Cabinet

A meeting of Cabinet was held on Thursday, 20th May, 2010.

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

Officers: N. Schneider (CEO); J. Danks, L. King, S. Reay, J. Spittle (R); P. Dobson, R. McGuckin, R. Poundford, C. Straughan (DNS); J. Humphreys (CESC); D. Bond, M. Waggott and N. Hart (LD)

Also in attendance:

Apologies:

CAB Declarations of Interest

1/10

Councillor Coleman declared a personal non- prejudicial interest in the item entitled Local Authority nominations as he was a member of Mill Lane Board of Governors.

Councillor Mrs McCoy declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in respect of the item entitled Economic Climate update as a result of being a member of SDAIS.

CAB Minutes of the Meetings held on 11th and 18th March 2010

2/10

The minutes of the meetings held on 11th and 18th March were signed by the Chairman.

CAB LA nominations

3/10

In accordance with the procedure for the appointment of school governors, approved at Minute 84 of the Cabinet (11th May 2000), Cabinet were requested to approve the nominations to school Governing Bodies as detailed within the report.

Cabinet was also provided with an addendum to the report which it also considered.

RESOLVED that appointments be made to the vacant Governorships subject to successful List 99 check and Personal Disclosure, as follows:-

High Clarence Primary School – Cllr A. McCoy

Ingleby Mill Primary School - PC Katrina Clarke

Mandale Mill Primary School – Mrs J. Taylor

Mill Lane Primary School – Mrs J. Coombs

Preston Primary School – Mr M. Cherrett

St Paul's RC primary School – Duncan Porter

Stockton Borough First Federation – Mr E. Jewitt Norma Wilburn Cllr A. McCoy Cllr D. Coleman

The Glebe Primary School – Cllr D. Cains

The Links Primary School – Mrs J. McGuire

Tilery Primary School – Elizabeth Miller Ms K. Sainsbury

Bishopgarth School – Lorraine Crawford

CAB Street Lighting - Private Finance Initiative

4/10

Cabinet considered a report that provided details of the position with regard to the Street Lighting Private Finance Initiative (PFI) joint Bid with Durham County Council. The report also requested approval to continue to work with Durham County Council and appoint advisors to assist with the production of the Outline Business Case (OBC).

It was explained that in October 2009, the Department for Transport (DfT) had announced that, following the success of two rounds of PFI Street Lighting projects, it was inviting Expressions of Interest (EOI) for a third round and was making a total of £440m in PFI credits available nationally. Following discussions with neighbouring authorities, a joint EOI with Durham County Council was submitted. Cabinet noted that if successful, the Councils, jointly, would be able to replace approximately 124,000 units including street lights, illuminated and non-illuminated highway signs and bollards. This included approximately 30,000 units in SBC.

The Councils developed the EOI, which indicated that there would potentially be a combined funding gap estimated at £0.523M. This would be split with $\pm 0.138M$ being contributed by Stockton and $\pm 0.385M$ by Durham although this was on the basis that maintenance and energy budgets would be inflated from 2010 to 2013.

DfT advised the Councils in February 2010 of the success of their submission and had provisionally awarded £125.47M PFI credits. SBC's share would be around £32M. The Councils' bid was one of six that had been approved and the DfT had requested that those Councils develop their EOI's into an OBC.

In order to maximise interest in all projects DfT had decided to submit the projects to the market in two tranches. The Council had been identified to be in the first tranche with a deadline of the end of June 2010 for submission of the OBC.

The Councils developed a robust delivery structure for the OBC with a single project board and single project team for the development and procurement phases. Details of governance and the management plan were provided to Cabinet.

It was explained that Durham County Council was carrying out a Scrutiny Review of the OBC process and had requested if Stockton Members would like to participate in this process.

Cabinet noted that in order to assist with the development of the street lighting PFI external technical, financial and legal advisors would be required. Durham County Council had agreed to lead on the one phase procurement of those services with support from appropriate Stockton Borough Council officers.

Costs associated with the development of the OBC were likely to be in the region of £200 to 300K, inclusive of contingency sums. This would be funded from Managed Surpluses already contained within the Medium Term Financial Plan. Any costs through the development of the PFI would be split between Durham and Stockton on a 75% to 25% nominal split. This was based proportionally around the numbers of street lighting assets each Council had.

RESOLVED that:-

1. the successful bid for Street Lighting PFI credits following the Expression of Interest submission in December 2009 be noted.

2. it be noted that the DfT announcement that £620M Street Lighting PFI credits had been approved nationally to six successful applicants.

3. that the provisional allocation of £125.47M PFI credits to Stockton/Durham be noted. This indicative allocation equated to approximately £31.3M for Stockton Borough Council.

4. the development of the OBC for submission to DfT in September 2010 be approved.

5. the procurement of external advisors to assist with the completion of the OBC be approved. The costs to be shared proportionally by the Councils.

6. it be noted that Durham County Council was carrying out a Scrutiny of the OBC and had asked if Stockton Members would like to participate in this process.

CAB Economic Climate Update Report

5/10

Cabinet considered a monthly update report providing members with an overview of the current economic climate, outlining the effects that this was having on Stockton Borough, and the mitigations already in place and those being developed.

It was noted that since the compilation of the report, more than 1500 job losses had been announced in the region following the Call Centre operator Garlands recently going into administration. There were potentially 127 employees living in Stockton Borough affected by the announcement and Cabinet was advised that, in a similar way in which the authority had set out its support for employees affected by the Corus closure by setting up a task force, a series of meetings had already begun orchestrated by this new task force and support measures would be identified and would be directed towards all those affected by this latest closure. These measures would include reference to all available support for employees that could be obtained from organisations such as Stockton District Advice and Information Service (SDAIS), including financial and mortgage advice. Cabinet would be provided with a further update in terms of the number of job losses locally, and the potential number of increased JSA claimants, as soon as this information was available.

RESOLVED that the content of the report be noted and the work being undertaken supported.

CAB Single Equality Scheme 4

6/10

Cabinet considerd a report that presented and requested approval for the fourth edition of the Council's Single Equality Scheme.

The scheme, which brought together the Council's Race, Gender and Disability Equality Action Plans ensured that the authority was fully compliant with the legal requirements and legislative duties of nine pieces of primary legislation and over 100 pieces of secondary legislation and guidance.

The scheme had been well received by a number of audiences, including Trades Unions and the IDeA and had proven to be a key driver behind the Council's significant progress in equality and diversity in recent years, culminating in the IDeA award of "Achieving" status in the new Equality Framework for Local Government.

The vast majority of the action plan objectives had now been achieved and the scheme was in need of updating to ensure it remained fit for purpose, particularly in light of the new Equality Act.

The fourth edition of the scheme was a more concise strategy driven by the introduction of a single action plan to consolidate the separate race, gender and disability equality action plans. This new action plan was shorter and sub-divided into three levels:

• Strategic development priorities – those issues which impact on all Council services and need to be considered by all Heads of Service.

• Service development priorities – areas for action and improvement within individual service areas. Those actions had been identified by individual Heads of Service and linked closely to SIP priorities.

• Operational priorities – small scale, or ongoing actions such as those identified through the Equality Impact Assessment process.

Further detailed consideration had been given to consultation results, inspection reports and best practice guidelines to identify key development areas for the

Council.

The Service development priorities had been arrived at by Heads of Service and Heads of Performance following discussion with the Diversity Team. These were detailed in Service Improvement Plans for individual service areas, so appeared only in summary form in the Single Equality Scheme. Operational priorities would arise through the ongoing Equality Impact Assessment processes of the Council and would be continually updated in the Single Equality Scheme on the Council's website. As had been the case with previous editions of the scheme, all actions would be monitored through the Council's usual performance management processes.

Cabinet noted that as the 4th edition of the Single Equality Scheme had been under preparation, the Equality Bill had been working its way through Parliament, culminating in its recent receipt of Royal Assent. This Scheme had been developed with the Equality Act in mind, although as many of the provisions in the Act required secondary legislation and none would come into force until October 2010 at the earliest, the scheme was still reflective of long standing legislation and best practice. As a result of this, it was proposed that the Head of Policy, Performance and Partnerships monitored progress on the implementation of the Equalities Act and made any necessary amendments to the scheme in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Access and Communities. As such the Single Equality Scheme would continue to be a live strategy, easily amendable, to ensure the Council remained responsive to the ever changing communities it served.

RESOLVED that :-

1. the draft Single Equality Scheme be approved and any amendments be delegated to the Head of Policy, Performance and Partnerships.

2. the Head of Policy, Performance and Partnerships periodically review the scheme in line with the implementation of the Equalities Act and make any necessary amendments in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Access and Communities.

CAB Xentrall Annual Report 2009/2010

7/10

Members considered the 2nd Annual Report 2009 – 2010 of Xentrall Shared Services the partnership between Stockton and Darlington Councils. The partnership business case previously approved by Members identified joint savings of £7.4m over 10 years and significant service improvements.

Whilst the previous year was all about setting up the partnership and moving the staff into their new posts and new locations, this year had been about improving and transforming the services.

Members noted that the partnership was continuing to deliver the objectives set out in the original business case. The services had been standardising and automating their processes to enable them to meet the savings in the business case. The efficiencies in business case would be realised two years earlier than originally thought and further savings had also been identified to enable each Council to meet its Medium Term Financial Plan challenges. In addition to the savings and efficiencies set out in the original business case, additional improvements, savings and efficiencies have been achieved because of the joint working. Details of these and future joint developments were provided.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

CAB People Strategy

8/10

Cabinet considered a report that sought approval to a new People Strategy 2010 – 2013. This built on the achievements of the previous People Strategy and set out a series of actions designed to support the Council in tackling future challenges.

Members noted that the revised People Strategy would support and help deliver the Council's priorities and vision for the Borough. It had been developed in consultation with partners, managers, staff and trade unions. Since the last People Strategy, developed in 2007, there had been enormous changes in the environment in which the Council operated and those changes would continue to grow with the additional pressure of future public spending cuts. Over the last 3 years Human Resources had moved from a largely reactive service to a position where people strategies were placed at the heart of corporate planning and policy development. In doing so significant changes had been delivered. However, the next 3 years would create even greater challenges and working with partners, managers, staff and trade unions, 5 strategic people management priorities had been developed designed to support the Council:-

• Strategic Priority 1: Developing the Organisation – to develop new ways of working and achieve value for money.

- Strategic Priority 2: Achieving Excellence in Leadership and Management
- Strategic Priority 3: Developing the Workforce
- Strategic priority 4: Recruiting and Retaining a Diverse and Talented Workforce
- Strategic Priority 5: Working Together

Each priority had been developed into a series of high level actions which were set out in an Action Plan. A copy of the Action Plan was provided to Members.

RESOLVED that the People Strategy 2010 – 2013 and the Action Plan be approved.

CAB Outside Bodies-Appointments

9/10

Cabinet considered nominations to serve on outside bodies

RESOLVED that the following appointments be approved:-

ARC Management Board (as an Observer) - Cabinet Member Arts, Leisure and Culture

Centre for Local Economic Strategies - Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Transport

Independent Living Steering Group - Cllr Mrs Cherrett

PATROL (Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London) Adjudication Joint Committee - Cabinet Member Regeneration and Transport, Cabinet Member Corporate Finance and Management

North East Consortium for Asylum Support (NECCAS) - Cabinet Member for Access and Communities

Stockton & Middlesbrough Initiative - Leader of Council, Cabinet Member Regeneration and Transport, Cllr Cains

Stockton Renaissance Culture Partnership - Cabinet Member Arts, Leisure and Culture

Stockton Renaissance Children's Trust Board - Cabinet Member Children and Young People, Cabinet Member Adult Services and Health, Cllr Lewis, Cllr Gibson

Tees Valley Environment Protection Group - Cabinet Member Environment, Chair of Environment Select, Vice Chair of Environment Select Committee

Supporting People Commissioning Body - Cabinet Member for Adult Services & Health

Tees Valley Arts - Cabinet Member Arts, Leisure and Culture

Tees Valley Living - Cabinet Member Housing and Community Safety, Cllr Lupton (sub)

Tees Valley Local Access Forum - Cabinet Member Regeneration and Transport

Tees Valley Unlimited - Leadership Board - Leader of Council, Cllr Cook (sub)

Tees Valley Unlimited - Planning & Economic Strategy Group - Cabinet Member Regeneration and Transport

Tees Valley Unlimited Transport for Tees Valley - Cabinet Member Regeneration and Transport

Stockton Assistive Technology Group (previously Telecare Project Group) - Cllr

Mrs Cains

NHS Stockton on Tees/Health and Wellbeing Partnership - Cabinet Member for Adult Services and Health, Cllr Mrs Cains, Cllr Mrs Beaumont, Cllr Mrs Fletcher

Stockton Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults - Cabinet Member for Adult Services and Health, Cllr Mrs Cains

Stockton Domestic Violence Steering Group - Cabinet Member for Housing and Community Safety, Cabinet Member for Adult Services and Health, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People

CAB Minutes of Various Bodies

10/10

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meetings of various bodies.

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

Children's Trust Board – 10 December 2009 Local Safeguarding Children Board – 21 January 2010 Safer Stockton Partnership – 9 February 2010 Safer Stockton Partnership – 23 March 2010 Housing and Neighbourhood Partnership – 9 March 2010

CAB Regulation of Investigatory Powers Legislation

11/10

Members considered a report regarding revisions to the Regulation of Investigatory Powers legislation (RIPA) and codes of practice; summarised the new duties and responsibilities this legislation placed on local authorities, their officers and members; and recommended policies and procedures to satisfy the new duties and responsibilities.

It was explained that following consultation the Home Office had published new RIPA Orders and Codes of Practice and Members were informed of the effects of those Orders and Codes:-

a) The prescribed officers who could sign authorisations had been revised to "Director, Head of Service, Service Manager or equivalent" (and more senior posts).

b) It was considered good practice for a senior responsible officer (who should be a member of the corporate leadership team) to be made responsible for:-

• the integrity of the process in place within the local authority for the management of CHIS;

· compliance with Part II of RIPA and with the Codes;

 \cdot oversight of the reporting of errors to the relevant oversight Commissioner and the identification of both the cause(s) of errors and the implementation of

processes to minimise repetition of errors;

• engagement with the Office of the Surveillance Commissioner (OSC) inspectors when they conducted their inspections, where applicable; and

• where necessary, oversight of the implementation of post-inspection action plans approved by the relevant oversight Commissioner.

• ensuring that all authorising officers were of an appropriate standard in light of any recommendations in the inspection reports prepared by the OSC.

• where an inspection report highlighted concerns about the standards of authorising officers, the named individual would be responsible for ensuring the concerns were addressed.

c) Councillors in a local authority should review the authority's use of RIPA and set the policy at least once a year.

d) Councillors in a local authority should also consider internal reports on use of RIPA on at least a quarterly basis to ensure that it was being used consistently with the Council's policy and that the policy remained fit for purpose. They should not, however, be involved in making decisions on specific authorisations.

In response to the new requirements Members were advised of the Council's proposed procedure:-

· All of the Council's Authorising Officers were Directors, Heads of Service, Service Managers or equivalents.

•The Director of Law and Democracy had always been the senior responsible Officer for RIPA, with responsibilities for each of the matters specified in b) above.

• It was proposed that Cabinet received a report at the beginning of each municipal year, in order to set the Council's RIPA policy and review the use of RIPA.

• It was also proposed that information on the use of RIPA was included in the quarterly Finance and Performance reports to Cabinet. This would enable Members to determine if the RIPA powers were being used consistently with the Council's Policy, and that the Policy continued to be fit for purpose.

Cabinet noted that the Council had had a Policy and Procedures document in place since the inception of the RIPA legislation. The current Policy and Procedures was made available to Members for consideration. It was noted that it would need to be reviewed and revised to reflect the new RIPA requirements.

Members noted that a covert surveillance inspection took place on 13 August 2009 and the Inspector commented that the Council's policy document "is a model and the OSC (Office of Surveillance Commissioners) had permission to use it as an example of good practice." The OSC letter enclosing the Inspection report also referred to "the conspicuous care taken by (Stockton

Borough Council) officers in relation to certain specific investigations."

Cabinet was provided with RIPA authorisation and application details for 2009/10.

RESOLVED that

1. the position regarding the Council's Authorising Officers and the Director of Law and Democracy as the senior officer responsible for RIPA, as outlined above, be affirmed.

2. the proposed procedure specified in paragraph 5 of the report regarding the setting of the Council's RIPA policy and the review of the use of RIPA on an annual basis be approved;

3. Cabinet receives information on the use of RIPA in the quarterly Finance and Performance reports to Cabinet;

4. the current RIPA Policy and Procedures document referred to above and in paragraph 6 of the report be ratified

5. the Director of Law and Democracy be authorised to amend the Policy and Procedures document, in consultation with the Cabinet Members for Housing and Community Safety and for Corporate Management and Finance, in order to reflect the new RIPA requirements;

6. the RIPA authorisation and application details for 2009/10 be noted.

CAB Executive Functions and Delegated Powers

12/10

Cabinet considered a report that requested confirmation of executive functions and delegated powers for 2010/11, as detailed in Part 3 of the Council's Constitution.

The Constitution was available on the Council's website and Members had previously been directed to the relevant page.

RESOLVED that the executive functions and delegated powers detailed in Part 3 of the Council's Constitution be confirmed.

CAB Designated Scrutiny Officer

13/10

Members considered a report relating to the appointment of a designated Scrutiny Officer.

It was explained that Section 31 of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 inserted a new section into the Local Government Act 2000 requiring local authorities to designate one of their officers as a scrutiny officer to support the work of the authority's overview and scrutiny committees.

RECOMMENDED to Council that the Head of Democratic Services be

appointed as the designated scrutiny officer for Stockton on Tees Borough Council.

CAB Annual Report of the Standards Committee 2009/2010

14/10

Cabinet considered a report that provided the opportunity to consider the Standards Committee's Annual Report for 2009/10.

It was explained that consultation on the Report had previously taken place with Group Leaders and the relevant Cabinet Member; the Head of Legal Services as Deputy Monitoring Officer; the Head of Democratic Services; the Corporate Governance Group; the Corporate Management Team; and the Audit Committee.

Cabinet considered the report and recommended its approval by Council.

It was noted that once agreed the Report would be placed on the intranet and the internet for the attention of all Members/Officers and would be made available to Town/Parish Councils. A hard copy would, in addition, be made available to each member of the Standards Committee.

RECOMMENDED to Council that the Standards Committee's Annual Report be considered and approved.

CAB Annual Report of the Monitoring Officer 2009/2010

15/10

Cabinet considered a report that provided the opportunity to consider the Monitoring Officer's Annual Report for 2009/10.

It was explained that consultation on the Report had previously taken place with Group Leaders and the relevant Cabinet Member; the Head of Legal Services as Deputy Monitoring Officer; the Head of Democratic Services; the Corporate Governance Group; the Corporate Management Team; and the Audit Committee.

Cabinet considered the report and recommended its approval by Council.

It was noted that once agreed the Report would be placed on the intranet and the internet for the attention of all Members/Officers and would be made available to Town/Parish Councils. A hard copy would, in addition, be made available to each member of the Standards Committee.

RECOMMENDED to Council that the Monitoring Officer's Annual Report be considered and approved.

CAB Winter Damage - Highway Repair Strategy

16/10

Cabinet considered a report that provided an update on the impact that the prolonged severe winter weather had had on the Borough's highway network, highlighted an action plan in place to deal with the impact and request additional funding to address the inordinate number of repairs required across the

Borough..

It was explained that Officers had been working since January of this year using inspection regimes, communication with Ward Councillors and public reports to identify the additional maintenance needs. To date, the cost to repair the damage from winter weather alone was in the region of £500K.

Members noted that in order to respond to the many complaints that had been received and to ensure highway safety was maintained, Direct Services had continued to carry out responsive repairs over and above their usual maintenance activities. This had led to a pressure on the existing maintenance budgets in the year 2009/10.

Cabinet was reminded that the Government's budget statement of March 2010 had allocated £100M of additional support for Local Authorities to aid repairs as a result of the winter weather damage. The allocation to each Authority was based on the formula used to determine capital maintenance allocations, which is predominately factored on road lengths. For Stockton-on-Tees, this equated to £208,700.00 grant to be made available this financial year 2010.

In order to effectively deal with the winter backlog, further resources in the region of £300K would need to be made available to meet the estimated £500K demand. Any opportunities for further Government support were not available through discussions with Government Office North East. The existing commitments to highway maintenance from LTP capital, SBC capital and revenue remained in place to contribute to the ongoing programme for 2010/11. Therefore there Cabinet was informed of three options that it could consider:

i. Divert existing funding streams into the pothole backlog, meaning that programmed works would be reduced and reactive maintenance repairs would significantly increase. It was explained that this may have an adverse impact on the public perception, opinion polls and potentially on national indicators.

ii. Only carry out pothole repairs to the value of the grant offer of £208K, leaving nearly 60% of the backlog to be either dealt with using existing funding streams as above or untreated. Again Cabinet noted that the risk associated with this may have an adverse impact on the public perception, opinion polls and potentially on national indicators. Moreover, failure to discharge a statutory duty to maintain the highway would inevitably result in an increase in insurance claims. The Authority would be unable to repudiate the claims resulting in an increase in liability and escalating costs to the Authority.

iii. Provide an additional 'one off' resource for 2010/11 to the value of £300K, to enable the winter backlog to be dealt with as it is currently understood. This would allow existing highway maintenance programmes to continue and contribute towards a continued high public perception and a good return on national indicators throughout 2010 and going into 2011.

Whatever level of funding could be made available, the Acting Head of Technical Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Transport, would work with the Head of Communications to ensure that the use of resources was effectively branded and communicated to the Borough's residents and road users, using all opportunities for written, electronic and visual media.

RESOLVED that

1. the impact on resources as a result of the prolonged winter period be noted.

2. the £208,700.00 grant from central Government as the Council's share from the national allocation of £100M and ring fence the funding towards highway repair operations be noted.

3. Authority be delegated to the Acting Head of Technical Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Transport to agree the final programme of works and ensure the appropriate communications, under the 'Passionate about Roads' banner were put in place to keep residents informed of progress.

4. The Acting Head of Technical Services comply with the condition from DfT that a report be published by October 2010 indicating where the additional funding had been spent. This would consist of a report on the Council's web-site together with a copy to the DfT.

RECOMMENDED to Council that

5. £300,000.00 be released from Council's balances to supplement the Government grant to ensure that the additional repairs could be completed.

CAB Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment 17/10

Cabinet considered a report relating to the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA).

Members were reminded that the national SHLAA Practice Guidance stated that the Assessment, once completed, should be regularly kept up-to-date (at least annually). The 2010 update of the SHLAA was now being undertaken.

An internal highways workshop focussing specifically on highways to assess the SHLAA sites was held on 24 March. An internal stakeholder workshop to assess the SHLAA sites within a framework of suitability, availability and achievability was held on 29 March. A schedule of sites with the internal stakeholder assessment had been placed in the Members' Library (conurbation and peripheral sites followed by those in the rural area). The schedule of sites discounted as being unlikely to yield 10 dwellings or more and sites with designations to which zero housing potential has been ascribed was provided. It was explained that it was intended to consult externally on this assessment over the four-week period Monday 19 July to Friday 13 August. Maps detailing the locations of all sites being assessed were provided.

A call for new sites to be included in the 2010 SHLAA update was undertaken in early 2010 with the deadline for submissions being 12th February 2010. This resulted in 10 new sites being included in the SHLAA assessment:-

· SHLAA 91 - Land east of Drovers Lane, Redmarshall

- SHLAA 92 Land off Leeholme Road, Billingham
- SHLAA 93 -Land south west of Preston Cemetery
- SHLAA 94 Land north of Pennypot Farm

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- SHLAA 95 Land north of Durham Lane Industrial Estate
- SHLAA 96 Land at Darlington Back Lane
- SHLAA 97 Land at A689 Roundabout (Site 1)
- SHLAA 98 Land at A689 Roundabout (Site 2)
- SHLAA 99 Land at A689 Roundabout (Site 3)
- SHLAA 100 Land east of Yarm Station

Cabinet noted that site 57 'Land at Smith's Farm' had an amended boundary. In addition, site 87 'Bowesfield Riverside Phase 1' from the 2009 SHLAA had been split into two separate sites for the 2010 update; these being SHLAA 57 'Bowesfield Riverside Phase 1 (East)' and SHLAA 101 'Bowesfield Riverside Phase 1 (West)'.

RECOMMENDED to Council that

1. the contents of the report be noted.

2. the internal assessment of suitability, availability and achievability for external consultation over the four-week period Monday 19 July to Friday 13 August be endorsed.

3. the assessment of sites unlikely to yield 10 dwellings or more for external consultation over the four-week period Monday 19 July to Friday 13 August be endorsed.