

Executive Scrutiny Committee

A meeting of Executive Scrutiny Committee was held on Monday, 6th October, 2014.

Present: Cllr Ken Lupton(Chairman), Cllr Carol Clark, Cllr Nigel Cooke, Cllr Robert Gibson, Cllr Mohammed Javed, Cllr Eileen Johnson, Cllr Paul Kirton, Cllr Mrs Jean O'Donnell, Cllr Maurice Perry, Cllr Tracey Stott(Vice Cllr Mick Stoker), Cllr Mrs Mary Womphrey.

Officers: Tony Montague(RES), Graham Birtle, Judith Trainer, Kirsty Wannop(LDS).

Also in attendance:

Apologies: Cllr Miss Tina Large, Cllr Mrs Lynne Apedaile, Cllr Julia Cherrett, Cllr Jean Kirby, Cllr Ross Patterson, Cllr Mick Stoker, Cllr Steve Walmsley.

1 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Ken Lupton declared a personal non prejudicial interest in item 7 as he was a non executive director at North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Trust.

2 **Minutes for Signature - 14th May 2014**

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th May 2014 were signed by the Chair as a correct record.

3 **Draft Minutes - 5th August 2014**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 5th August 2014.

AGREED that the minutes be approved.

4 **Medium Term Financial Plan update June 2014**

Members were provided with an update report that focused on the financial performance and position at 30th June 2014 including the updated MTFP position and Capital Programme.

Members noted progress against both General Fund Non Big Ticket areas; as well as progress against the Big Ticket reviews themselves, namely Adult Social Care, Children's Social Care, and Energy and Waste. The Committee were also provided with copies of the responses to the LGA and CIPFA Independent Commission on Local Government Finance. The Council had also supported ANEC and SIGOMA in responding and copies of their responses were provided.

The Committee requested a briefing session for all Members regarding the position on schools converting to Academies and the impact it had.

Members also requested an updated position on the Council's reserves.

AGREED that:

1. The further information requested be provided.
2. The report be noted.

5 **Scrutiny Review of the Future of Durham Tees**

Valley Airport

The Committee considered the draft final report of the Scrutiny Review of the Future of Durham Tees Valley Airport.

AGREED that the report be noted and be referred to Cabinet for consideration

6 Forward Plan

Members were provided with the Statutory Forward Plan 1st July-31st October 2014.

AGREED that the Forward Plan be noted.

7 Report on Chair's Updates

The Committee was provided with updates on Select Committee reviews.

AGREED that the updates be noted.