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KIRKLEES COUNCIL

CABINET

Tuesday 27th June 2017

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

Apologies: Councillor Viv Kendrick

251 Membership of the Committee

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor Kendrick.

252 Interests

No interests were declared.

253 Admission of the Public

It was noted that Agenda Item 13 would be considered in private session (Minute No. 263 refers).

254 Deputations/Petitions

Cabinet received a petition submitted by Councillor Eric Firth, on behalf of residents of Fairfield Terrace, Dewsbury, requesting the introduction of a residential parking permit scheme for the street.

255 Public Question Time

No questions were asked.

256 Member Question Time

No questions were asked.

257 Cabinet Portfolios

Cabinet received notification of the Leader's revised Cabinet Portfolio arrangements, in accordance with Article 7.3.2 of the Constitution. The report advised that the portfolio arrangements as below, and had been submitted to, and accepted by, the Chief Executive on 14 June 2017;

Strategy, Strategic Resources, New Council and Regional Issues Portfolio –
Councillor Sheard (Leader) and Councillor Pandor (Deputy Leader)

Children's Portfolio – Councillor Ahmed and Councillor Hill (Statutory Responsibility for Children)

Adults and Public Health Portfolio – Councillor Scott and Councillor Kendrick

Economy Portfolio – Councillor Mather and Councillor McBride

Corporate Portfolio – Councillor Khan and Councillor McBride

RESOLVED –

That the revised Cabinet Portfolio Arrangements, in accordance with Article 7.3.2, be noted.

258 Revised Play Strategy and Delivery

(Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 36(1) Cabinet received representations from Councillors Lawson, N Turner, and J Taylor)

Cabinet gave consideration to a report which sought approval of a new play strategy and to undertake a public consultation on revising play provision. The report advised that the revised play strategy had been developed to be reflective of both budget pressures and the need to redefine the play offer in the district to promote a broader concept of promoting social and personal skills, and provide a forum for social cohesion and community engagement. Cabinet noted that the play strategy was last reviewed in 2006, and that it was now necessary to review play provision in order to (i) ensure that demographic provision is appropriate (ii) consider changes in play philosophy since the 2006 review and (iii) consider ongoing budgetary pressures and identify appropriate efficiencies.

The report advised that the proposed engagement process was intended to last five months, and that it was anticipated that, by the end of October all data to determine affected sites, a priority roll out list, and a costed model, should be available. A further report was to be submitted to Cabinet during spring 2018, which would detail a costed implementation plan and provide a schedule of works to deliver the strategy. Cabinet noted that the changes would range from the removal of play equipment and re-profiling of areas into play spaces, to the provision of equipped

play areas to give enhanced adventurous and multi-age play to cater for as many children, young people and adults as possible.

RESOLVED -

That authority be delegated to the Service Director (Commercial, Regulatory and Operational) to approve the detailed engagement process and subsequent delivery model on how play will be specifically delivered in the district, according to the principles held within the strategy document.

259 Proposals for use of the new monies for adult social care announced by the Chancellor in the Spring Budget 2017

Cabinet received a report which provided details of a recent announcement by national government in regards to new grant allocations for adult social care, and proposals for the approach to the use of monies in line with the Council's budget strategy. Cabinet noted that, following the Council setting its budget for 2017/2018, the Government had announced a new grant allocation for adult social care over the next three years in the spring budget. The additional grant came with a set of conditions, including the requirement to build upon the existing Better Care Fund Plan, and to provide stability and extra capacity in the local adult social care system.

The report advised that proposals were being developed for the use of the additional grant allocation that would deliver benefits to local people with care needs, the health and social care systems and local adult social care providers, and that the approach was built upon a set of principles which recognised the importance of sustaining the current market, innovation and transformation that would deliver a more sustainable and effective system. It explained that the proposed financial strategy for the new allocations sought to minimise the risk to the Council's budget strategy and focus upon pump prime key initiatives to respond to service and market pressures, supporting enabling activity to drive transformation and savings as set out in the 2017-2021 Medium Term Financial Plan.

Paragraph 2.4.3 of the considered report set out nine proposed areas of investment, totalling £2595,000. Cabinet noted that the report would be submitted to the meeting of Council on 11 July 2017 for decision, and that subject to approval, the funding would be incorporated into the Better Care Fund Section 75 pooled budget arrangements and would be subject to the same governance arrangements as the Better Care Fund.

RESOLVED -

- 1) That the proposed financial strategy, as detailed at paragraph 2.3 of the considered report be endorsed.
- 2) That the Improved Better Care Fund Principles, as detailed at paragraph 2.4.2 of the considered report, and the proposed areas for investment in 2017/2018, as detailed at paragraph 2.4.3, be endorsed.
- 3) That the report be submitted to the meeting of Council on 11 July 2017.

- 4) That further proposals be developed, taking into account the final guidance and allocations, and that a report be submitted to Cabinet and Council as part of the budget strategy update in September 2017.

260 Term Dates for the Academic Year September 2018 to July 2019

Cabinet received a report which sought approval of Term Dates for the Academic Year September 2018 to July 2019. The report indicated that statutory regulation required that 195 school days were to be identified in any academic year and that the Kirklees Policy (1993) for determining school term dates was set out at Appendix 1 of the considered report. Cabinet noted that, in the interests of pupils, families and staff, the majority of own admission authority schools also co-ordinated with those dates set by the Council.

The report recommended that the following dates be confirmed for the 2018/2019 academic year;

Autumn Term – 3 September 2018 to 21 December 2018 (half term 29 October to 2 November inclusive)

Spring Term – 7 January 2019 to 12 April 2019 (half term 18 February to 22 February inclusive)

Summer Term – 29 April 2019 to 22 July 2019 (half term 27 May to 31 May inclusive)

RESOLVED –

- 1) That it be noted that the term dates for the academic year 2018 to 2019 meet the required number of school days as set out within statutory regulation.
- 2) That it be noted that Kirklees Council's policy for school term dates generates 2018/2019 dates which reflect some variation from dates set by neighbouring authorities.
- 3) That it be noted that, following consultation, the Autumn half term holiday be adjusted as set out in Appendix 2 of the considered report.
- 4) That the term dates for the 2018/2019 academic year be agreed as detailed within the considered report (at Appendix 3).

261 Dewsbury Townscape Heritage Initiative Grant Application 7-9 Corporation Street

Cabinet gave consideration to a report which sought approval of a Dewsbury Townscape Heritage Initiative grant towards improving 7-9 Corporation Street. The report advised that the Council had been awarded £2m by the Heritage Lottery Fund, and that £1.7m had been matched by the Council, to provide a total fund of £3.7m over five years. The Dewsbury Town Heritage Initiative regeneration programme, launched in June 2018, will run until July 2018. Cabinet noted that the owner of 7-9 Corporation Street had put forward a scheme of repair, replacement

and refurbishment for the property, which was complimentary to previous Town Heritage Initiative works undertaken in Corporation Street, which were eligible for grant funding. The report advised that the proposed scheme was consistent with work carried out to other properties in Corporation Street, hence delivering uniformity of high quality traditional frontages to enhance the streetscape and contribute to the economic confidence of the town.

(Cabinet gave consideration to exempt information at Agenda Item 13 (Minute No. 263 refers) prior to the consideration of this item).

RESOLVED –

- 1) That approval be given to the award of a Town Heritage Initiative Grant in accordance with the amounts specified in Appendix 2 of the considered report.
- 2) That authority be delegated to the Service Director (Economy and Infrastructure) to authorise actual payment of the grant, upon receipt of a completed application form and all necessary supporting information.
- 3) That authority be delegated to the Service Director (Legal, Governance and Commissioning) to enter into and seal all grant arrangements, legal charges and ancillary documents relating to the grant.

262 Exclusion of the Public

RESOLVED –

That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business, on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

263 Dewsbury Townscape Heritage Initiative Grant Application 7-9 Corporation Street

(Exempt information under paragraph(s) 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 relating to the financial or business affairs of persons (or the Authority holding that information) and specifically, information relating to the applicant's financial status and contractor tender prices. It is considered that the disclosure of the information would adversely affect the companies concerned. The public interest in maintaining the exemption, which would protect the interests of the Council and the company, outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information and providing greater openness in the Council's decision making).

Cabinet received exempt information prior to the determination of Agenda Item 11 (Minute No. 261 refers).