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KIRKLEES COUNCIL

CABINET

Tuesday 2nd May 2017

Present: Councillor David Sheard (Chair)
Councillor Shabir Pandor
Councillor Peter McBride
Councillor Naheed Mather
Councillor Erin Hill
Councillor Viv Kendrick
Councillor Masood Ahmed
Councillor Graham Turner

Apologies: Councillor Musarrat Khan

228 Membership of the Committee

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor Khan.

229 Minutes of previous meetings

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meetings held on 7 March 2017 and 27 March 2017 be approved as a correct record.

230 Interests

Councillor McBride declared an 'other' interest in Agenda Item 11 on the grounds that he is a Board Member of C&K Careers Ltd.

231 Admission of the Public

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

232 Deputations/Petitions

No deputations or petitions were received.

233 Public Question Time

No questions were asked.

234 Member Question Time

No questions were asked.

235 Early Review of the 2016-17 Council General Fund Revenue Outturn

Cabinet gave consideration to a report which considered proposals for the release of up to £9.5m revenue resources into Council financial resilience reserves as part of the 2016/2017 final accounts. It set out a number of measures as part of the 2016/2017 final accounts process that would protect the in-year use of reserves by up to £9.5m. The measures included; (i) applying recent government guidance which allowed the Council to 'capitalise' certain types of qualifying revenue expenditure that could be funded from in-year generated capital receipts (ii) that where capital expenditure was due to be funded from revenue in 2016-2017 it be substituted with borrowing instead and (iii) reviewing existing earmarked reserves requirements and any that are no longer required for specific purposes to be re-directed to financial resilience reserves.

The report explained that it was proposed that approved revenue funding of capital expenditure in 2016-2017 would be replaced with borrowing, which would release £1.8m revenue resources in-year, and that these would be transferred to financial resilience reserves at year end. It also explained that there would be a marginal increase in borrowing costs from 2017-2018 of approximately £23,000 per annum and that it was anticipated that this could be managed within the existing Council treasury management budget of £22m in 2017-2018.

Cabinet noted that, subject to approval, the recommendations contained within the report would be incorporated into the 2016/2017 final accounts process and subsequently reported as part of the 2016-2017 financial outturn report to Cabinet on 30 May 2017.

RESOLVED -

- 1) That approval be given to the replacement of £1.8m revenue funded capital expenditure in 2016-2017 with borrowing and associated proposals.
- 2) That approval be given to apply DCLG flexible use of 'in year' capital receipts and associated proposals.
- 3) That the year-end review of earmarked reserves requirements be noted and that the outcome be detailed within the financial outturn and rollover report to be submitted to Cabinet on 30 May 2017, and Council on 7 July 2017.
- 4) That it be noted that the Council's flexible receipts strategy, incorporating retrospective 2016-2017 approval will be incorporated into the annual medium term update report to be presented to Council at a later date.

236 Update of the Council's Estate Management Policy for Non-operational Land and Buildings

Cabinet received a report which set out proposals to update the Council's Estate Management Policy for non-operational land and property portfolio, which was previously approved in March 2006 and was in need of update in order to reflect current practices and the significant financial restraints facing the Council. The updated policy, appended to the considered report, was split into two documents – the Corporate Estate Management Policy and the Corporate Disposals and Acquisitions Policy to reflect the increased importance of land and property to the Council's overall asset strategy. It was noted that both of the new policies would operate alongside the Asset Transfer Policy.

RESOLVED -

That approval be given to the replacement of the current Estate Management Policy with the Corporate Estate Management Policy and the Corporate Disposals and Acquisitions Policy and that the implementation be authorised with immediate effect.

237 Kirklees Partnership with National Citizen Service

Cabinet received a report which provided information relating to the establishment of a pioneering partnership between the Council and the National Citizen Service (NCS). The report explained that the NCS sought to advance the challenges of social cohesion, social mobility and social engagement. All young people were eligible to take part in an NCS programme which typically lasted 2 to 4 weeks during holiday periods. The report advised that participation in Kirklees was not as high as in other areas, with approximately 800 people scheduled to participate in the 2017 summer programme, and that the NCS had approached the Council to consider how investment in young people in the area could be maximised. Paragraph 2 of the report set out the measures that were being taken within the Council as a result, which included the appointment of an NCS Programme Leader within Children's Services and an NCS Strategy Group to champion the development of the programme in Kirklees and ensure that the programme delivered strategic outcomes.

Cabinet noted that the NCS Senior Leadership Team had approved funding the proposed actions and would provide the Council with £65,000 of funding to support the proposed activity.

RESOLVED -

That the content of report and the opportunities offered by partnership with National Citizen Service be noted.

238 Nexus In-School: Transfer of Responsibility to C&K Careers Ltd

Cabinet received a report which sought approval for the transfer of the Nexus In-School Programme to C&K Careers Ltd. The report explained that the supported extended work placement service was offered to schools for Year 11 students who required a vocational focus and that it was proposed that the delivery of the service would be transferred from the Council to C&K Careers Ltd. This change would enable the provision to be sustained and located in an organisation that had similar models of delivery and was able to provide a wider commercial offer, thereby enabling the project to become more sustained and economically viable, with improved links to employment and training.

Cabinet noted that the proposed timescale for the transfer of the programme was as soon as practically possible in order to secure effective delivery for the 2017/2018 cohort. The transfer would impact on three members of staff transferring to C&K Careers Ltd under TUPE regulations.

RESOLVED -

- 1) That it be agreed that, subject to the satisfactory completion of due diligence by both parties, Kirklees Council no longer deliver the service and it be transferred to C&K Careers Ltd.
- 2) That, pursuant to (1) above, authority be granted to the Service Director (Learning and Early Support) in consultation with the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Community Cohesion and Schools to negotiate and agree any contractual details of the proposed transfer to C&K Careers Ltd.