

## Cabinet

A meeting of Cabinet was held on Wednesday, 21st June, 2017.

**Present:** Cllr Robert Cook (Chair), Cllr Nigel Cooke, Cllr Mrs Ann McCoy, Cllr Steve Nelson, Cllr Michael Smith and Cllr Norma Wilburn.

**Officers:** Neil Schneider (CE), Julie Danks, Margaret Waggott, Peter Bell (DCE), Beccy Brown, Ged Morton (HR&L), Garry Cummings (F&BS), Martin Gray (CHS), Reuben Kench (CL&E), Jamie McCann (CS), Richard McGuckin (EG&D), Ann Workman (AH).

**Also in attendance:** Cllr Helen Atkinson, Cllr Chris Barlow, Cllr Carol Clark, Cllr Chris Clough, Dave Pickard (Chair of LSCB), Steve Rose (Catalyst).

**Apologies:** Cllr Jim Beall.

### **CAB     Declarations of Interest** **19/17**

Councillor Steve Nelson declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 6 - Stockton-on-Tees Local Safeguarding Children Board (SLSCB) Annual Report 2015/16 as he was on the Director of Catalyst.

Councillor Nigel Cooke declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 6 - Stockton-on-Tees Local Safeguarding Children Board (SLSCB) Annual Report 2015/16 as he was an employee of TEWV.

Councillor Ann McCoy declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 6 - Stockton-on-Tees Local Safeguarding Children Board (SLSCB) Annual Report 2015/16 as she was a Governor of TEWV.

Councillor Norma Wilburn declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 8 - Special Education Needs and Disabilities SEND Update for Stockton as her grandson had special educational needs.

Councillor Bob Cook declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 8 - Special Education Needs and Disabilities SEND Update for Stockton as he was a governor at Billingham South Primary School.

Councillor Ann McCoy declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 8 - Special Education Needs and Disabilities SEND Update for Stockton as she was a governor at Pentland Primary School.

Councillor Steve Nelson declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 9 - The Integrated 0-19 Wellbeing Model and the Creation of Family Hubs as he was a Director of Catalyst.

Councillor Steve Nelson declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 10 - Adult Social Care Strategy for Change and Improvement as he was a Director of Catalyst.

Councillor Steve Nelson declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 10 - Adult Social Care Strategy for Change and Improvement as he was a Director of Tristar Homes.

Councillor Nigel Cooke declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 10 - Adult Social Care Strategy for Change and Improvement as he was an employee of TEWV.

Councillor Ann McCoy declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 10 - Adult Social Care Strategy for Change and Improvement as she was a Governor of TEWV.

Councillor Norma Wilburn declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 11 - Asset Review and Site Disposal Update as she was a member of KHNE.

Councillor Steve Nelson declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 11 - Asset Review and Site Disposal Update as she was a Director Catalyst.

**CAB  
20/17**      **Minutes**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 18 May 2017.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 18 May 2017 be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

**CAB  
21/17**      **Children's Services Strategy 2017-2020**

Consideration was given to a report that presented the Children's Services Strategy. This non-statutory strategy set out how the Council would deliver change and improvement in children's services 2017-20, to deliver key objectives and outcomes and implement this aspect of the Council Plan.

The Strategy was designed to set out the context, role and priorities of Children's Services.

It was an evolution of the first version of the strategy reported to Cabinet in July 2016.

It had been developed to provide a clear understanding of the role and remit of Children's Services, its key priorities and how these had been identified, and the way in which Children's Services seeks to work with partners.

The strategy was attached to the report.

The following points were made in summary:

- a. The Strategy set out the vision, objectives and priorities for Children's Services;
- b. It was based on a new approach, which translated the refreshed Council Plan into service priorities and clear action;
- c. It had an explicit focus both on the WHAT and the HOW – what specific actions would be undertaken, and how it would work;
- d. It included the specific areas of focus post Ofsted inspection.

The strategy was intended to provide a clear framework for action, prioritisation

which underpinned reviews, the redesign of services in some areas and which provided a context for workforce development and financial management.

RESOLVED that the Children's Services Strategy 2017-2020 be agreed.

**CAB 22/17 Stockton-On-Tees Local Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2015/16**

Consideration was given to a report on Stockton-on-Tees Local Safeguarding Children Board (SLSCB) Annual Report 2015/16.

The SLSCB Annual Report was presented to Cabinet for information in relation to the achievements and future challenges of the SLSCB. The Annual Report was attached to the report.

There was a statutory requirement under section 14A of the Children Act 2004 and the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 for Local Safeguarding Children Boards to produce and publish an annual report on the effectiveness of safeguarding in the local area, including the implementation of Serious Case Review action plans.

In accordance with this statutory requirement the report was submitted to the Chief Executive, Leader of the Council, the local Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chair of the Health and Well-being Board.

It was the intention of SLSCB to share this with all partner agencies and with those that had influence over the services provided to children and families in Stockton-on-Tees.

The key achievements and challenges of the Board for 2015 / 2016 were referenced in the SLSCB Annual Report which had been circulated.

During the inspection of services for children in need of help and protection, children looked after and care leavers and review of effectiveness of the LSCB, Ofsted noted that "the Board has a very good understanding of its strengths and weaknesses. SLSCB meets its statutory functions. It benefits from appropriate multi-agency membership, very good attendance and strong commitment, including from three lay members who bring independent challenge to the board's work". A series of recommendations were made, many of which were in hand having been recognised by the Board as areas for improvement.

All partners of SLSCB strive to make continual improvements of their effectiveness in ensuring the safety and well-being of children both individually and as a partnership whilst at the same time recognising the challenges faced, locally, regionally and nationally.

RESOLVED that the 2015 / 2016 Annual Report of the Stockton-on-Tees Local Safeguarding Children Board be noted.

**CAB 23/17 School Term and Holiday Dates – 2018/2019 and 2019/2020**

Consideration was given to a report on School Term and Holiday Dates 2018/19 and 2019/20.

School employers were required to set the term dates of their school year. Employers were:

- the Local Authority in community, voluntary controlled and community special schools and maintained nursery schools;
- the Governing Body in foundation and voluntary aided school;
- the academy trust in academies and free schools.

In line with statutory requirements and the protocol agreed in 2008, consideration had been given to compile a set of term and holiday dates for schools in the Borough.

Officers consulted with colleagues from all neighbouring authorities to endeavour to reach consensus on a proposed model for the academic year.

Attached to the report were the proposed dates for 2018/2019 and 2019/2020.

As part of the consultation process these documents were duly circulated to schools and all other relevant parties, including unions and associations.

Only one comment had been received from Ian Ramsey Academy, Day Spring Trust in full support of the proposed dates for 2018/2019.

To date, the neighbouring authorities had either recommended or approved their proposed 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 term dates.

RESOLVED that the school term and holiday dates 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 shown at Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 be agreed.

**CAB  
24/17**

### **Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Update for Stockton**

Consideration was given to a report on Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND) for Stockton.

In October 2016, a report was made to Cabinet regarding a proposal to reshape services for children in Stockton with special educational needs.

This proposal involved rationalising the provision available in mainstream schools to allow earlier support and intervention for children when they first present with special needs. This was with the aim of reducing demand for specialist placements and addressing needs earlier. The provision commissioned from schools, presently in Additionally Resourced Provisions (ARPs), would be remodelled into hubs in localities which could provide cross phase provision for special needs across the Borough and allow more children to attend a school near to where they live. This would also reduce the need for transport across the Borough. No children already in placements would be moved as a result of the proposals.

A further report in January 2017 detailed the consultation outcomes from

extensive engagement with parents and key stakeholders. The proposals were modified as a result, particularly around retaining some existing nursery provision, and approval was given to commence with the commissioning of the revised provision.

The report set out for approval the results of the commissioning process and the new model of provision. An update on the unsuccessful application for a new Free School across the Tees Valley is also included.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The outcomes of the commissioning process be noted.
2. The allocation of the enhanced schools as set out in paragraph 11 be approved.
3. The capital implications associated with the development of nursery provision in paragraph 18 be noted.
4. The work around securing additional specialist provision be noted.

**CAB 25/17      The Integrated 0-19 Wellbeing Model and the Creation of Family Hubs**

Consideration was given to a report on the Integrated 0-19 Wellbeing Model and the Creation of Family Hubs.

The report sought approval for the new vision and approach to the provision of early years support in Stockton, including the future model for children's centres as part of a wider 'Family Hub' early help offer including an integrated 0 – 19 wellbeing model. It set out the vision and objectives of a new approach, and a set of proposals for implementation. The report also outlined the outcomes of the recent early years and children's centre consultation.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The integrated 0-19 wellbeing model to support children, young people and families; including the transformation of Children's Centres to Family Hubs be agreed.
2. Tenders be obtained for the following services to deliver the model:
  - 0-19 Healthy Child Programme Service
  - Healthy Weight Service for Children, Young People and Families
  - Family Outreach and Volunteer Service.
3. Crèche provision within the Family Hubs be commissioned.
4. A restructure of the current service will be undertaken through a formal staffing review.

**CAB 26/17      Adult Social Care Strategy for Change and Improvement**

Consideration was given to a report on the Adult Social Care Strategy for

Change and Improvement.

The report presented the Adult Social Care Strategy. The non-statutory strategy set out how the Council would deliver change and improvement in adult social care 2017 - 2020, to deliver Council Plan priorities.

The non-statutory Strategy set out:

- a. The vision, context (strategic and operational) and objectives for Adult Social Care across Stockton-on-Tees.
- b. How the Council works individually and in partnership (internally and externally) to meet Care Act 2014 requirements and meet assessed social care needs.
- c. How the Council was working towards greater integration with Health.

The detailed strategy was attached to the report.

The following points were made in summary:

- a. The strategy set out the strategic vision, context (strategic and operational) and objectives for Adult Social Care across Stockton-on-Tees for the first time.
- b. It identified how adult social care operational activity related to the Council's strategic aims and objectives.
- c. It showed how people and communities were at the heart of all that was done by Adult Social Care in Stockton-on-Tees, individually and in partnership (both internally and externally).
- d. It demonstrated the past and future importance of integrating adult social care with health.
- e. It provided a clear framework for prioritisation and action in individual and partnership based service planning and workforce development.

RESOLVED that the Adult Social Care Strategy for change and improvement.

**CAB**  
**27/17**      **Asset Review**

Consideration was given to a report that gave an update on Asset Review and Site Disposal.

The Report summarised progress and provided an update around Asset Transfer arrangements and also in implementing recommendations and provided recommendations around Site Disposal Strategy.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The asset transfer strategy Let's Share had been reviewed and there were no changes proposed.
2. The asset transfer of former Campus Sport Block to Onsite Building Trust with effect from 1 September 2017 be approved. The review of the business case and the completion of terms and conditions of the lease to Onsite to be delegated to Directors of Finance and Business Services and HR, Legal and

Communications in consultation with Leader of the Council.

3. The position and update regarding Clarences Resource Centre and Former Clarences Farm be noted.
4. The demolition of Corporation Hall, 40 West Row, Stockton be approved.
5. Approval for the transfer of land from Persimmon to Stockton Borough Council and grant a subsequent lease to Ingleby Barwick Town Council, for the provision of a community centre, be delegated to the Director of Economic Growth & Development Services in consultation with the Director of Finance and Business Services and the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing.

**CAB 28/17**      **Community Governance Review - Grindon Parish**

Consideration was given to a report on Community Governance Review of Grindon Parish.

The report presented feedback from the second stage consultation with stakeholders and presents final recommendations.

Public Notices were displayed and further information included on the Council Website. Further letters were also sent to the key stakeholders setting out the draft proposals. The response that had been received was detailed within the report.

**RECOMMENDED to Council:-**

- 1. That Grindon Parish be abolished and Grindon Parish Council be dissolved and that two new parishes and parish councils be created based on the ward boundaries of Grindon East and Grindon West;**
- 2. That the new parish in the Grindon West Ward be called Grindon and Thorpe Thewles Parish and the new parish in the Grindon East Ward be called Wynyard Parish;**
- 3. That Grindon and Thorpe Thewles Parish Council comprise 6 Parish Councillors and Wynyard Parish Council comprise 7 Councillors;**
- 4. That, subject to further consultation on the above proposals and final agreement by Council 21 June 2017, a reorganisation order be made to implement the changes which will come into force at the next ordinary parish elections in May 2019.**

**CAB 29/17**      **Appointment of Statutory Officers**

Consideration was given to a report on the appointment of Statutory Officers.

Various Statutory Officer appointments are needed following the Senior Management Review, implemented in January 2016 and ending of transition arrangements with the retirement of the former Director of Law and Democracy

who had performed these statutory roles.

It was proposed that the appointments would be effective from the 23 June 2017 being the date following the relevant Cabinet and Council decisions and the Yarm Ward By-Election on 22 June 2017.

**RECOMMENDED to Council that the appointment of the officers to the statutory officer roles detailed in Appendix 2 be approved.**

**CAB 30/17 Use of Special Urgency - Acquisition of Employment Land at Belasis Business Park**

Consideration was given to a report on the use of Special Urgency for the acquisition of employment land at Belasis Business Park.

A key decision for the acquisition of employment land at Belasis Business Park was taken by chief officers under the special urgency provisions contained within the Constitution.

Details of the decision taken were set out in the delegated decision record attached to the report.

**RECOMMENDED to Council that the use of Special Urgency be noted.**