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KIRKLEES COUNCIL

CABINET

Tuesday 16th April 2019

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

Observers: Councillor Manisha Roma Kaushik
Councillor Bernard McGuin
Councillor Alison Munro

Apologies: Councillor Musarrat Khan
Councillor Cathy Scott

226 Membership of the Committee

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Khan and Scott.

227 Minutes of previous meeting

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 2019 be approved as a correct record.

228 Interests

No interests were declared.

229 Admission of the Public

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

230 Deputations/Petitions

Cabinet received a deputation from Paula Bairstow, Patricia Jennings and David Burns in regards to the future options for the Almondbury High School consultation process.

A response was provided by the Cabinet Member for Learning and Aspiration (Councillor Ahmed).

231 Member Question Time

Questions were asked by;

(i) Councillor Munro in regards to the future options for Almondbury High School consultation process.

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A response was provided by the Cabinet Member for Learning and Aspiration (Councillor Ahmed).

(ii) Councillor McGuin in regards to the future options for Almondbury High School consultation process.

A response was provided by the Cabinet Member for Learning and Aspiration (Councillor Ahmed).

(iii) Councillor Kaushik in regards to the playable spaces strategy.

A response was provided by the Leader of the Council.

232 Development Management Compliance Strategy

Cabinet gave consideration to a report which gave details of the creation of a Development Management Compliance Strategy, which aimed to facilitate the most efficient and effective use of enforcement powers within the Development Management Compliance Team. The report advised that, in response to the need to proactively manage the expected uplift in development activity arising from the adoption of the Local Plan, the strategy set out (i) the main principles and procedures which the Council would adopt to regulate and monitor development (ii) how it would communicate with residents, businesses and developers (iii) how it prioritises cases coming into the service and (iv) the range of options and actions available to the Local Planning Authority to remedy any given situation.

Cabinet noted that the strategy would give focus to the priorities of the compliance team and provide clarity to communities, councillors and developers as to what action could be expected when planning complaints or requests for investigations are received. Paragraph 2.5 of the considered report illustrated the types of development and areas where priorities would be focussed.

RESOLVED - That the Development Management Compliance Strategy be approved.

233 Investment in the facilities at Dewsbury Sports Centre

Cabinet received a report which sought permission for the refurbishment of the wet side changing village at Dewsbury Sports Centre in advance of the closure of Spensborough Pool. The report requested approval to access funding agreed within the capital plan to undertake a targeted refurbishment with indicative estimated works costing between £180k and £240k.

Cabinet noted that Dewsbury Sports Centre would be the main leisure hub within North Kirklees for both the public and the school swimming programme during the two year closure of Spensborough Pool, from 1 September 2019, and that the proposed improvement works would create a facility that was fit for a modern day leisure operation.

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The report advised that the capital investment during the 2019/2020 financial year would be funded from the Council's prudential borrowing, and that the revenue service charges would be included within the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan.

RESOLVED - That approval be given to the use of capital funding to upgrade the changing village at Dewsbury Sports Centre in the 2019/20 financial year, in order to make it suitable for public and school swimming programme use.

234 **Corporate Parenting Strategy 2019-2021**

Cabinet received the Corporate Parenting Strategy 2019-2021, which set out the Council's framework for delivering its corporate parenting responsibilities to children in care and care leavers. The report advised that the strategy had been developed in order to evidence, guide and provide accountability to the Council's commitment to develop a strong corporate parenting ethos and to provide a context for existing key strategies that would benefit children in care and care leavers.

It was noted that Children in Care and the Care Leavers Forum had been consulted in the development of the strategy, and that it would be reviewed in summer 2020. The strategy, which was appended to the considered report, set out details of the Council's priorities, pledges, principles and vision as a corporate parent.

RESOLVED - That the Corporate Parenting Strategy be approved, and that it be implemented with immediate effect, until the end of 2021.

235 **Kirklees Annual Post 16 Educational Outcomes Report 2017-18**

Cabinet received a report which detailed the Kirklees Annual Post 16 educational Outcomes Report 2017-2018, which provided the evidence base for the post 16 element of the draft learning strategy which was currently under development. The report and accompanying appendix provided information on the analysis and evaluation of a range of KS5 outcomes in post-16 education and training in Kirklees in the year 2017-2018. It was noted that performance in Kirklees was strong in comparison to regional and national benchmarks and demonstrated continued improvements in most areas, and top quartile performance in the majority of areas.

The report highlighted positive figures regarding engagement with education and post-16 training, overall achievement rates, average grades and value added progress, and set out a summary of the detailed report findings. Cabinet were asked to accept the report to establish a shared understanding of educational outcomes for young people and identify priorities for a collective effort for further improvement.

RESOLVED -

(1) That the report be received and noted.

(2) That authority be delegated to the Director for Children's Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Portfolio Holders for Learning and Aspiration and Children's Services, to progress the aspirations identified within the considered report in the form of a series of shared work-streams alongside Post-16 providers.

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(3) That the Cabinet's thanks to officers, schools, colleges and partners for their work in achieving the upper quartile performance be placed on record.