

# North Tyneside Council

## Report to Cabinet

### Date: 11 July 2016

Item 5(b)

Title:  
Future Construction  
Options Sub-Group  
Report

Portfolio(s): Housing and Transport

Cabinet Member(s): Cllr Harrison

Report from: Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee

Wards affected: All

#### PART 1

##### 1.1 Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to present the observations and opinion of the Overview, Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee in relation to its study into the future of the Kier North Tyneside Joint Venture Company (KNT JVCo) partnership and options to what delivery models should be considered post 31 March 2019 when the current 10 year contract ends.

In accordance with Section 122 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, Cabinet is required to provide a response to the recommendations of the Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee within two months. In providing this response Cabinet is asked to state whether or not it accepts each of the recommendations and the reasons for this decision. Cabinet must also indicate what action, if any, it proposes to take.

##### 1.2 Recommendation(s):

It is recommended that Cabinet considers instructing officers to undertake further detailed appraisal of each of the 3 options selected and that the Scrutiny Sub-group determines as the most appropriate future options available and to have regard to the concerns raised within the report.

##### 1.3 Forward plan:

The report was included in the Forward Plan published on 16 May 2016 under the heading 'Matters arising from Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee and its sub committees'.

##### 1.4 Council plan and policy framework

The report relates to the following priorities in the 2014/18 Our North Tyneside Plan:

Our people will:

Be listened to, and involved by responsive, enabling services

Our places will:

Offer a good choice of quality housing appropriate to need, including affordable homes

Our economy will:

Have the right skills and conditions to support investment, and create and sustain new, good-quality jobs and apprenticeships for working-age people

Our Partners:

Businesses and manufacturers who will be assisted to develop and expand

## **1.5 Information:**

### **Background information**

- 1.5.1 As part of the Overview, Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee programme 2015/16, Members agreed to establish a sub-group to carry out a study to the possible options available for the future Construction Options for North Tyneside when the current 10 year partnership with Kier North Tyneside Limited (KNT) is due to end.
- 1.5.2 Members held a series of evidence gathering meetings with Council Officers, Kier North Tyneside Senior Management, Tenant Representatives and Union Officials between October 2015 and May 2016. The findings can be found in the full report attached at Appendix 1.
- 1.5.3 The findings of the study resulted in the selection of 3 options the sub-group believes should undergo full appraisal on their viability of possible future options for the Council.

## **1.5 Decision options:**

The following decision options are available for consideration by Cabinet:

### Option 1

Cabinet may accept the recommendation set out in paragraph 1.2 above.

### Option 2

Cabinet may not accept the recommendation set out in paragraph 1.2 above.

### Option 3

Cabinet may accept part of the recommendation as set out in paragraph 1.2 above and reject the rest.

Option 1 is the recommended option.

## **1.6 Reasons for recommended option:**

Cabinet has a statutory duty to respond to the Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee's recommendations within 2 months of receiving them. Option 1 is recommended as this option allows Cabinet time to consider and formulate a response to the recommendations.

## **1.7 Appendices:**

Appendix 1 – Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Report: Future Construction Options Sub-Group Report

## **1.8 Contact officers:**

Paul Wheeler, Democratic Services Officer (0191) 643 5318

## **1.9 Background information:**

- 1) Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Report: Future Construction Options Sub-Group Report
- 2) North Tyneside Council Constitution

## **PART 2 – COMPLIANCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF DECISION MAKING**

### **2.1 Finance and other resources**

The financial implications associated with each recommendation will be included in Cabinet's response to this report.

### **2.2 Legal**

There are no legal implications at this stage.

### **2.3 Consultation/community engagement**

There are no Consultation/community engagement implications at this stage.

### **2.4 Human rights**

There are no direct issues relating to human rights arising from this report.

### **2.5 Equalities and diversity**

In addition to any protected characteristics that carers themselves hold they are also protected under the 2010 Equality Act from discrimination by association. Therefore, if adopted, the recommendations in this report could contribute to demonstrating compliance with one of the key aims of the Act – to eliminate discrimination.

### **2.6 Risk management**

There are no direct issues relating to risk arising from this report.

## **2.7 Crime and disorder**

There are no direct issues relating to crime and disorder arising from this report.

## **2.8 Environment and sustainability**

There are no direct issues relating to environment and sustainability arising from this report.

## **PART 3 - SIGN OFF**

The following officers and Members have been sent a copy of the report for their information:

- Deputy Chief Executive
- Head of Environment, Housing and Leisure
- Mayor/Cabinet Member
- Chief Finance Officer
- Monitoring Officer
- Head of Corporate Strategy