

# **Record of Executive Decisions published 17/Jul/2014**



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**Decision Taker:** Cabinet

**Appropriate Scrutiny Committee:**  
Scrutiny Committee

**Date decision in force:**

16/Jul/2014

**Date of decision:**

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**Full description of decision:**

To: - note the level and nature of activity developed under the International Strategy during 2013/14 - endorse the series of actions proposed for 2014/15

**Reasons for decision:**

It was agreed to report annually on the International Strategy both to Cabinet and the Economic Leadership Board. Following its consideration by Cabinet, the attached report will be considered by the Economic Leadership Board at its meeting on 28 July 2014.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

No alternative options have been considered.

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

International Strategy - Annual Report April 2013 to March 2014 - Report of the Chief Executive

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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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**Date decision in force:**

25/Jul/2014

**Date of decision:**

16/Jul/2014

**Full description of decision:**

To approve the procurement of 6 gritting vehicles to replace existing vehicles to maintain the efficiency and effectiveness of the winter maintenance programme.

**Reasons for decision:**

In accordance with the Constitution, Cabinet approval is required to permit the letting a contract exceeding £250,000 in value.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

Not replacing, or delaying the replacement of the gritting vehicles would reduce the efficiency of a high risk service and cost more because of the increased maintenance costs of the old vehicles. These options have been rejected.

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

Procurement of Replacement Gritting Vehicles - 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

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**Full description of decision:**

To approve the procurement of a Materials Recovery Facility Contract for the City Council and Authorise the Deputy Chief Executive to appoint a supplier that provides the most economically advantageous option and ensure continuous service when the existing contract expires in 2015.

**Reasons for decision:**

In accordance with the Constitution, Cabinet approval is required to permit the letting a contract exceeding £250,000 in value.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

An alternative would be to take up an option to enter into an existing procured contract for the service which would prevent the opportunity to achieve lower rates and reduce the costs and operational impacts on the recycling collection service. This option has been rejected.

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

Procurement of Materials Recovery Facility Contract - Report of the Deputy Chief Executive

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**Full description of decision:**

To approve the findings of the accommodation assessment to allow for the needs identified to be planned for through the formal Local Plan process.

**Reasons for decision:**

The decision is required to provide essential evidence to support progression of the Local Plan to proceed to its next stage (publication) in accordance with the Council's adopted Local Development Scheme.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

There are no alternative options. The Council has to ensure that Local Plan policies are developed with up to date evidence, in line with the requirements of The National Planning Policy Framework.

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

Sunderland Accommodation Assessment for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople - 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

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**Full description of decision:**

To approve under Financial Procedure Rules (16.6) for grants of over £50,000 in any one financial year. Cabinet are therefore requested to approve the continuation of grant funding (£91,000) to the National Glass Centre, subject to an annual review. To support a recommendation to progress an options appraisal to determine the most appropriate future arrangements for the Northern Gallery for Contemporary Art.

**Reasons for decision:**

To continue to award a grant to the National Glass Centre under Financial Procedure Rules. The grant will be subject to an annual review to be undertaken during 2015/16 financial year. NGC continues to go from strength to strength following a £2.3m refurbishment in 2013 with the addition of a new contemporary exhibition space and heritage gallery. The grant remains in place to support a high quality Outreach and Schools programme for the city to enhance our reputation, attract greater visitor numbers and offer our residents a diverse programme of cultural enrichment. The SLA with NGC will be reviewed annually to ensure it meets the council's wider agenda of Economy, Health and Wellbeing and Education and Skills. To strengthen NGCA's position as a leading contemporary art venue in the city and region, a review of its existing arrangements is required.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

The option exists to withdraw from, or to reduce the level of grant offered however in doing so, there is a risk this would impact significantly on the National Glass Centre's Outreach and Schools Programme accessed by young people, schools, communities and families in Sunderland. In addition, it may have a detrimental effect on the existing service level agreement and the diverse cultural programme. It is proposed that the current grant arrangements continue through 2014/15 with a review in advance of the 2015/16 financial year.

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

National Glass Centre - Report of the Executive Director of People Services

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**Is this a key decision:** Yes

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**Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:**

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**Full description of decision:**

To approve: 1. That the Council submit an Expression of Interest to the Department for Education (DfE) for inclusion in Priority Schools Building Programme 2 (PSBB2); 2. That delegated authority be given to the Executive Director of People Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services to determine the shortlist of schools to be submitted; and 3. That additional capital be allocated from the Children's Capital Programme to expand the build at Shiney Row Primary School (PSBP 1) from 1.5 Form Entry (45 places per year group) to 2 Form Entry (60 places per year group).

**Reasons for decision:**

The PSBP 2 programme requires the Council to submit an expression of interest by 21 July 2014 for all schools that are to be assessed for eligibility. The long list for submission is included The proposed amendment to works at Shiney Row Primary exceeds £250,000 Cabinet approval of works is therefore required in order to proceed with planning and build process.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

The Council does not submit an expression of interest and continues to support maintained local schools using the Council's Capital Maintenance Allocation (where appropriate). To rebuild Shiney Row Primary School as a 1.5 Form Entry school and to look to secure additional school places in the local area as the planned housing developments in Philadelphia and Shiney Row impact upon school places.

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

Proposed Expression of Interest in Priority Schools Building Programme 2 (PSBP2) and progress update on PSBP1 - Report of the Executive Director of People 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 Speding declared an interest as a Governor of Shiney Row Primary School and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of the report.