

North Tyneside Council Report to Cabinet 14 September 2015

ITEM 7(c)
Response to Kier North
Tyneside Joint Venture –
Report of Overview, Scrutiny
and Policy Development
Committee

Portfolio(s): Housing and Transport

Cabinet Member(s): Councillor John
Harrison

**Report from Service
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Wards affected:

All

PART 1

1.1 Executive Summary:

The purpose of this report is to seek Cabinet's approval to a proposed response to the recommendations of the Overview, Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee in relation to the work undertaken by its sub-group in relation to Kier North Tyneside presented to Cabinet in July 2015.

In accordance with Section 21B of the Local Government Act 2000, 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 recommendation. Cabinet must also indicate what action, if any, it proposes to take.

1.2 Recommendation(s):

It is recommended that Cabinet notes and accepts the responses to the recommendations of the Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee detailed in Appendix A.

1.3 Forward Plan:

Twenty eight days notice of this report has been given, and it first appeared on the Forward Plan that was published on 10 August 2015.

1.4 Council Plan and Policy Framework

This report supports the following Our People and Our Economy themes within the 2014 – 2018 Our North Tyneside Council Plan:

Our Places: Have more quality affordable homes

Our Economy: Have the right conditions to support investment and create new jobs, especially apprenticeships.

1.5 Information:

1.5.1 Background information

1.5.2 In 2014, Councillor John Harrison, Cabinet Member for Housing and Transport, attended an Overview & Scrutiny Committee meeting and delivered a presentation on his portfolio responsibility. At the meeting he asked if the Committee would consider carrying out studies into the future of the Kier North Tyneside Joint Venture (JVCo) partnership

1.5.3 At its meeting in July 2014, the Overview, Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee considered and agreed its work programme to carry out a study into the Performance Priorities for the second half of the JVCo was included.

1.5.4 The Kier North Tyneside Sub-Group first met in February 2015 with the objective to provide an evidenced opinion on areas related to business planning improvement and performance priorities. As part of the review the Sub-Group had received information from all interested parties. The Cabinet Member responsible for Housing and Transport and Kier Management had been invited to attend meetings to enable the Sub-Group to obtain their views and aspirations for the Partnership.

1.5.5 The Sub-Group had also decided that the most appropriate method to receive the views from other interested parties was to hold a Tenants focus group and receive views through electronic surveys from Council Staff, Kier Staff, Schools, Council Members and the Business Forum. All responses and views had then been collated to establish key themes and priorities for future consideration.

1.5.6 The Sub-Group had also received extensive background information in relation to performance and business plans through the life cycle of the Kier North Tyneside joint Venture partnership.

1.5.7 Cabinet received a report on 13 July 2015 detailing the recommendations of the Overview, Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee in relation to the work undertaken by its sub-group in relation to Kier North Tyneside.

1.5.8 The Sub-Group identified 10 recommendations for submission to Cabinet as identified at Appendix A.

1.6 Decision options:

The following decision options are available for consideration by Cabinet:

Option 1

Cabinet accepts the responses to the 10 recommendations as set out in Appendix 1 of this report and notes the officers' suggested actions and suggested additional activity to support their implementation.

Option 2

Cabinet approves some of the recommendations in this report, and requests officers to look at other options and suggest additional activity to support progress.

Option 3

Cabinet rejects the recommendations and suggests additional work to be undertaken.

Option 1 is the recommended option.

1.7 Reasons for recommended option:

Option 1 is recommended for the following reasons:

The delivery of the recommendations within this report will help the JVCo improve and develop whilst supporting the future priorities for the Authority.

1.8 Appendices:

Appendix A – Proposed Cabinet response to Overview Scrutiny and Policy Committee recommendations

1.9 Contact officers:

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1.10 Background information:

The following background papers/information has been used in the compilation of this report and are available at the office of the author:

- (1) Overview, Scrutiny & Policy Development Report: 6 July 2015 Kier North Tyneside Joint Venture – Future Priorities
- (2) Cabinet Report 13 July 2015

PART 2 – COMPLIANCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF DECISION MAKING

2.1 Finance and other resources

There are no financial implications at this stage directly arising from this report. If any agreed actions give rise to financial implications in the future that cannot be contained within existing budgets, a further report will be brought to Cabinet for a decision before implementation.

2.2 Legal

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2.3 Consultation/community engagement

2.3.1 The Cabinet Member responsible for Housing and Transport has been consulted in relation to the proposals.

2.4 Human rights

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

2.5 Equalities and diversity

There are no direct issues relating to equalities and diversity arising from this report.

2.6 Risk management

There are no risk management implications directly arising from this report.

2.7 Crime and disorder

There are no crime and disorder implications directly arising from this report.

2.8 Environment and sustainability

There are no environment and sustainability implications directly arising from this report.

PART 3 - SIGN OFF

- Deputy Chief Executive
- Head(s) of Service
- Mayor/Cabinet Member(s)
- Chief Finance Officer
- Monitoring Officer
- Head of Corporate Strategy