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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

**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.