

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**COUNCIL MEETING****25th July, 2013****COUNCILLOR KENNETH RICHARDSON (THE MAYOR)**

At a meeting of the Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council duly convened and held on Thursday 25th July, 2013 at The Town Hall, Barnsley.

- 45. Present:** The Mayor (Councillor K. Richardson)
- Central Ward - Councillors D. Birkinshaw and Bruff
 - Cudworth Ward - Councillors Hayward, Sir S Houghton and C. C. Wraith
 - Darfield Ward - Councillors Key, Markham and Saunders
 - Darton East Ward - Councillors Duerden, Miller and Spence
 - Darton West Ward - Councillor Burgess, Cave and Howard
 - Dearne North Ward - Councillors Gardiner and Worton
 - Dearne South Ward - Councillors Brook, Noble and Sixsmith
 - Dodworth Ward - Councillors P. Birkinshaw, J. Carr and Perrin
 - Hoyland Milton Ward - Councillors Franklin, Shepherd and Stowe
 - Kingstone Ward - Councillors D. Green, Mitchell and T. Sheard
 - Monk Bretton Ward - Councillor M. Sheard
 - North East Ward - Councillors Ennis, Higginbottom and North
 - Old Town Ward - Councillors Cherryholme, Davies and Lofts
 - Penistone East Ward - Councillors Barnard, Hand-Davis and Wilson
 - Penistone West Ward - Councillors Millner, Rusby and Starling
 - Rockingham Ward - Councillors Andrews and Dures
 - Royston Ward - Councillors T. Cheetham, T.J. Cheetham and Kyte
 - St. Helen's Ward - Councillors Platts and Tattersall
 - Stairfoot Ward - Councillors K. Dyson, Johnson and Mathers
 - Wombwell Ward - Councillors Morgan and R. Wraith
 - Worsbrough Ward - Councillors B. Barlow and G. Carr

46. Councillor Denise Wilde

The Mayor informed Members of the Council with regret and deep sadness of the death of Councillor D Wilde.

Members of the Council stood for a minutes silence as a mark of respect.

Councillor Sir S Houghton, Leader of the Council, paid tribute to Councillor Wilde for her hard work and dedication to the Council, to the various roles she had undertaken whilst being a Councillor and particularly her work for the residents of Wombwell.

The Mayor reminded Members that Councillor Wilde's funeral was to be held at 3.30pm on Monday 29th July, 2013 at the Barnsley Crematorium.

Councillor Morgan stated that a request had been made for family flowers only and that donations were to be collected in aid of Barnsley Hospice.

47. Dr Ann Gosse

Councillor Sir S Houghton, Leader of the Council, welcomed Dr Ann Gosse, former Executive Director Development, Environment and Culture to the meeting. He paid tribute to her hard work and dedication to the Council in driving forward proposals for the regeneration of the Borough and for developing a new cultural offer for residents and visitors alike. He made particular reference to the work she had undertaken in bringing Experience Barnsley to fruition which would, for many years, provide a lasting legacy of her time with the Council.

The Cabinet Spokesperson for Development, Environment and Culture, the Leaders of all political groups and several other members asked to be associated with these remarks and gave their own personal testament and thanks to her for the work she had done whilst being employed by the Council.

Dr Gosse, in response, thanked Members for their kind remarks and for the opportunities which her employment with the Council had brought.

Dr Gosse was presented with a bouquet of flowers and the Mayor and Members of the Council expressed their thanks and appreciation in the usual manner. She was given their very best wishes for her future.

48. Mayor's Parade and Freedom Parade

The Mayor asked to place on record his thanks and appreciation to all Members and staff involved in making the Mayor's Parade and Freedom Parade, held on the 13th and 18th July, 2013 respectively, such a resounding success.

49. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of pecuniary or non pecuniary interests in relation to items on the agenda.

50. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th June, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

51. Communications

(a) Darton College

The Chief Executive was pleased to inform the Council that following a recent Ofsted Inspection, Darton College had received a rating of 'Good' from the previous rating of 'Satisfactory'.

Some of the key findings were as follows:

- Student achievement was good
- the Principal, senior and middle leaders shared high expectations and total commitment
- students and staff shared a strong sense of community
- the school provided outstanding care and support for all students and particularly for those whose circumstances made them vulnerable.
- attendance was above average
- there was a clear trend of improvement

The Chief Executive extended congratulations to Sharon Rossides (Principal), and to all staff and students at Darton College on this achievement.

Cabinet Spokesperson for Children, Young People and Families echoed these remarks. This was the first secondary school in the Borough to be rated as 'Good' and he stated the hope that this would be the first of many to achieve this.

Councillor Howard, representing local ward Members, stated that Councillors of the Darton East and West Wards were proud of these achievements.

The Mayor and Members of the Council expressed their congratulations in the usual manner.

(b) National Federation of ALMO's Awards 2003

The Chief Executive reported that Berneslai Homes had won the National Federation of ALMO's 'Championing Digital Inclusion' Award.

This award recognised that the Berneslai Homes 'Connecting Communities' Project successfully addressed the needs of residents and community groups facing problems of access, safety or understanding when using technology, computers and/or the internet.

The project, amongst other things, enabled staff and community groups to recruit people to taster sessions spreading the word about the 'Change Your Life by Getting Online' Campaign which was really important. The scheme had also meant that some sheltered housing and community centre facilities now had PC facilities available for use by local residents.

The Cabinet Spokesperson for Development, Environment and Culture commented that he had had the privilege of attending the ALMO National Conference at which the award had been presented. Some of the submissions for the award were extremely good and for Beneslai Homes to win the award was a truly outstanding achievement.

Helen Jaggar (Chief Executive, Beneslai Homes), Chris Brownley (Performance and Information Manager), Matt Lowe (Digital Inclusion Officer) and Alison Vint (Project Co-ordinator) were present in the Council Chamber this morning.

The Mayor and Members of the Council expressed their congratulations at this achievement in the usual manner.

(c) Experience Barnsley

The Chief Executive asked to place on record her thanks to the staff team who worked so hard to deliver Experience Barnsley.

This was a real team effort from the people who worked hard to bring in funding to those who managed the project, engaged with people, created an incredible collection from scratch and made the Experience Barnsley dream a reality.

Thanks were extended to:

- Ann Gosse, (former Executive Director, Development, Environment and Culture) who came to Barnsley and raised aspirations for culture in the Borough by driving through improvements and raised the bar to incredible heights
- Lynn Dunning (Service Manager) who held things together by overseeing not only the project delivery but preparations for operational delivery as well
- John Tanner, (Project Development Manager) who invested a huge amount of time and effort into the project and brought his expertise in Yorkshire history

The project had transformed the Town Hall into a state-of-art museum and archives centre, providing a heritage hub for the Borough and a focal point for many exciting cultural and learning activities.

Experience Barnsley had also provided a catalyst for the Borough to improve its other visitor attractions.

The Museum and Discovery Centre had exceeded all expectations and had received accolades from the European Commissioner, the National Archives, the Museums Association, the Chief Executive Officer of the Heritage Lottery Fund and from all Members present today, but most of all, Experience Barnsley had been appreciated by the people of Barnsley and by all of the visitors.

To date, there had been over 13,000 visitors and an overwhelmingly positive response. People had real pride in their museum and in Barnsley and visitors had already come from around the world including from Canada, America, Croatia and France.

Members were invited to stay to watch a short video on the opening of Experience Barnsley at the end of the meeting.

The Cabinet Spokesperson for Development, Environment and Culture echoed the comments of the Chief Executive and stressed that Barnsley had much to celebrate on the opening of this marvellous facility.

The Mayor and Members of the Council and the Chief Executive thanked staff for a wonderful and fantastic effort in the usual manner.

52. Questions by Elected Members

The Chief Executive reported that no questions had been received from Councillors in accordance with Standing Order No 11.

53. Questions to Section 41 Members on Joint Authority Business

The Chief Executive reported that she had received no questions from Elected Members on Joint Authority Business in accordance with Standing Order 12.

The Council received the following Minutes:-

- (a) South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority – 20th May, 2013
- (b) South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority (AGM) – 24th June, 2013
- (c) South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority (Ordinary) – 24th June, 2013
- (d) South Yorkshire Integrated Transport Authority (AGM) – 6th June, 2013
- (e) South Yorkshire Integrated Transport Authority (Ordinary) – 6th June, 2013
- (f) South Yorkshire Pensions Authority (AGM) – 20th June, 2013
- (g) South Yorkshire Pensions Authority (Ordinary) – 20th June, 2013

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

54. Police and Crime Panel – Minutes

The minutes of the Police and Crime Panel meeting held on 17th June, 2013 were received and noted.

55. Audit Committee – Minutes

Moved by Councillor T. Sheard - Seconded by Councillor Barnard; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Audit Committee held on 12th June, 2013 be received.

56. Planning Regulatory Board – Minutes

Moved by Councillor R. Wraith – Seconded by Councillor D. Birkinshaw ; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Planning Regulatory Board held on 25th June, 2013 be received.

57. General Licensing Board – Minutes

Moved by Councillor C. Wraith – Seconded by Councillor J. Carr; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the General Licensing Board held on 3rd July, 2013 be received.

58. General Licensing Board Panel

Moved by Councillor C. Wraith – Seconded by Councillor J. Carr; and

RESOLVED that the details of the General Licensing Board Panel held on the 9th July, 2013 together with its decision be received.

59. Appeals, Awards and Standards Regulatory Board

Moved by Councillor Shepherd – Seconded by Councillor Morgan; and

RESOLVED that the details of the Appeals, Awards and Standards Regulatory Board Panels held in the last cycle of meetings together with their decisions be received.

60. Health and Well Being Board – Minutes

Moved by Councillor Sir S Houghton – Seconded by Councillor Platts; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Health and Well Being Board held on 18th June, 2013 be received.

61. Children's Services Scrutiny Committee – Minutes

Moved by Councillor Worton - Seconded by Councillor M. Sheard; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee held on 9th July, 2013 be received.

62. Dearne Area Council - Minutes

Moved by Councillor Noble – Seconded by Councillor Gardiner; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Dearne Area Council held on 29th May, 2013 be received.

63. North Area Council - Minutes

Moved by Councillor Burgess – Seconded by Councillor Howard; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the North Area Council held on 3rd June, 2013 be received.

64. North East Area Council - Minutes

Moved by Councillor Hayward – Seconded by Councillor C. Wraith; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the North East Area Council held on 6th June, 2013 be received.

65. Penistone Area Council - Minutes

Moved by Councillor Barnard – Seconded by Councillor Millner; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Penistone Area Council held on 27th June, 2013 be received.

66. South Area Council - Minutes

Moved by Councillor Stowe – Seconded by Councillor Saunders; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the South Area Council held on 28th June, 2013 be received.

67. Central Area Council - Minutes

Moved by Councillor D. Green - Seconded by Councillor Mathers; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Central Area Council held on 8th July, 2013 be received.

68. Police and Crime Panel

Moved by Councillor Howard - Seconded by Councillor Franklin; and

RESOLVED that Councillor Sixsmith be appointed to fill the current vacancy on the Police and Crime Panel for the remainder of the Municipal Year.

69. Corporate Parenting Panel

Moved by Councillor Howard - Seconded by Councillor Franklin; and

RESOLVED that the following proposed changes to the membership of the Corporate Parenting Panel be approved for the remainder of the Municipal Year:

Delete - Councillors Duerden and D Green

Add - Councillors Tracey Cheetham and Sixsmith

70. Cabinet Recommendations to Council

19th June, 2013

(a) Changes to Redundancy Consultation Period

Moved by Councillor Gardiner - Seconded by Councillor Franklin; and

RESOLVED that the changes to the Redundancy Consultation Periods, as detailed in the report now submitted, be approved.

17th July, 2013

(b) Future Council and Financial Planning 2014/15 to 2016/17

Moved by Councillor Gardiner - Seconded by Councillor Franklin; and

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the proposals for the development of the 'Future Council', as set out in Section 1 of the report, be noted;
- (ii) that the overview of the Medium Term Financial Plan, as set out in Section 2 of the report be noted;
- (iii) that the Medium Term Forecast, as set out in Section 3 of the report be noted;
- (iv) that the summary positions of the current Key Lines of Enquiry included at section 4 of the report be noted;
- (v) that the Key Lines of Enquiry set out in Section 5(a) – Children, Young People and Families, totalling £1,583,000 be agreed;

- (vi) that the Key Lines of Enquiry set out in Section 5(b) – Adults and Communities, totalling £3,541,000 be agreed;
- (vii) that the Key Lines of Enquiry set out in Section 5(c) – Development, Environment & Culture, totalling £2,863,000 be agreed;
- (viii) that the Key Lines of Enquiry set out in Section 5(d) – Corporate Services, totalling £1,381,000 be agreed;
- (ix) that the Key Lines of Enquiry set out in Section 5(e) – Cross Cutting, totalling £84,000 be agreed;
- (x) that the Assistant Chief Executive Human Resources, Performance and Communications be requested to take appropriate action in relation to the specific KLOE above to issue appropriate notifications for consultations with staff and trade unions;
- (xi) that SMT undertake appropriate impact assessment analysis and consultation with reference to its public sector equality obligations and that further reports be submitted to the Cabinet as appropriate; and
- (xii) that SMT be requested to identify additional KLOEs to address the remaining forecast gaps in 2014/15 and future years for further consideration as part of the service and financial planning process.

71. Cabinet Minutes

Moved by Councillor Sir S Houghton – Seconded by Councillor Andrews; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the Cabinet Meetings held on 5th and 19th June and 1st July, 2013 be received, with the exception of the following minute which was approved on the date specified:-

<u>Minute No.</u>	<u>Subject</u>
Minute No. 23	Review of Taxi Licensing, - approved by the Council Meeting on 13 th June, 2013

72. Exclusion of the Public and Press

Moved by Councillor Sir S Houghton – Seconded by Councillor Andrews; and

RESOLVED that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item because of the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by Paragraph 3 of Part 1, of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.

73. Cabinet Recommendations to Council

19th June, 2013

Sale of Land at Penistone Grammar School, Huddersfield Road, Penistone

Moved by Councillor Gardiner - Seconded by Councillor Franklin; and

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the Assistant Chief Executive Finance, Property and Information Services be authorised to exchange contracts on the sale of land at Penistone Grammar School, Huddersfield Road, Penistone, to Bellway Homes, as detailed in the report now submitted, with immediate effect;
- (ii) that NPS Barnsley Ltd be instructed by the Head of Strategic Property and Procurement to finalise the heads of terms and contract details for the proposed disposal;
- (iii) that the Assistant Chief Executive Legal and Governance be authorised to complete the sale of the site to Bellway Homes on approval of the scheme at Planning Regulatory Board; and
- (iv) that the Assistant Chief Executive Legal and Governance be given delegated authority to address and conclude the division of the capital receipt between the Council as Trustee and the Council in terms of meeting its commitment to the Building Schools for the Future (BSF) Programme and that until settlement is concluded that the Council as Trustee hold the capital receipt in a separate trust account.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Mayor invited Members of the Council to view a video on the official opening of Experience Barnsley.

Following the viewing of the video, Members were reminded to meet at the front entrance of the Town Hall for a civic photograph to mark the opening of Experience Barnsley

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Chairman