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KIRKLEES COUNCIL

CABINET

Tuesday 19th February 2019

Present: Councillor Shabir Pandor (Chair)
Councillor David Sheard
Councillor Masood Ahmed
Councillor Viv Kendrick
Councillor Musarrat Khan
Councillor Naheed Mather
Councillor Peter McBride
Councillor Cathy Scott
Councillor Graham Turner

187 Membership of the Committee

All Members of the Cabinet were present.

188 Minutes of previous meeting

RESOLVED - The minutes of the meetings of Cabinet held on 22 and 29 January 2019 were agreed.

189 Interests

No interests were declared.

190 Admission of the Public

It was noted that all agenda items would be considered in public session.

191 Deputations/Petitions

No deputations or petitions were received.

192 Public Question Time

No questions were asked.

193 Member Question Time

Councillor Martyn Bolt referred to a forthcoming item on Look North regarding the George Hotel. In response, the Cabinet Member for Economy stated that opportunities for viable schemes would be considered if put forward. The Cabinet Member for Communities and Environment added that officers were looking to talk to the owner of the George Hotel and station warehouse as to the possibility of development.

194 Determination of school admission arrangements for 2020/21

Cabinet received a report which outlined that Kirklees Council was the admission authority for Kirklees community and voluntary controlled schools and had a statutory responsibility to undertake an annual consultation about admissions arrangements.

The report presented the results of this year's consultation and sought to determine admission arrangements for all Kirklees community and voluntary controlled schools for 2020/21. It also highlighted that arrangements must be determined by 28 February 2019 to comply with the School Admissions Code.

The Cabinet Member for Learning and Aspiration thanked everyone for taking part in the process.

With regards to the Dewsbury Riverside project, it was noted that the proposal was for schools to be built as part of a total programme, which would include all of the necessary infrastructure required.

RESOLVED - That Cabinet:-

1. Approved the Kirklees co-ordinated admission schemes for 2020/21, including in-year admissions, as set out in Appendix 2 of the report;
2. Approved the admission arrangements for Kirklees community and voluntary controlled schools as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report, including the PANs for the schools set out in appendix 1D of the report.

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To decommission specialist provision at Headlands CE (VC) JI&N School and deliver the service in a different way - Final Decision Report

Cabinet received a report which set out proposals to make a prescribed alteration at Headlands CE(VC) JI&N School to decommission 6 transitional places for children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder from 1 March 2019.

It was intended the resources released through the decommission at Headlands CE (VC) JI&N School would be used to enhance the central outreach offer for children with Complex Communication and Interaction Needs including Autistic Spectrum Disorder, to enable primary age children to access specialist support in their local school.

RESOLVED - That Cabinet:-

1. Noted
 - a. the advice of the Kirklees School Organisation Advisory Group that the proposals to decommission 6 transitional places and outreach at Headlands CE(VC) JI&N School for children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder from 1 March 2019 and deliver the service in a different way;
 - b. that the statutory process had enabled a full and detailed presentation of the proposals to interested parties;
 - c. the rationale for the proposal had been clearly articulated against the factors in the decision maker's guidance as outlined in Appendix 7 of the report; and

- d. and the issues raised in consultation had been presented for full consideration against the factors in decision maker's guidance.
2. Approved without modification or condition the proposals outlined within the report.

196 Kirklees Annual Educational Standards and Quality Report 2017-18

Cabinet received a report which set out the Key Stage educational achievement outcomes for Kirklees Schools in the 2017/18 academic year.

It was noted that work was ongoing with schools, early learning settings and wider partners to develop a shared understanding of performance, in order to develop a Learning Strategy to support joint working and deliver ambitions over the next 5 years.

RESOLVED - That Cabinet:-

1. Approved the Kirklees Annual Educational Quality and Standards Report 2017-18;
2. Delegated authority to the Director for Children's Services in conjunction with the Portfolio Holder for Learning and Aspiration and the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services to finalise the development of a 5 year Learning Strategy with the Education and Learning Partnership Board by the Summer term; and
3. That impact be monitored and progress evaluated through quarterly monitoring to Cabinet.

197 Huddersfield Heritage Led Regeneration Scheme (HLR)

Cabinet received a report which sought approval to develop a scheme for the improvement of shop fronts, the creation of viable new uses and to consider enforcement measures to facilitate the same objectives.

The report set out a number of key areas of activity which needed to be progressed prior to finalisation of the above. This covered the Huddersfield Town Centre Conservation Area, with a specific focus on the 'Old Town' area, including John William Street, Westgate and Northumberland Street among others. It was also felt appropriate to include Cross Church Street and New Street areas to help support proposed public realm improvements.

It was noted that this scheme sat alongside a suite of planned overall improvements.

RESOLVED - That Cabinet:-

1. Approved £1.2m to be taken from the Town Centre Capital Allocation to support the installation of shop fronts and secure more viable uses where necessary;
2. Authorised the Strategic Director for Economy and Infrastructure to:-

- a. Set up a grant scheme for the award of third party grants to owners of properties for the purposes of the installation of shop fronts and/or for the purposes of securing more viable uses where appropriate;
- b. Enter into discussions with the Heritage Lottery Fund, Architectural Heritage Fund and Historic England to secure possible funding for the scheme;
- c. Enter into discussions with the Huddersfield Civic Society to join the scheme as partners and secure the publication of a Huddersfield Town Centre Design Guide; and
- d. Take any necessary enforcement action to secure better quality shop fronts and advertisements.
- e. Ensure that further checks be made around enforcements for the town centre, carry out an audit of the buildings and continue to take enforcement action where necessary.

198 Leeds City Region Connectivity Programme

Cabinet received a report which provided an update on the development of the Leeds City Region Connectivity Strategy. It set out the Connectivity Strategy and how potential future Mass Transit options were being developed to improve connectivity within Kirklees and to the City Region.

Cabinet noted that this was a starting point for discussion on a mass transit system in West Yorkshire. The context was HS2 and how to ensure that both east/west arterial routes had maximum access throughout the sub region to the main arteries, as well as connections between sub regional centres with the aim of planning routes and links that anticipated the major movements in different forms of transport.

It was highlighted that this was a major investment into the region, which would see improved connectivity and a new generational transport system.

Members expressed disappointment that the Spen Valley Greenway route was not included within the key connectivity priorities listed in Section 2.12 of the report and added that it would be remiss not to include the line from Dewsbury to Low Moor for consideration. The Cabinet Member for Economy stated that he would raise the matter at a West Yorkshire level.

It was noted that this was a first step and WYCA would look at the whole system of multi-model uses, which would include all forms of transport.

RESOLVED - That Cabinet:-

1. Noted the update on the work undertaken to date by the West Yorkshire Combined Authority and partners to progress the Leeds City Region Connectivity Strategy, as reported to the Combined Authority Transport Committee;
2. Requested that officers continue to work in partnership with the West Yorkshire Combined Authority to drive forward the Leeds City Region Connectivity Strategy

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to deliver appropriate solutions for the district;

3. Supported the proposed West Yorkshire Transport Committee member working group to oversee the connectivity and mass transit strategy; and
4. Endorsed the opening of a conversation with the public and stakeholders around the role of mass transit, as a part of an integrated solution to the economic and transport challenges facing West Yorkshire.

199 Consideration of Improvement Line - 179 Drinker Lane at Royd House, Kirkburton, Huddersfield

Cabinet received a report which asked that consideration be given to the Improvement Line 179 on Drinker Lane, Royd House, Kirkburton (near Bell House Court and the Three Acres, Restaurant).

It was noted that the Council had received a request to sell back land purchased in 1976/77, originally bought to allow the construction of the new highway on the alignment of the Improvement Line.

RESOLVED - That Cabinet agreed that Improvement Line 179 be removed from the Council's Improvement Line Register on the basis that it was no longer required.

200 Written Questions to the Leader and Cabinet Members (Reference from Council)

This item was not considered as the elected Member was not in attendance.