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## **KIRKLEES COUNCIL**

### **CABINET**

**Tuesday 21 April 2015**

Present: Councillor Sheard (in the Chair)  
Councillors Calvert, Pandor, O'Neill, S Hall, McBride, C Scott, Kendrick  
and G Turner

**293 Membership of the Cabinet**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor Harris.

**294 Interests**

No interests were declared.

**295 Admission of the Public**

It was noted that all Agenda Items would be considered in public session.

**296 Deputations/Petitions**

Councillor G Turner submitted a petition on behalf of residents of Mirfield and the Friends of Mirfield Library in objection to any consideration by the Council to either sell or close Mirfield Library.

**297 Member Question Time**

No questions were asked.

**298 Voluntary and Community Sector Strategy**

Cabinet received a report which sought approval for the adoption of the Voluntary and Community Sector Strategy.

A copy of the 2015/2016 Voluntary and Community Sector Strategy, which was appended to the report, had been refreshed in order to reflect the changes in ambition and the need to make significant progress over the coming years. The report advised that it was reflective of the vision of the Council as set out within the Corporate Plan.

Cabinet noted that the strategy had been developed jointly by the Council and the Voluntary and Community Sector via a cross cutting steering group, which had included a series of workshops that had been held in September and October 2014. The report advised that the strategy was fundamental to making the most of local skills and assets, and enabling communities to support themselves.

**RESOLVED** – That the Voluntary and Community Sector and Kirklees Council Strategy 2015 – 2025 be approved and adopted.

**299 Scrutiny Review into Tuberculosis in Kirklees**

Cabinet received the Wellbeing and Communities Scrutiny Panel report on the Scrutiny Review into Tuberculosis in Kirklees. Cabinet noted that the review had been undertaken at the suggestion of Public Health as tuberculosis continued to be a major public health issue in Kirklees with the number of cases being higher than the national and regional averages.

The final report, which was appended to the report, included a number of recommendations including (i) that discussion takes places between the Clinical Commissioning Group and Public Health to determine responsibility for tuberculosis services, and develop clear governance and accountability structures, (ii) that a consistent approach be applied to the diagnosis and treatment of tuberculosis, based upon a patient centred model of care founded upon best clinical practice and national guidance and (ii) that a West Yorkshire Centre of Excellence for the diagnosis, treatment and management of tuberculosis be developed.

**RESOLVED -**

(1) That the recommendations of the Scrutiny Review on Tuberculosis be received and endorsed.

(2) That the report be submitted to the following; Kirklees Health and Wellbeing Board, North Kirklees Clinical Commissioning Group, Greater Huddersfield Clinical Commissioning Group, Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust and Mid Yorkshire Hospitals Trust.

**300 Education Appeals Panel – Re-appointment of Members**

Cabinet received a report which sought the re-appointment of several Members of the Education Appeals Panel. The report noted that the re-appointment would be for a further term of three years and would enable the Council to maintain a suitably experience pool of persons to hear and determine education admission appeals.

The report advised that all of the persons named in the report had undertaken the necessary training to qualify for re-appointment.

**RESOLVED -** That Mr S Ainsworth, Mrs K Armitage, Mrs L Knowles, Mrs V Pace, Mrs P Potter, Mr L Rich, Mr P Schofield, Mrs B Smith, Mrs H Thornton, Mrs C Waddington, Mr P White and Mrs V White, be re-appointed to serve as Members of the Kirklees Admission Appeals Panel for a further three year term.

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## KIRKLEES COUNCIL

### CABINET

**Tuesday 5th May 2015**

Present: Councillor David Sheard (Chair)  
Councillor Jean Calvert  
Councillor Steve Hall  
Councillor Viv Kendrick  
Councillor Peter McBride  
Councillor Peter O'Neill  
Councillor Shabir Pandor  
Councillor Graham Turner

Apologies: Councillor Cathy Scott  
Councillor Cath Harris

In attendance:

Observers:

**301 Membership of the Committee**

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

**302 Minutes of previous meetings held on 24 March and 7 April 2015**

**RESOLVED** - That the Minutes of the meetings held 24 March and 7 April 2015 be approved as a correct record.

**303 Interests**

No interests were declared.

**304 Admission of the Public**

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

**305 Deputations/Petitions**

No deputations were received.

**306 Member Question Time**

No questions were asked.

**307 Proposed Joint Building Control Service for Kirklees and Bradford**

Cabinet received a report which set out a proposal for the formation of a Joint Building Control Service to cover the districts of Kirklees and Bradford. The report advised that, as a result of economic and budget pressures, a review of Building Control Services across West Yorkshire had been initiated in 2010, which had resulted in the possibility of a merger of Kirklees and Bradford Building Control function.

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The report advised that a joint service could provide more capacity and resilience to ensure continued provision of the Building Control Service and its ability to maximise income. It was advised that both Councils would retain control and governance of the joint service through the establishment of a Governing Board made up of elected Members and senior officers from both Authorities. Appendix 2 to the report set out an option appraisal for (i) maintaining the status quo, (ii) forming a partnership arrangement and (iii) establishing a wholly owned company.

Cabinet noted the advice within the report that maintaining the status quo was not a sustainable option as reduced resources would not allow the existing services to compete effectively with the private sector, and the suggestion that the simplest and most cost effective method of service provision would be to establish a joint service based on a partnership governed by a representative Board from both Authorities. This approach could provide the platform for the services to flourish and, if the Joint Service became successful, the partnership could evolve further and become a wholly owned company of both Councils allowing further freedom to trade.

**RESOLVED** - That the proposal for a joint Building Control Service be supported and that a further report be submitted to a future meeting, setting out detailed implications and governance arrangements, prior to a final decision being taken.