

Cabinet

20 November 2017

DECISION NOTICE

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3. Newcastle 2020: Investing in a fairer future - One year on (2018-19 Budget)	Cabinet agreed the attached 'Newcastle 2020: Investing in a fairer future – One year on' report and its appendices as the basis for consultation with residents, partners and other stakeholders until 7 January 2018 on the 2018-19 Council Tax level, precept for adult social care and detailed budget proposals.	Director of Resources

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4. Recommendations of the Communities Scrutiny Task and Finish Group	Cabinet considered the recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Task and Finish Group as outlined in the report, and agreed to set out a response within 2 months, as required by the Local Government Act 2000.	Karen Christon, Team Manager, Scrutiny and Democratic Services
5. Newcastle Fund Round 8	<p>Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Noted the process for determining the recommended allocations as set out in section 3 of the report. ii. Agreed the grant allocations recommended by the cross sector Panel as set out in confidential Appendix A, and noted the anticipated 'reach' of this investment as set out in confidential Appendix B. iii. Agreed that additional funding be made available for Round 8 grants as set out in Section 4.3 of the report to support the recommendations in Appendix A, in recognition of the quality of bids received and the Council's ongoing commitment to support for the voluntary and community sector. iv. Delegated to the Assistant Director Inclusion, Commissioning and Procurement, authority to allocate individual grants in accordance with the recommendations as endorsed by Cabinet and in conjunction with Assistant Director Legal Services conclude any required documentation. v. Agreed the allocation of ring-fenced Newcastle Fund monies to a range of other VCS led activities as set out in Section 8 of the report. vi. Noted the information contained in the 2016/17 Annual Report at Appendix C, which was a new way of presenting feedback on the achievements of the Fund for the last financial year. vii. Noted progress against the Newcastle Fund Position Statement as described in Section 5.4 of the report. 	Director for People

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6. Technical Refresh Request for Approval	Cabinet agreed to grant capital approvals of £7.191m over the next five years as profiled in Table 1, Section 2 of the report.	Director of Resources
7. Council Performance	<p>Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Noted the city's and council's performance in working towards the ambitions within the Council Delivery Plan 2017-18, including the specific issues highlighted in section 4.4 of the report. ii. Noted the revenue and capital outturn position for quarter two as outlined in Appendix 2 	Assistant Chief Executive

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<p>8. Creating a Charitable Trust to Protect Newcastle's Parks and Allotments</p>	<p>Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Agreed to create a new Newcastle Parks Charitable Trust, constituted in accordance with the charitable objects and associated governance proposals detailed in Appendix 2. ii. Agreed the assets within scope as detailed in section 1.5 of the report and Appendix 1, and approved their long lease transfer (125 years) at a peppercorn rent, together with the associated transfer of staff and business operations to the Trust. iii. Agreed a revenue contribution to the Trust of £9.500m to support the Trust over its first 10 years of operation to financial independence. iv. Agreed to work with the Trust to support an endowment using resources within the revenue contribution, capped at £9.500m. v. Authorised the Director of Resources and the Assistant Director Transformation, in consultation with the Cabinet Members for Resources, and for Culture and Communities to negotiate and finalise the terms of the transaction. vi. Authorised the Assistant Director Legal Services to enter into the required legal agreements for the proposals. An indicative list of the documents likely to be required was shown in Appendix 5. vii. Agreed to guarantee the new Trust's admission to the Local Government Pension Scheme in respect of transferring staff. viii. Agreed that the Council should seek to reduce the amount of irrecoverable VAT liability incurred by the Trust by undertaking capital activities on its behalf. 	<p>Assistant Director Transformation</p>

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9. Cabinet Task and Finish Group into repeat Child Protection Plans	Cabinet agreed to the proposed next steps as outlined in section 2 of the report.	Assistant Director Children's Social Care

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<p>10. Relocation and Expansion of Broadway East First School to Newcastle Great Park</p>	<p>Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Noted the content of the report regarding the proposals, the consultation process which had been undertaken and the legitimate concerns raised by families directly affected by the proposals, particularly regarding travel to the new site, the opportunities for pupils to transfer to places in other Gosforth First Schools, and future admissions and feeder school arrangements. ii. Agreed to the proposed 'prescribed alterations' to increase the capacity of Broadway East First School and to transfer the school to a new site on Newcastle Great Park from September 2020, subject to planning approval being granted for the new school and the Council acquiring the school site [by October 2018]. iii. Agreed, in making this decision, that the proposals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Supported the local authority's statutory duty to provide enough good school places for children in the city and, in particular, to provide more school places in an area where housing growth was leading to mounting pressure on places; and it was the option that was most likely to deliver in the timescale needed to prevent a shortfall in school places. b) Were in line with the school organisation principles developed in partnership with local schools, trusts and partners to build on successful schools and relationships by, wherever feasible, expanding existing schools to strengthen them and increase their sustainability. c) Strengthened the availability and geographical spread of good school places across the Gosforth area. d) Presented the best option for Broadway East First School's future stability, the quality of education provision and for pupils' achievement. 	<p>Director for People</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> e) Enabled investment in an existing school to create new purpose built facilities suitable for the delivery of a 21st century curriculum providing opportunities for pupils and staff including: better facilities for an enhanced curriculum in computing, sport and outdoor learning, removal of mixed-age classes, improved Early years environment, increased staffing with broader curriculum expertise, new forest school curriculum. f) Provided an opportunity for expansion of and investment in other Gosforth schools that would not otherwise exist <p>iv. Further agreed that the alternative option of a new free school was not appropriate for the reasons set out in 3.3 of the report, namely that it:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Would not be in line with school organisational principles regarding partnership with existing family of schools, expansion and sustainability b) Would not provide financial stability or additional resources to support further improvement of Broadway East First School c) Would not provide opportunities to enhance the curriculum or improve educational opportunities for pupils and staff at Broadway East First School d) Would not create any investment in or associated opportunities for other Gosforth schools e) Would have a greater risk of destabilising the existing school populations as it sought to become sustainable itself f) Would have a greater risk in computing, sport and outdoor learning, removal of mixed-age classes, improved Early years environment, increased staffing with broader curriculum expertise, new forest school curriculum <p>v. Agreed to work with schools and families to address the concerns which had been raised and to mitigate their impact.</p>	

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	<p>vi. In light of the above decision, Cabinet furthermore agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Authorise officers to undertake negotiations concerning the design and construction of the new school building, and delegated responsibility to the Lead Assistant Director for Education, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People, to decide on the delivery route to be implemented for the school (estimated cost is £6.5m). b) (If the chosen delivery route required the Council to undertake the design and construction of the school) authorise the Assistant Director for Capital Investment in conjunction with the Assistant Director Inclusion, Commissioning, Procurement to direct award via the Local Education Partnership with Aura, in consultation with Education officers and the Cabinet Portfolio Holder; and authorise the Assistant Director Inclusion, Commissioning and Procurement and the Assistant Director Legal Service to complete the necessary documentation. c) Authorise officers to progress proposals with other Gosforth schools, as appropriate, concerning their potential expansion; with specific funding or other decisions, subject to further approvals in line with the Council's decision-making framework. d) Authorise officers to support the admissions authorities of Gosforth schools to develop new admissions and feeder school arrangements. e) Authorise the Lead Assistant Director, Education and Skills & Director of Resources to identify costs and funding in future for appropriate transport solutions to support pupils transferring to the new site for a defined transitional period; and complete necessary documentation at this time in line with the Council's delegated decision-making process. 	

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11. Specialist Housing Delivery Plan 2017 - 2021	<p>Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Approved the Specialist Housing Delivery Plan as the document for the city to help certain groups with access to suitable housing to help maintain independence. ii. Noted the proposals to increase provision for certain needs groups based on evidence of need. iii. Noted work being undertaken to allow people to remain living independently in their own home, either through providing adaptations or a range of information and advice 	Director of Place
12. Review of Repairs and Maintenance Service	<p>Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Agreed that the Council should commission Your Homes Newcastle to progress the transformation of the repairs & maintenance service to improve customer outcomes. This would be achieved through establishing a “single point of leadership” within the YHN senior structure. ii. Agreed the supporting recommendations to:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Discontinue the current approach to the delivery and management of the repairs and maintenance service set out in an agreement between YHN and BCE. b) Update the 2016 YHN Management Agreement to reflect the new arrangements. c) Develop a joint IT investment plan for the end to end service. d) Develop a business plan which sets out a programme of whole systems reviews, service improvements, service standards/key performance indicators and a joint customer service plan to enable a single view of the customer. 	Director of Place

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13. Proposed New Bus Shelter Contract	<p>Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Endorsed the commissioning strategy as set out in this report. ii. Authorised the Assistant Director Transport in conjunction with the Assistant Director Inclusion, Commissioning and Procurement and in consultation with the Cabinet Member Transport and Air Quality to finalise the detailed commissioning strategy and commence procurement for the supply and maintenance of bus shelters, and associated advertising concessions. iii. Approved the principle that the capital funding arrangements would be provided through prudential borrowing over a 15 year period to be repaid by the income received from the advertising, with further details to be provided in a future Cabinet report. iv. Noted the engagement activities undertaken to date, and that further report(s) would be provided at a future date to include award of contract, implementation plan for the proposed bus shelter provision across the city. 	Director of Place

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<p>14. Newcastle City Centre - Improving the offer for all</p>	<p>Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. In consultation with the appropriate Cabinet Members:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Agreed to fund a first phase of capital investment of £2.530m into the Northumberland Street area from advertising screen income, capital receipts and other capital sources to deliver the initial phase of activities as detailed in Appendix 3. b) Authorised the Assistant Director Capital Investment and the Assistant Director Inclusion, Commissioning and Procurement to undertake the necessary procurements to design and implement these works and authorise the Assistant Director Legal Services to enter into the associated legal agreements in consultation with relevant portfolio holders. ii. In consultation with the appropriate Cabinet Members, agreed to net revenue funding of £225k over a 2 year period to implement management arrangements for the Northumberland Street area as described in paragraph 1.11 and 1.12 of the report, funded from advertising screen income. iii. In consultation with the appropriate Cabinet Members:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Authorised the Assistant Director Capital Investment and the Assistant Director Transport to consult on access and loading requirements in the Northumberland Street area, including the extension of pedestrian priorities on Northumberland Road. b) Subject to the outcome of the consultation, delegated authority to apply for a revised traffic regulation order (which would require statutory consultation), to the Assistant Director Transport, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Air Quality. Noted that objections to the application for a permanent revision would result in a referral to the Secretary of State. 	<p>Director of Place</p>

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	<p>iv. In consultation with the appropriate Cabinet Members:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Authorised the Assistant Director Regulation and Development to undertake consultation with regard to street trading and market reorganisations and extensions as described in paragraph 1.13(b). b) Subject to that consultation, authorised the Assistant Director Regulation and Development and the Assistant Director Legal Services to apply for the necessary changes and implement the outcomes in consultation with the relevant portfolio holders. c) Noted the process is subject to the detailed legal considerations described in paragraph 7.3 of this report. <p>v. In consultation with the appropriate Cabinet Members:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Authorised the Assistant Director Transport to consult on the proposed removal of buses and non-essential vehicular access on Blakett Street, New Bridge Street West and the northern section of Pilgrim Street, as explained in detail in paragraphs 1.17-1.19 of the report. b) Subject to the outcome of the consultation, delegated authority to the Assistant Director Transport, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Air Quality to make any necessary orders pursuant to the Road Traffic Regulation Act to implement the resulting scheme. c) Noted that any order(s) would require the consent of the Secretary of State (before they were made). d) Agreed to allocate £500,000 from capital receipts and other capital sources to fund the above and delegate authority to expend to the Assistant Director Transport in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Air Quality. 	
15. Delegated Decisions Schedule	Cabinet noted the delegated decision schedule.	

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16. Minutes of previous meeting held on 16 October 2017	Cabinet agreed the minutes of the previous meeting as an accurate record.	
17. Notes of the Policy Cabinet meeting held on 11 October 2017	Cabinet received the notes of the Policy Cabinet held on 11 October 2017.	
18. Exclusion of Press and Public	Cabinet agreed to exclude the press and public from the remainder of the meeting.	
19. Confidential Minutes of previous meeting held on 16 October 2017	Cabinet agreed the confidential minutes of the previous meeting as an accurate record.	
20. Confidential Delegated Decisions	Cabinet noted the confidential delegated decision schedule.	
21. Street Lighting PFI - LED Replacement Programme	Cabinet agreed the recommendations outlined in the report.	Assistant Director Transport

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22. Confidential Annexes A and B: Newcastle Fund Round 8	Cabinet noted the confidential annexes A and B.	Director for People
23. NEPO – Education, Health and Social Care Project	Cabinet agreed the recommendations as outlined in the report.	Director for People