

## **CABINET DECISIONS ON REPORTS PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED BY THE CORPORATE SERVICES AND ECONOMIC GROWTH OSC**

The following reports were presented to the OSC on 1 April 2019 for comment prior to determination by the Cabinet.

The following is an extract from the Cabinet minutes of 9 April 2019:

### **(1) Establishment of a Regeneration Development Reserve**

The report sought endorsement of the establishment of a £2.55 million revenue Regeneration Development Reserve fund to be used for the development of priority regeneration and economic growth projects (copy attached to the signed minutes as Appendix C, along with the report of the Corporate Services and Economic Growth OSC).

Councillor Wearmouth introduced the report highlighting the proposal to set up a reserve to look at the development of schemes in the region. The pipeline development process and the delegation levels were set out in the report. 78 projects were currently at varying levels of development.

The Leader reiterated the Administration's ambitions for the County. There were a number of opportunities where the Authority could step in and make a difference. He advised members that, as the regeneration reserve was part of the budget framework, Cabinet had the authority to approve the transfer from the reserve, and did not have to refer the issue to Council.

#### **RESOLVED that:**

- (a) Cabinet approve the transfer of £2 million from the Council's Strategic Management Reserve, in line with the Council's medium term financial priorities, to be used for the development of regeneration and economic growth projects;
- (b) Cabinet approve the following delegated limits for approval of funds from the Regeneration Development Reserve:
  - Upto £100,000 - Head of Economy & Regeneration in consultation with the Portfolio Holder Economic Development
  - £100,001 - £500,000 - Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council
  - £500,001 and above - Cabinet; and
- (c) the report of the Corporate Services and Economic Growth OSC be noted.

**(2) Northumberland Cultural Fund to Support Great Northumberland 2019**

The report presented the proposed application process for a Northumberland Cultural Fund, which will be open for all Northumberland organisations and groups to apply for support as part of Great Northumberland 2019 (GN2019); an arts and cultural programme which will take place across Northumberland this summer (copy attached to the signed minutes as Appendix F, along with the report of the Corporate Services and Economic Growth OSC).

Councillor Homer provided some background to the report. The proposals built on the successful programme delivered in the Summer of 2018, the year of the Great Exhibition of the North. Hundreds of events had been provided by partners and the plan was for another programme this summer, which would tie in with the work being done on Discover our Land. The fund would have a beneficial impact on health and wellbeing, as well as on tourism and culture. It was very much about putting Northumberland on the map, and keeping it out there.

Councillor Daley welcomed the report and the positive approach being adopted. The report's proposals were closely linked to tourism and promoting the County and he commented that small community initiatives often had a big impact. He welcomed the opportunity for schools to get involved.

The Leader advised that recommendation three needed to be amended as follows:-

“Cabinet approve the transfer of up to £100,000 of funding from the Council's Strategic Management Reserve to support the positive impact of community cultural events to the health and wellbeing of our residents”.

**RESOLVED** that:-

- (a) the application process for the 2019 Northumberland Cultural Fund be endorsed;
- (b) Cabinet welcome the opportunity to seek positive media coverage for Northumberland through GN2019 building on the successes of the dedicated Great Northumberland events website and the Discover our Land campaign;
- (c) Cabinet approve the transfer of up to £100,000 of funding from the Council's Strategic Management Reserve to support the positive impact of community cultural events to the health and wellbeing of our residents; and
- (d) the report of the Corporate Services and Economic Growth OSC be noted.

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