

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET

At a meeting of the **Cabinet** held at County Hall, Morpeth on Tuesday 9 November 2021 at 10.00 am.

PRESENT

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

CABINET MEMBERS

Horncastle, C.	Riddle, J.
Pattison, W.	Watson, J.G.
Ploszaj, W.	Wearmouth, R.
Renner Thompson, G.	

OTHER MEMBERS

Flux, B.	Seymour, C.
Scott, P.	Stewart, G.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Binjal, S.	Monitoring Officer
Hadfield, K.	Democratic and Electoral Services Manager
Lally, D.	Chief Executive
Lancaster, H.	Deputy Monitoring Officer
Masson, N.	Deputy Monitoring Officer
McEvoy-Carr, C.	Executive Director of Children's Services and Adult Social Care
Morgan, L.	Director of Public Health
Murfin, R.	Interim Executive Director Planning and Local Services
O'Farrell, R.	Interim Executive Director of Regeneration
Roll, J.	Head of Democratic and Electoral Services
Taylor, M.	Director of Business Development and Communities
Soderquest, P.	Head of Housing and Public Protection
Walsh, N.	Head of Cultural Services

Ch.'s Initials.....

50. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of Cabinet held on 12 October 2021 as circulated, be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

51. REPORTS OF THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND LOCAL SERVICES

(1) Northumberland Waste Management Strategy – Outcome of Kerbside Glass Recycling Collection Trial

The report detailed the key outcomes of the kerbside glass recycling pilot scheme which had been in operation since November 2020 and recommended the next steps for this scheme and the estimated costs for rolling-out a kerbside glass collection service across the county.

The report also highlighted how the timing for the roll-out for this enhanced glass recycling service would be dependent upon the outcome of the latest consultation exercises undertaken as part of the Government's new Resources and Waste Strategy and provision of new burdens funding by the Government (copy attached to the signed minutes as Appendix A, along with the report of the Communities and Place OSC).

Members were very supportive of the report and the encouraging results so far. The report had also been supported by Scrutiny. A member asked about rollout across the County and the Leader advised that this was likely to be on an area by area basis. However, further progress would also be dependent on the requirements of the Government's Environment Bill which was expected in 2022.

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) Cabinet notes the content of the report including the success of the trial, reflecting high customer satisfaction levels, high yields of glass collected per household and what the estimated performance benefit and financial costs would be associated with the future roll-out of this service;
- (b) Cabinet agrees to the continuation of the kerbside glass collection trial through to March 2023 and to include an additional 800 properties in the four trial areas to gather further information about the future operating costs and collection efficiency, in order to evidence the County's requirements to roll out the service permanently when anticipated announcements on the Resources and Waste Strategy and provision of new burdens funding are published in early 2022;

- (c) Cabinet approves additional revenue expenditure from the Council's Transformation Fund Reserve of £31,000 during 2021/22 to meet the cost of extending the glass collection trial for the remainder of the current financial year (£18,000) and to fund the cost of purchasing an additional 800 no. 140- litre wheeled bins required for the expansion of the trial area (£13,000);
- (d) Cabinet notes that the revenue cost of £43,000 for operating the trial throughout 2022/23 will be identified as a non-recurrent revenue growth bid for consideration as part of the Council's 2022/23 to 2024/25 Medium Term Financial Plan budget setting process, which will be determined by the County Council in February 2022. It is envisaged that Government new burdens funding will be available to meet the cost of providing a new kerbside glass collection service from 2023/24 onwards; and
- (e) the report of the Communities and Place OSC be noted.

At this point Councillor Wearmouth advised that he would not be voting on the following item on the agenda as it had been considered by Morpeth Town Council. He was not declaring an interest as such, but would leave the room whilst the matter was being discussed.

(2) Proposed Adoption of Revised Boundary for Morpeth Conservation Area

The report explained the need to review the Morpeth Conservation Area and sought approval to adopt the recommended extension to the current Conservation Area boundary (Copy attached to the signed minutes as Appendix B).

Councillor Horncastle advised members that this had the support of Morpeth Town Council and local members. Cabinet welcomed the proposals.

RESOLVED that the proposals to revise the boundary of the Morpeth Conservation Area as set out in Chapter 11 of the Morpeth Conservation Area Boundary Review Final Report and the plan attached to the report, be approved.

52. REPORT OF THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Policy for Street Naming and Numbering

The report set out the proposed policy for the identification and allocation of appropriate names for streets in the County (Copy attached to the signed minutes as Appendix C, along with the report of the Communities and Place OSC).

Members were advised that this was a revision of the existing policy which had worked well since 2009 and the policy set out clearly the process for developers to follow. The issues which had been raised by Scrutiny could be addressed by the revised policy.

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) Cabinet approve the policy;
- (b) Authority be delegated to the Head of Housing and Public Protection to ensure that the administration of the policy and all other criteria are met; and
- (c) the report of the Communities and Place OSC be noted.

53. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that:

(a) 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
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8 and 9	3 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
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AND The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure public interest in disclosure because for item 8, disclosure would adversely affect confidentiality requirements with external partners, and for item 9 it would prejudice Advance Northumberland's ability to negotiate with partners and give its competitors a commercial advantage.

54. REPORT OF THE HEAD OF CULTURAL SERVICES

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in Northumberland - The County Council's Role and Scope of Activity

The report provided an overview of the national programme of celebrations to mark the historic Queen's Platinum Jubilee during 2022, and outlined the proposed role of the Council in both the high-profile national programme, and in the encouragement of communities to celebrate together across the County. The report requested non-recurrent allocations of funds to support the delivery of events (Copy attached to the signed minutes as Appendix D, coloured pink and marked Not for Publication).

Members discussed the details of the report, and in particular, the arrangements for safe delivery of community events. It was noted that responsibility for safety would lie with event organisers. The default position was that events should be held off the main highway network wherever possible, which was an approach supported by the Police and advice would be available from the County Council.

RESOLVED that recommendations 1-5 and 7 as detailed in the report be agreed, and recommendation 6 be agreed as follows:-

The details of a scheme to enable local road closures to be administered free of charge for community Jubilee activity be delegated to the Head of Cultural Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Healthy Lives.

55. REPORT OF THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF REGENERATION and INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FINANCE AND SECTION 151 OFFICER

Northumberland Energy Park Phase 3 Site at East Sleekburn – update on disposal to British Volt

The report updated Members on the progress of the British Volt project, and sought approval for a change to the conditions relating to the Call Option (Copy attached to the signed minutes as Appendix E, coloured pink and marked Not for Publication).

RESOLVED that recommendations (a) to (c) as detailed in the report be agreed.

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