

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET

At a meeting of the **Cabinet** held at County Hall, Morpeth on Tuesday 17 August 2021 at 10.30 am.

PRESENT

Councillor G. Sanderson
(Leader of the Council, in the Chair)

CABINET MEMBERS

Horncastle, C.
Pattison, W.
Riddle, J.R.

Watson, J.G.
Wearmouth, R.

OTHER MEMBERS

Dunbar, C.
Flux, B.

Scott, P.
Seymour, C.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Angus, K.

Bridges, A.
Hadfield, K.

Lally, D.
Masson, N.
O'Farrell, R.

Roll, J.

Taylor, M.

Willis, J.

Executive Director of HR/OD and
Deputy Chief Executive
Head of Communications
Democratic and Electoral Services
Manager
Chief Executive
Deputy Monitoring Officer
Interim Executive Director of Local
Services and Regeneration
Head of Democratic and Electoral
Services
Director of Business Development
and Communities
Interim Executive Director of
Finance and S151 Officer

Ch.'s Initials.....

23. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Renner Thompson and Ploszaj.

24. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 4 August 2021, be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

25. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED

(a) That under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items on the Agenda as they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A of the 1972 Act, and

(b) That the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure for the following reasons:-

| Agenda Item | Paragraph of Part I of Schedule 12A |
|--------------------|--|
| 8 | 3 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). |
| AND | The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure public interest in disclosure because disclosure could adversely affect the business reputation or confidence in the person/organisation, and could adversely affect commercial negotiation. |

26. REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE, INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND S151 OFFICER, AND DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITIES

Northumberland Enterprise Holdings Ltd – Acquisition of Shares and Update on progress and governance

The report provided a summary of the position of Northumberland Enterprise Holdings Ltd (NEHL) and its initial subsidiary company Northumbria Integrated Consultancy Ltd (NIC), sought authorisation of actions required to execute the Council approved acquisition of shares in NEHL, highlighted areas where decisions or other approvals were needed and made mention of

proposals for further associated subsidiary companies (copy attached to the signed minutes, along with the report of the CSEG OSC).

This matter had been deferred from Cabinet on 4 August to allow further information requested by CSEG OSC to be provided to Cabinet (copy also attached to the signed minutes).

Officers provided background and further detail on the report. A number of questions were asked by members which were answered.

The Leader moved the report's recommendations which was seconded by Councillor Horncastle. On being put to the vote there voted FOR: 4; AGAINST:0; ABSTENTIONS:1.

It was therefore **RESOLVED** that:-

(a) recommendations (a) to (j) in the report be agreed subject to recommendation (b) being delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader; and

(b) the addition of the following two resolutions:-

- authority be delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader, to make arrangements for the recruitment of an independent Chair of the Board; and
- the report of the CSEG OSC be noted.

CHAIR.....

DATE.....