

**Cabinet
(Extraordinary Meeting)**

28 March 2012

Present: Mrs L Arkley (Elected Mayor) (in the Chair),
Councillors Mrs G Barrie, EFJ Hodson, Mrs P McIntyre,
P Mason, LJ Miller and Mrs JA Wallace

CAB179/03/12 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors D Lilly and GC Westwater.

CAB180/03/12 Declarations of Interest

The following interests were declared in relation to the report referred to in Minute CAB181/03/12 below:

Councillor Mrs G Barrie declared a personal interest in item 54 as she was employed by the Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust.

Councillor L Miller declared a personal interest in item 54 as he was employed in primary care.

CAB181/03/12 2012-2015 Council Strategic Plan and 2012-2013 Budget - Implementation Plan (All Wards)

The Cabinet received a report seeking approval to a proposed Implementation Plan in relation to a number of items within the agreed Budget 2012/13 and Council Strategic Plan 2012/15.

The Implementation Plan, attached at Appendix 1 to the report, listed in summary a number of proposals contained within the agreed Budget 2012/13 and Council Strategic Plan 2012/15. In relation to each proposal, the Plan identified those matters which were the responsibility of Cabinet, those which were the responsibility of Council, and those where there was a joint responsibility. This division of responsibility reflected the law and the advice given by Mr James Goudie QC to the Council. In relation to those matters which were the responsibility of Cabinet, the Plan set out the proposed steps (if any) which Cabinet may wish to take to progress those matters. The steps proposed fell broadly into the following categories:

- Matters that Cabinet may decide to implement immediately;
- Matters where further information, review or steps were required before a decision could be taken;
- Matters where relevant work had already or was being undertaken; and
- Matters where no positive action was proposed.

Reports outlining progress in implementation of the items in the Implementation Plan would be submitted to future meetings of Cabinet.

In addition the Chief Executive was to prepare an action plan outlining arrangements for the implementation of the Budget and Council Strategic Plan, for submission to the next

meeting of Council on 28 June 2012, as requested by Council at its meeting on 15 March 2012.

Cabinet considered the following decision options: either to agree the Implementation Plan, or alternatively not to agree the Implementation Plan.

The Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture, Tourism and Safer Communities sought clarification about the payment of £250 per annum to those employees earning £21,000 or less per annum, in response to which the Elected Mayor confirmed that provision remained in the budget to implement those payments.

Resolved that (1) the Implementation Plan, attached at Appendix 1 to the report, be approved; and
(2) a report be submitted to the next Cabinet meeting on arrangements for the release of funds to those employees earning £21,000 or less per annum, as referred to above.

(Reason for decision: to enable relevant work (as appropriate) on these proposals to be taken forward in a timely fashion.)

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The effective date for implementation of decisions contained within these Minutes (unless called in by 3 Non-Executive Members for consideration by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee) is 12 April 2012.