

Cabinet

A meeting of Cabinet was held on Thursday, 14th August, 2008.

Present: Cllr Ken Lupton (Chairman), Cllr Mrs Jennie Beaumont, Cllr Robert Cook, Cllr Terry Laing, Cllr Mrs Ann McCoy, Cllr Steve Nelson, Cllr Mrs Mary Womphrey

Officers: J Danks, J Spittle (RES); M Robinson, R McGuckin, R Poundford, R Young, J Elliott (DNS); J Humphreys (CESC); S Johnson, M Waggott, G Birtle, K Wannop (LD)

Also in attendance: Cllr Jim Beall, Cllr Mrs Suzanne Fletcher, Cllr John Fletcher, Cllr Steve Walmsley; S Boyd (Tristar)

Apologies: Cllr David Coleman, Cllr Alex Cunningham

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Declarations of Interest

Councillor Mrs McCoy declared a personal/non-prejudicial interest in the item entitled Health Select Committee - Momentum: Pathways to Healthcare - Consultation Response, as she was a member on the Council of Governors of the Acute Foundation Trust.

Councillor Cook declared a personal/non-prejudicial interest in the item entitled Local Authority Representatives on School Governing Bodies, as he was a School Governor at Norton Primary School.

Councillor Nelson declared a personal/non-prejudicial interest in the item entitled Publication Draft of the Core Strategy Development Plan Document, as he was a member on the Tristar Board.

Councillor Lupton declared a personal/non-prejudicial interest in the item entitled Publication Draft of the Core Strategy Development Plan Document, as he was the Director of the Durham Tees Valley Airport Board.

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Health Select Committee - Momentum: Pathways to Healthcare - Consultation Response

Cabinet considered a report relating to Momentum: Pathways to Healthcare – Consultation Response.

It was explained that under Section 244 of the NHS Act 2006, local NHS bodies had a duty to consult local Overview and Scrutiny Committees on proposals for any substantial development of the health service or substantial variation in the provision in their areas.

Stockton Council's Health Select Committee, joined by councillors from North Yorkshire County Council had explored the proposals of Momentum: Pathways to Healthcare Programme and had formulated a view in relation to:

- a) The service model proposed for the provision of health services in, or a near to, home as possible, with only things which needed to be done in hospital taking place there;
- b) The proposed locations of additional community facilities in Stockton Borough and what should be provided;

- c) The preferred location of a new hospital for Stockton, Hartlepool and parts of Sedgefield and Easington; and
- d) How best to bring in all the changes needed to build this new healthcare system.

Members of Cabinet were provided with a copy of the report along with an addendum outlining changes to the report as a result of further discussions by the Health Select Committee. Cabinet were asked to provide comments on the report.

Cabinet discussed the information at paragraph 2.24 of the report relating to the Transport Group. It was agreed that the possibility of an interchange north of the A689 as an alternative access to the proposed hospital should be added as a further bullet point at paragraph 2.24.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The report be noted.
2. The comment of Cabinet that the possibility of an interchange north of the A689 as an alternative access to the proposed hospital be added as a further bullet point at paragraph 2.24 be noted.

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2008 Local Transport Plan Progress Report

Consideration was given to a report relating to the 2008 Local Transport Plan.

It was explained that in 2008, the Department for Transport required Local Transport Authorities to review the progress made to date in delivering their Second Local Transport Plans, and to prepare and publish concise Progress Reports.

Members of Cabinet were advised of the progress made to date against the targets set within the Second Stockton-on-Tees Local Transport Plan, together with the timescale for preparation and submission of the Council's 2008 Progress Report to the Government Office for the North East (GO-NE) and the DfT by the end of 2008.

The Head of Technical Services informed Cabinet that it was expected that the Consultation Draft of the Progress Report would be completed early September and not early August as stated in the timetable.

Members requested that Parish/Town Councils be included in the list of consultees for the Progress Report.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The progress made in 2006/07 and 2007/08 towards the targets set in the Second Stockton-on-Tees Local Transport Plan be noted;
2. The requirement placed upon the Council to prepare and publish a Local Transport Plan Progress Report in 2008, and the proposed timescale for the preparation and submission of this document be noted.

CAB **Local Authority Representatives on School Governing Bodies**

66/08

Members considered the nominations to school Governing Bodies in accordance with the procedure for the appointment of school governors, approved as Minute 84 of the Cabinet (11th May 2000).

RESOLVED that the following appointments be made to the vacant Governorships in line with agreed procedures subject to successful List 99 check and Personal Disclosure:

Fairfield Primary School - Mr N Strike

Ian Ramsey CE Aided Comprehensive School - Mrs L Hall

Myton Park Primary School - Cllr L Narroway

Norton Primary School - Mrs Griksaitis

Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary RC Primary School - Mrs M Malkin

St. Joseph's RC Primary School, Billingham - Sharon Scott

St. Paul's RC VA Primary School - Mrs M Ross

CAB **Minutes of Various Bodies**

67/08

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meetings of Area Partnership Boards.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the following meetings be received/approved, as appropriate:-

Western Area Partnership 30 June 2008

CAB **Appointment Panel for Post of Chief Executive**

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Cabinet considered a report that provided details of the proposed arrangements for the Appointment Panel for the post of Chief Executive, the recruitment process and interim arrangements pending the successful candidate taking up their post.

It was explained that in line with the normal arrangements for Chief Officer and Assistant Chief Officers appointments, Cabinet was asked to recommend to Council that a Panel for the appointment of the Chief Executive be established. The proposal sought to achieve a political balance whilst limiting the size of the panel to enable appropriate discussion and debate. This would give a panel of 9 Members as follows:-

4 Labour members

2 Conservative members

1 IBIS member

1 TIA member

1 Lib. Dem Member

It was noted that the importance of involving all members at some point in the recruitment process was recognised and a number of alternative options were available which would be presented to the appointments panel.

Members of Cabinet were informed that the last day of service of the current

Chief Executive was 22nd September 2008 and it was unlikely that a new Chief Executive would be appointed before that. The Chief Executive had advised that there was adequate capacity within the Council to provide an interim solution and it was recommended that suitable interim arrangements be made. The Chief Executive had canvassed the management team for interest in acting up as interim and only the Director of Development and Neighbourhood services had expressed an interest. It was therefore proposed that he be appointed as interim Chief Executive with effect from 22nd September until the new Chief Executive takes up their post.

Cabinet was asked to consider the proposals outlined above and recommend them for approval at the next meeting of full Council on 3 September 2008.

RECOMMENDED to Council that:-

1. The proposed Appointment Panel arrangements outlined at paragraph 3 of the report be approved, as follows:

4 Labour members

2 Conservative members

1 IBIS member

1 TIA member

1 Lib. Dem Member

2. The action referred to at paragraph 5 of the report be endorsed.

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69/08**

Publication Draft of the Core Strategy Development Plan Document

Cabinet considered a report relating to the Publication Draft of the Core Strategy Development Plan Document.

The report asked for authority to progress to the next stage in the preparation of the Core Strategy Development Plan Document, in accordance with Planning Policy Statement 12: creating strong, safe and prosperous communities through Local Spatial Planning, and the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008.

It was explained that this stage comprised the publication of the Core Strategy, an associated consultation period of no less than 6 weeks, consideration of comments and incorporation of any appropriate amendments prior to submission of the final document to the Secretary of State for examination for 'soundness'.

Members of Cabinet were provided with a copy of the draft Core Strategy. Cabinet was also provided with copies of the Sustainability Appraisal, the Appropriate Assessment, a Statement of Consultation and an Infrastructure Strategy which all accompanied the Core Strategy.

Cabinet discussed the draft Core Strategy. In particular, Members discussed the information at Section 8 – Core Strategy Policy 3 (CS3): Sustainable Living. Members raised concerns in relation to the wording of point 7 as they considered that reference should be made to specific criteria and also that it should be linked to the other Tees Valley authorities. Cabinet requested that Officers amend the wording of point 7.

Cabinet also discussed the information at Section 12 - Core Strategy Policy 8 (CS8): Housing Mix and Affordable Housing Provision. The mix of affordable housing of 30% intermediate and 70% social rented tenures as the starting point for negotiations was discussed (point 7). Members considered that there should be greater emphasis on providing social housing to rent rather than buy.

It was requested that Hardwick Dene and Elm Tree be added as a site of nature importance at paragraph 13.4 of section 13 – Core Strategy Policy 10 (CS10): Environmental Enhancement.

It was also requested that a reference to “Percent for Art” be included at the appropriate part of the document.

Cabinet requested that the major changes to the draft Core Strategy following the consultation period be brought back to a meeting of Cabinet prior to its submission to the Secretary of State.

RECOMMENDED to Council that the Core Strategy Development Plan Document be agreed for publication, consultation and submission to the Secretary of State subject to the comments of Cabinet outlined above.

RESOLVED that:-

- 1. Delegated authority be given to the Head of Planning Services with Lead Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Transport to make any necessary amendments associated with the publication process, prior to submitting the Core Strategy to the Secretary of State.**
- 2. The major changes to the draft Core Strategy, following the consultation period, be brought back to Cabinet prior to its submission to the Secretary of State.**