutiny Lead Member for
Responsive Services and Customer Care

**Date decision in
force:**

28/Jun/2012

Date of decision:

20/Jun/2012

Full description of decision:

To note the Community and Safer City Scrutiny Committee's Policy Review Final Report, attached as Appendix A, and approve the recommendations contained within the report. To note the Action Plan for the implementation of these recommendations which has been prepared in consultation with the appropriate Portfolio Holder(s).

Reasons for decision:

The recommendations and comments of the Community and Safer City Scrutiny Committee reflect the findings of a detailed review of the service area.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

There are no alternative options recommended.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Community and Safer City Scrutiny Committee: Development of Community Cohesion in Sunderland - Policy Review Final Report - Report of the Community and Safer City Scrutiny Committee and Chief Executive

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Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information: No

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

None

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Cabinet

Appropriate Scrutiny Committee:

Scrutiny Committee: Scrutiny Lead Member for City Services

Date decision in force:

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Date of decision:

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Full description of decision:

To note the Environment and Attractive City Scrutiny Committee's Policy Review Final Report, attached as Appendix A, and approve the recommendations contained within the report. To note the Action Plan for the implementation of these recommendations which has been prepared in consultation with the appropriate Portfolio Holder(s).

Reasons for decision:

The recommendations and comments of the Scrutiny Committee reflect the findings of a detailed review of the service area.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

There are no alternative options recommended.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Environment and Attractive City Scrutiny Committee: Low Carbon Vehicles in the Delivery of Public Services - Policy Review Final Report - Report of the Environment and Attractive City Scrutiny Committee and the Executive Director of City Services

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Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information: No

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

None

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Decision Taker:

Cabinet

Appropriate Scrutiny Committee:

Scrutiny Committee: Scrutiny Lead Member for Health, Housing and Adult Services

Date decision in force:

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Date of decision:

20/Jun/2012

Full description of decision:

To note the Health and Well-Being Scrutiny Committee's Policy Review Final Report, attached as Appendix A, and approve the recommendations contained within the report. To note the Action Plan for the implementation of these recommendations which has been prepared in consultation with the appropriate Portfolio Holder(s).

Reasons for decision:

The Committee has reviewed discharge and transfer of care policies to determine if they are fit for purpose and to assess if these complex range of services work well together from the point of view of the service user, and whether they provide care and support in the most effective and efficient means possible. The recommendations aim to assist with the embedding of a whole-system approach around the service and creating incentives to a more integrated approach.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

The Scrutiny Committee has gathered detailed evidence and arrived at conclusions and recommendations which are intended to improve services and to provide patients with seamless and integrated transfers of care. There are no alternatives to be considered.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee: Rehabilitation and Early Supported Discharge – Policy Review Final Report - Report of the Health & Well-Being Scrutiny Committee and Executive Director of Health, Housing & 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:

Councillor G Miller declared personal interests as a member of the following bodies:- City Hospitals Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation TRust Council of Governors

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Full description of decision:

To note the Management Scrutiny Committee's Policy Review Final Report, attached as Appendix A, and approve the recommendations contained within the report. To note the Action Plan for the implementation of these recommendations which has been prepared in consultation with the appropriate Portfolio Holder(s).

Reasons for decision:

The Committee has conducted a number of evidence gathering sessions exploring the key themes and scope of the review into unlicensed and high-cost credit in Sunderland. The recommendations aim to support and compliment the work of the illegal money lending team and the council in tackling sources of unlicensed credit and issues around high-cost credit.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

The Scrutiny Committee has gathered detailed evidence and arrived at conclusions and recommendations which are intended to support and enhance the work being undertaken by a number of organisations including the council into the provision of credit. There are no alternatives to be considered.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Management Scrutiny Committee: At What Cost: The Effects of High-Cost Credit and Illegal Loan Sharks on Local Communities - Policy Review Final Report - Report of the Management Scrutiny Committee and Chief Executive

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Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information: No

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

None

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Full description of decision:

To note the Management Scrutiny Committee's Policy Review Final Report, attached as Appendix A, and approve the recommendations contained within the report. To note the Action Plan for the implementation of these recommendations which has been prepared in consultation with the appropriate Portfolio Holder(s).

Reasons for decision:

The Committee has conducted a number of interactive workshops exploring some of the key themes and components of the self regulation agenda. The recommendations aim to develop and support self regulation and local accountability in the council.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

The Scrutiny Committee has gathered detailed evidence and arrived at conclusions and recommendations which are intended to enhance and strengthen the self regulation role in the council. There are no alternatives to be considered.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Management Scrutiny Committee: Demonstrating Local Accountability - Policy Review Final Report - Report of the Management Scrutiny Committee and Chief Executive

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Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information: No

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

None

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Full description of decision:

To: in relation to 2011/2012: _ approve the contingency and reserve transfers proposed at Appendix A, budget transfers and virement at Appendix B; – approve the final account decisions as set out in the report. in relation to 2012/2013: – approve the contingency transfers at Appendix E and budget transfers

Reasons for decision:

To report on the outturn position compared to the budget for 2011/2012 and respond to variations in expenditure and income which have arisen in 2012/2013.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

No alternative options are proposed.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Revenue Budget Outturn for 2011/2012 and First Revenue Review 2012/2013 - Report of the Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services

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Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information: No

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

None

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Cabinet

Appropriate Scrutiny Committee:

Scrutiny Committee - Scrutiny Lead Member for Skills, Economy, and Regeneration

Date decision in force:

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Full description of decision:

To note the Prosperity and Economic Development Scrutiny Committee's Policy Review Final Report, attached as Appendix A, and approve the recommendations contained within the report. To note the Action Plan for the implementation of these recommendations which has been prepared in consultation with the appropriate Portfolio Holder(s).

Reasons for decision:

The recommendations and comments of the Scrutiny Committee reflect the findings of a detailed review of the service area.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

There are no alternative options recommended.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Prosperity and Economic Development Scrutiny Committee following the Committee's review into Aim 1 of the Economic Masterplan: A New Kind of University City - Report of the Prosperity and Economic Development Scrutiny Committee and 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:

Councillor Gofton declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the report as a member of the Board of Governors of the University of Sunderland and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of the report.

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Cabinet

Appropriate Scrutiny Committee:

Scrutiny Committee - Scrutiny Lead Member for Skills,
Economy and Regeneration

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Full description of decision:

To: - note the level and nature of activity developed under the International Strategy during 2011/12, and - endorse the series of actions proposed for 2012/13

Reasons for decision:

It was agreed to report annually on the International Strategy both to Cabinet and the Partnership Board. Following its consideration by Cabinet, the attached report will be considered by the Sunderland Partnership.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

No alternative options have been considered.

Title and author(s) of written report:

International Strategy - Annual Report January 2011 to March 2012 - Report of the Chief Executive

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Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information: No

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

None

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Appropriate Scrutiny Committee:

Scrutiny Committee - Scrutiny Lead Member for Public Health, Wellness and Culture

Date decision in force:

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Full description of decision:

To note the Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee's Policy Review Final Report, attached as Appendix A, and approve the recommendations contained within the report. To note the Action Plan for the implementation of these recommendations which has been prepared in consultation with the appropriate Portfolio Holder(s).

Reasons for decision:

The Committee has reviewed sport and physical opportunities in the city within the context of a changing environment. The recommendations aim to assist with further embedding sport and physical activity in the city.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

The Scrutiny Committee has gathered detailed evidence and arrived at conclusions and recommendations which are intended to improve participation in sport and physical activity. There are no alternatives to be considered.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee - Building a Sustainable and Lasting Legacy in Sport and Physical Activity - Policy Review Final Report - Report of the Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee and the Executive Director for 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

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Decision Taker:

Cabinet

Appropriate Scrutiny Committee:

Scrutiny Committee: Scrutiny Lead for Public Health,
Wellness and Culture

**Date decision in
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Full description of decision:

To 1) endorse the transition to Shadow Board status 2) agree to the representation of nominated elected members on the Shadow Board as stated in the revised terms of reference 3) Note that the Children's Trust and Adults' Board will act in an advisory capacity to the Shadow Board. 4) note the developmental work programme of the Board and that as a consequence further changes may be made

Reasons for decision:

The Health and Social Care Act has now been passed and all councils will be statutorily required to have Health and Wellbeing Boards in place for April 2013. More formal shadow arrangements are required in advance of this to help with the state of readiness.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

To continue with the current arrangements - this option was rejected as Cabinet had already given approval in summer 2011 for an Early Implementer Health and Wellbeing Board to be established which would transition into a Shadow Board.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Transition from Early Implementer to Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board - Report of the Chief Executive and Executive Director of Health, Housing and Adult Services

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Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information: No

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

None

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Decision Taker:

Cabinet

Appropriate Scrutiny Committee:

Scrutiny Committee: Scrutiny Lead Member for Health,
Housing and Adult Services

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Full description of decision:

To: - Agree to the Council undertaking the procurement of adult substance misuse services for up to 3 years from 2013/14 to 2015/16 on behalf of Sunderland Teaching Primary Care Trust. - Note the progress on substance misuse service redesign

Reasons for decision:

The responsibility for adult substance misuse services will transfer to the Council in April 2013. The existing contractual agreements for adult substance misuse services expire on 31st March 2013. Sunderland TPCT would usually use NHS Procurement agencies. In order to accelerate learning around public health commissioning and support the Public Health transition, it is recommended that the procurement would be carried out by the Council.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

The following options have been rejected by the Safer Sunderland Board, Sunderland TPCT Executive Team and Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group:
a) Do not re-commission services following expiry of contracts on 01 April 2013 - as services cease to operate, continuity of care will be lost for those dependent on service delivery. b) Continue with existing service provision after 01 April 2013 - services continue to deliver but remain complex and present decreasing value for money in future years. Services will not be fully configured to support sustained recovery outcomes for their users. c) Partially de-commission services to achieve better value for money and retain some reconfigured components to provide a more efficient model of delivery. Services may be better configured to support sustained recovery outcomes for their users and better value for money, though challenges from existing providers on the basis of unfairness will be likely.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Public Health - Procurement of Adult Substance Misuse Services - Joint report of the Executive Director of Health, Housing and Adult Services, and Assistant 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

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Cabinet

Appropriate Scrutiny Committee:

Scrutiny Committee - Scrutiny Lead Member for City Services /Planning and Highways

Date decision in force:

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Full description of decision:

To: 1. Endorse the 2012 Draft Greenspace Audit and Report and 2012 Draft Ecological Evidence Base for consultation purposes. 2. Following the close of the consultation and in consultation with the appropriate Portfolio holder, to authorise the Deputy Chief Executive to make any minor amendments to the attached report prior to its adoption. The final report will be used: a. As part of the evidence base to inform the emerging Local Development Framework, and b. As a material consideration in determining planning applications.

Reasons for decision:

The decision is required to provide essential evidence to inform corporate policy, and chiefly to support progression of the Core Strategy to proceed to its next stage (statutory consultation) in accordance with the Council's adopted Local Development Scheme.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

All local planning authorities are charged under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 with the preparation of a Local Development Framework (LDF), which must include a Core Strategy. They are also charged with preparing the LDF in accordance with the provisions of an approved Local Development Scheme. The Core Strategy must be informed by a robust evidence base. The need for evidence regarding the city's greenspace and ecological requirements is emphasised in the National Planning Policy Framework. To not undertake such updates in the light of the changing circumstances in the city would undermine the planning policy framework and could jeopardise the Core Strategy at Examination. Consequently, no alternatives can be recommended.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Sunderland City Council Draft Greenspace Audit and Report 2012 & Draft Ecological Evidence Base for Sunderland's Local Development Framework 2012 - Report of the Deputy Chief Executive

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Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information: No

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

None

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Decision Taker:

Cabinet

Appropriate Scrutiny Committee:

Scrutiny Committee : Scrutiny Lead Member for Skills, Economy, and Regeneration

Date decision in force:

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Full description of decision:

To approve the A19 Ultra Low Carbon Vehicle Enterprise Zone Draft Local Development Order (Turbine Park and Vehicle Test Centre Site) for the purposes of public consultation.

Reasons for decision:

The implementation of a simplified planning regime at the A19 Ultra Low Carbon Vehicle (ULCV) Corridor is required by the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) as part of the package of measures set out under Enterprise Zone (EZ) status. A Local Development Order (LDO) is an established alternative form of administering the planning process and is considered the most appropriate means of simplifying planning procedures on all Enterprise Zone sites within the North Eastern Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) area.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

The alternative option is not to prepare a Local Development Order (LDO) for the Turbine Park and Vehicle Test Centre sites. The consequences of this would be a failure to implement a simplified planning regime for the EZ sites and therefore a failure to provide the full package of measures geared towards stimulating growth within designated EZ areas; as set out by the DCLG. This would put the Sunderland EZ sites at a competitive disadvantage compared to other EZ sites within the North Eastern LEP area.

Title and author(s) of written report:

A19 Ultra Low Carbon Vehicle Enterprise Zone: Draft Local Development Order (Turbine Park and Vehicle Test Centre Site) - 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:

Councillor P Watson declared a personal interest as a member of the North East Local Enterprise Partnership.

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Decision Taker:

Cabinet

Appropriate Scrutiny Committee:

Scrutiny Committee : Scrutiny Lead Member for Skills, Economy, and Regeneration

Date decision in force:

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Full description of decision:

To: 1. Approve the proposed scheme for the re-alignment of St Mary's Way / Livingstone Road and the development of the proposed Magistrates Square and authorise the Deputy Chief Executive and the Executive Director of City Services to take all necessary actions required for the procurement and delivery of the scheme; 2. Authorise the Deputy Chief Executive to progress the disposal of two development plots overlooking the proposed Magistrates Square for best consideration and otherwise on terms to be agreed by the Deputy Chief Executive.

Reasons for decision:

To deliver significant infrastructure and public realm improvements in the city centre in order to support the future redevelopment of the Vaux site and the city centre and the delivery of the Economic Masterplan. In addition, the scheme will also deliver a further phase of the Council's multi-phase Sunderland Strategic Transport Corridor (SSTC) which also incorporates the new Wear bridge and provides improved strategic access from the Port and the city's key development sites to the A19 and the wider area.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

Several alternative scheme concepts have been considered (as outlined in Appendix 1) but they are unlikely to deliver the same regenerative benefits as the recommended option, and would require higher levels of investment. The option of carrying out minimum improvements (and the least cost option) should also be rejected because it would have no positive regeneration impact on Vaux and the city centre and would not support the aims and objectives of the Economic Masterplan.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Vaux: Advance Infrastructure and Public Realm Improvements - Report of the Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director 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:

Councillor Gofton declared a personal interest as a member of the Board of Governors of the University of Sunderland.

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Cabinet

Appropriate Scrutiny Committee:

Scrutiny Committee: Scrutiny Lead Member for Children's Services

Date decision in force:

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Full description of decision:

To: - procure capital works in excess of £250,000.00 and to appoint a contractor for the window replacement scheme at Monkwearmouth School - procure capital works in excess of £250,000.00 and to appoint a contractor to construct an extension at Highfield Primary School

Reasons for decision:

To enable priority building improvement works to take place at Monkwearmouth School. To increase the teaching accommodation at Highfield Primary School to provide new pupil places

Alternative options considered and rejected:

The alternative option would be not to agree to the procurement process which would result in these priority projects being delayed and the possible loss of associated funding.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Schools Capital Works Procurement - Report of Executive Director of Children's 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

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Cabinet

Appropriate Scrutiny Committee:

Scrutiny Committee: Scrutiny Lead Member for Children's Services

Date decision in force:

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Full description of decision:

To note the contents of the report and approve the associated improvement actions the Council and its partners are undertaking in response.

Reasons for decision:

To enable Cabinet to consider and comment on the contents of the report and the associated improvement actions the Council and its partners are undertaking in response

Alternative options considered and rejected:

No alternative options are considered appropriate.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Announced Inspection of Safeguarding and Looked After Children's Services - Report of the Executive 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

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Cabinet

Appropriate Scrutiny Committee:

Scrutiny Committee: Scrutiny Lead for Skills, Economy & Regeneration

Date decision in force:

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Full description of decision:

To agree to: - The disposal of the site to the company who specialises in private investment of social housing provision via a 125 year lease at the consideration detailed in the report and otherwise on terms to be agreed by the Deputy Chief Executive. - The provision of a Regeneration Grant in for the sum detailed in the report to the company. - The Council taking a 125 year lease of the new community association premises within the refurbished former Orphanage building at the premium detailed in the report and otherwise on terms to be agreed by the Deputy Chief Executive. - The surrender of the existing lease and the grant of a new 10 year sub-lease to the CA of new community association premises at a peppercorn rent and otherwise on terms to be agreed by the Deputy Chief Executive.

Reasons for decision:

The disposal of the site to a company who specialises in private investment of social housing provision will enable the use of private sector investment to accomplish the restoration of the Grade 2 listed building. The development proposal allows the remainder of the site to be developed to provide an extra care housing scheme for older households. The allocation of regeneration grant funding makes it financially viable for the restoration works to the building to be completed and funding is available for the grant. To enable the development of the remainder of the site, the existing CA building needs to be demolished and relocated into the refurbished building. The Council shall take a long lease of the new CA space in the Orphanage building and grant a sub-lease to the CA.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

The alternative option is not to dispose of the site and not to provide the grant funding. Without adequate funding the restoration of the former Orphanage building could not be carried out, as a consequence, the building would fall into a greater state of disrepair leaving the council with a continued significant financial and physical liability. Under these circumstances the development of the remainder of the site would not happen.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Sale and development of the former East End Orphanage, Moor Terrace, Sunderland - Report of the Deputy Chief Executive

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Is this a key decision: Yes

Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information: Yes

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

None

