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KIRKLEES COUNCIL

CABINET

Tuesday 14th June 2022

Present: Councillor Shabir Pandor (Chair)
Councillor Eric Firth
Councillor Viv Kendrick
Councillor Naheed Mather
Councillor Carole Pattison
Councillor Cathy Scott
Councillor Will Simpson

Apologies: Councillor Paul Davies
Councillor Musarrat Khan
Councillor Graham Turner

1 Membership of Cabinet

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors P Davies, M Khan and G Turner.

2 Minutes of Previous Meetings

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 March 2022 and 5 April 2022 were approved as a correct record.

3 Declarations of Interest

No interests were declared.

4 Admission of the Public

It was noted that no agenda items would be considered in exempt session.

5 Deputations/Petitions

No deputations or petitions were received.

6 Questions by Members of the Public

No questions were asked.

7 Questions by Elected Members (Oral Questions)

Cabinet received the following oral question in accordance with Executive Procedure Rule 2.3;

Question from Councillor Scott

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“At the final meeting of Cabinet in the last municipal year, Councillor Bolt asked Councillor Simpson what seat he would be standing in when we lost the Denby Dale ward. Perhaps you could enlighten us Councillor Simpson?”

A response was provided by the Cabinet Member for Culture and Greener Kirklees (Councillor Simpson).

8 **Appointment of Cabinet and Portfolios (Notice Under Article 7)**

Cabinet received notice from the Leader of the Council of the Membership of Cabinet, in accordance with articles 7.2.4 and 7.3.4 of the Constitution.

RESOLVED -

That the Membership of Cabinet, as appointed by the Leader of the Council under Articles 7.2.4 and 7.3.4 of the Council’s Constitution, be noted.

9 **Digital Switch-over - Replacement of Analogue Carephones**

Cabinet considered a report which sought Capital investment of £1.381m to switch 3,500 analogue Carephones units to digital units to prevent loss of service and support to vulnerable citizens impacted by the digital switchover.

Cabinet was advised that Openreach, the UK’s digital network delivery provider, was working through its plan to retire the UK analogue telephone network by the end of 2025. The Carephone Home Safety Service was the Kirklees Council in-house telecare provider that supports approximately 7,000 vulnerable citizens to stay independent for longer in their own homes through a range of assistive technology. 3,500 of these citizens had analogue units which would be affected by the digital switchover.

The report sought to secure resources to upgrade to digital, all Carephone equipment in a planned way so that as more local exchanges upgraded to fully fibre, Carephone users would already have the right equipment in place. It was anticipated that this work would take 18 months to complete (June 2022 to December 2023).

RESOLVED -

- 1) That the proposed capital investment of £1.381m to be funded from within the Adults Service existing capital programme, to enable the timely delivery of the digital switchover by December 2023, be approved.
- 2) That authority be delegated to the Strategic Director for Adults and Health to enter into and execute a contract with the chosen suppliers of the digital replacement of analogue Carephones in order to provide continuity of service for Carephone users.

10 **Council support for the Kirklees Health and Care Place Based Partnership Collaboration Agreement**

Cabinet considered a report relating to the new health and care partnership arrangements which were being established in response to the Health and Care Act 2022.

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The report advised that from the 1 July 2022 the statutory responsibilities of Clinical Commissioning Groups in West Yorkshire would transfer to the new Integrated Commissioning Board, and its 5 place-based sub-committees. To support this transition, a 'collaboration agreement' had been prepared by Hill Dickinson solicitors on behalf of the 5 areas in West Yorkshire. Each area was adapting the template agreement.

Cabinet was informed that although the Collaboration Agreement was a 3-year agreement, it would be reviewed at 6 months and 1 year in recognition of the formative stage of all the changes.

RESOLVED - That approval be given to Richard Parry, Strategic Director for Adults and Health, to sign the Collaboration Agreement on behalf of the Council.

11 **Corporate IT Capital Refresh Budget 2022-2025**

Cabinet considered a report which sought approval for capital expenditure of £900k pa to support the delivery of the Technology Strategy, the ongoing refresh of technology across the Council, supporting the Council's recovery.

The report informed Cabinet that the Technology Strategy laid out the Council's ambitions and plans for the next five years which were (i) Getting the basics right (ii) Enabling resilient and available infrastructure (iii) Commissioning applications fit for the future (iv) Using data intelligently and securely (v) Developing inclusive technology and skills (vi) Connecting people, business and technology and (vii) Delivering class leading internet services.

Cabinet was advised that the capital investment of £900k per annum would be funded from prudential borrowing, self-funding, and the associated funding included in the IT revenue budget.

RESOLVED –

- 1) That the five year capital plan of £900k per annum, covered by prudential borrowing, be approved.
- 2) That authority be delegated to the Head of Technology to make relevant decisions and actions in accordance with the council's financial procedure rules, for the 5 year life of the capital plan.