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Decision Taker: Cabinet

Appropriate Scrutiny Committee:
Scrutiny Committee

Date decision in force:

25/Jul/2013

Date of decision:

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Full description of decision:

To note and approve the recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee and the proposed Action Plans for their implementation.

Reasons for decision:

The scrutiny policy review recommendations are intended to inform the future development of policy and practice by Cabinet.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

The Scrutiny Committee and its Scrutiny Panels have gathered detailed evidence and arrived at conclusions and recommendations which are intended to improve services. There are no alternatives to be considered.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Scrutiny Committee – Policy Review Final Reports - Report of the Scrutiny Committee, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Health Housing and Adult Services.

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Is this a key decision: Yes

Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information: No

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

None

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To: (i) Approve the proposed Hetton Downs Housing Delivery Plan; (ii) Authorise the Deputy Chief Executive to acquire property as appropriate within the Delivery Plan area upon terms to be agreed by the Deputy Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader and Cabinet Secretary (iii) Authorise the Deputy Chief Executive to dispose of development land within the Delivery Plan area on a best consideration basis upon terms to be agreed by the Deputy Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader and Cabinet Secretary; (iv) Authorise the Deputy Chief Executive to take all other necessary actions required for the procurement and delivery of the Delivery Plan in consultation with the Leader and Cabinet Secretary.

Reasons for decision:

The adoption of the principles of the Hetton Downs Housing Delivery Plan will allow the Council to release further funding from the Homes and Community Agency (HCA) budget and facilitate the Council's aims for the renewal of the Hetton Downs area.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

Not to implement the Delivery Plan is likely to result in the Council failing to fulfil its aims in the Hetton Downs Renewal Area. It would also result in the loss of HCA funding which has been granted to the Council to assemble sites in the area and loss of reputation of the Council in its ability to deliver housing renewal projects. This option has been considered and rejected.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Hetton Downs Housing Delivery Plan - Report of the Deputy Chief Executive

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To agree proposals to participate in the procurement process for the operation of a materials recovery facility (MRF) in partnership with the South Tyne and Wear Waste Management Partnership (STWWMP) to ensure continued service provision once the current MRF contract expires in March 2015.

Reasons for decision:

To allow the Council to participate in the joint STWWMP MRF procurement would provide an opportunity to seek further efficiencies afforded by economies of scale, whilst allowing for the flexibility to procure the Council's own arrangements if efficiencies are not secured through the collaborative procurement arrangements.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

The alternative option would be to not participate in the joint STWWMP procurement and procure a separate MRF contract in 2014 to commence in April 2015, thereby missing the potential opportunity of securing more advantageous rates afforded by economies of scale.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Procurement of Materials Recovery Facility Contract - Report of the Deputy Chief Executive

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To: - (i) agree to undertake a procurement process for the operation of Beach Street Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) and associated waste transport. (ii) authorise the Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services, in conjunction with the Portfolio Holder for City Services, to award a contract to the successful bidder subject to the bidder demonstrating the anticipated efficiencies for the Council through the proposed contract.

Reasons for decision:

A decision to explore alternate service delivery for HWRC provision is recommended to ensure the Council is providing the service in the most cost effective and sustainable manner, and reducing the risks to regulatory compliance of retaining a bespoke Technically Competent Manager (TCM).

Alternative options considered and rejected:

The alternative option is to not undertake a procurement process and to retain the management of the site in house. However, this will not deliver the proposed efficiencies in operational costs or the potential improvements in recycling levels. In addition, the direct risks surrounding regulatory compliance in respect of the TCM role would remain with the Council.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Alternative Delivery for Beach Street Household Waste and Recycling Centre and Associated Waste Transport - Report of the Deputy Chief Executive

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To: (i) Agree that the current procurement process should be brought to an end on the basis of unaffordability; (ii) Approve the commencement of a new procurement process for the design and construction of the Scheme on the basis of a simplified bridge design; (iii) Agree to receive a further report on the outcome of the new procurement process in due course; (iv) Agree that the Deputy Chief Executive, Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services and Head of Law and Governance should continue to take all necessary action to implement the Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPO) for the Scheme and to acquire title and/or possession of the CPO land; and (v) Authorise the Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services in consultation with the Portfolio Member (City Services) to appoint all necessary external technical support and advisers for the continued delivery of the Scheme.

Reasons for decision:

To enable the necessary actions to take place to continue to implement the approved SSTC – New Wear Crossing Scheme and to deliver the significant economic, regeneration and transport benefits to the City.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

To not continue with the New Wear Crossing Scheme and to progress no further towards its implementation. However this is not recommended as it would not deliver the significant economic, regeneration and transportation benefits of the Scheme to the City.

Title and author(s) of written report:

SSTC – New Wear Crossing - Report of the Deputy Chief Executive

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(i) To endorse the proposal in respect of the structure as set out in the report to the Human Resources Committee meeting of 20 June 2013 and authorise the transfer of delegated executive functions from the Executive Directors of Children's Services and Health, Housing and Adults Services to the Executive Director of People Services upon implementation of the new structure immediately following the retirement of the Executive Director of Children's Services on 31 July and (ii) To recommend Council to agree to the transfer of delegated Council functions from the Executive Directors of Children's Services and Health, Housing and Adult Services to the Executive Director of People Services, upon implementation of the new structure immediately following the retirement of the Executive Director of Children's Services on 31 July and to authorise the Head of Law and Governance to amend the constitution accordingly to reflect the new arrangements.

Reasons for decision:

To review and endorse the proposed changes to the organisation's senior management structure as set out in this report, to be implemented immediately following the retirement of the Executive Director of Children's Services.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

There are no alternative options recommended.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Reference from the Human Resources Committee - 20 June 2013 - Staffing Proposal - People Directorate - Report of the Head of law and Governance

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