

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

9th October, 2013

134. **Present:** Councillors Andrews (in the Chair), Bruff (for Tim Cheetham), Gardiner, Howard, Lamb, Miller and Platts.
- Councillors Franklin, Mitchell, Morgan, M. Sheard and T Sheard were also in attendance.

135. **Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

There were no declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests.

136. **Deputy Leader for Leader of the Council - Call-In of Cabinet Decisions**

The Deputy Leader reported that no decisions from the previous meeting held on 11th September, 2013 had been called-in.

137. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th September, 2013 (Cab.9.10.2013/3)**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th September, 2013 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

138. **Decisions of Cabinet Spokespersons (Cab.9.10.2013/4)**

The Record of Decisions taken by Cabinet Spokespersons under delegated powers during the week ending 27th September, 2013 were noted.

139. **Petitions Received Under Standing Order 44 (Cab.9.10.2013/5)**

It was noted that no petitions had been received under Standing Order 44.

140. **Cabinet Spokesperson without Portfolio – Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies (Cab.9.10.2013/6)**

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL ON 28th NOVEMBER, 2013:-

- (i) that approval be given to the appointment of one Member as a representative on Environmental Protection UK;
- (ii) that approval be given to the appointment of two representatives as trustees to the Shawlands Trust;
- (iii) that approval be given to the appointment of one Member as a representative on the Yorkshire and Humber Pollution Advisory Council; and,
- (iv) that approval be given to the appointment of a Member as a representative on the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) to replace Councillor Hancock;

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- (i) that approval be given to the appointment of the Environment, Development and Culture Spokesperson as the Council's representative on the South Yorkshire Forest Partnership Member Steering Committee; and
- (ii) that, insofar as Barnsley MBC is concerned, Councillor Platts, Adults and Communities Spokesperson, be appointed to the Yorkshire and Humber Strategic Migration Group as a representative of the sub-region.

141. Corporate Services Spokesperson – Land at Newsome Avenue, Wombwell – Disposal to South Yorkshire Housing Association for Extra Care Scheme (Cab.9.10.2013/7)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the balance of land at the former Highfields Primary School site, Newsome Avenue, Wombwell, as detailed in the site plan attached to the report now submitted, be disposed of to South Yorkshire Housing Association at nil value to enable the proposed development of the site to take place;
- (ii) that the Assistant Chief Executive, Finance, Property and Information Services be authorised to dispose of a 250- year leasehold interest in the site to South Yorkshire Housing Association at nil value;
- (iii) that NPS Barnsley Ltd be instructed by the Head of Strategic Property and Procurement to prepare and finalise the details of the proposed disposal, as detailed in the report now submitted; and
- (iv) that the Assistant Chief Executive, Legal and Governance be authorised to complete the transactions based on the terms agreed.

142. Cabinet Support Member for Children, Young People and Families Spokesperson – Analysis of Results of National Tests and Examinations Taken by Children in Barnsley (2013) (Cab.9.10.2013/8.1)

RESOLVED that the results of national tests and examinations taken by children in Barnsley in 2013, as detailed in the report now submitted, and the action undertaken to ensure further improvements in attainment be noted.

143. Cabinet Support Member for Children, Young People and Families Spokesperson – Home to School Transport Policy 2014-2015 (Cab.9.10.2013/8.2)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the Home to School Transport Policy 2014-2015, as detailed in the report now submitted, be approved.

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- (ii) that the Chief Executive raise with the SYPTE concerns about changes to school bus services made at short notice by bus operators.

144. **Development, Environment and Culture Spokesperson – Applying Target Rent on Re-letting of Council Dwellings (Cab.9.10.2013/9.1)**

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the proposed changes to the Government's rent setting policy, as detailed in the report now submitted be noted; and,
- (ii) that approval be given for the target (formula) rent to be applied to new Council lettings, including transfers, with immediate effect, as set out in the report.

145. **Development, Environment and Culture Spokesperson – Proposed Changes in the Kerbside Collection Service for Garden Waste and Cardboard (Cab.9.10.2013/9.2)**

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that approval be given to the proposed changes to the kerbside refuse and recycling collection services, as detailed in section 5.1 of the report now submitted; and
- (ii) that approval be given to the phased approach to the implementation of the recommended changes, as detailed in sections 5.5 and 5.6 of the report.

146. **Adults and Communities Spokesperson – Care Home Fees – A New Approach to Setting Fee Rates in Barnsley (Cab.9.10.2013/10.1)**

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that approval be given to the sourcing and commissioning of an independent consultant with a proven track record in developing a fair fee framework for care homes to consult with commissioners / care homes, as detailed in the report now submitted, and a range of acceptable fees for Barnsley be recommended, having regard to affordability and market sustainability in the current financial climate;
- (ii) that approval be given to engage with local providers in terms of the project and the requirement for them to share financial information to input into the review; and
- (iii) that a Project Manager be employed for a period of up to 12 months, subject to evaluation and appropriate consultation with Human Resources, to support the project and ensure effective handover of skills and experience ensuring the Council own the project moving forward.

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147. Adults and Communities Spokesperson – Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report (Cdab.9.10.2013/10.2)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the contents of the Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2012 – 2013, as detailed in the Executive Summary attached to the report now submitted, be noted;
- (ii) that the future policy and legislative changes and the ways in which these impact on the safeguarding of vulnerable adults, be noted; and,
- (iv) that the progress made in 2012 – 2013 by the Safeguarding Adults Board be noted.

148. Adults and Communities Spokesperson – Dearne Approach – Findings of Community Research (Cab.9.10.2013/10.3)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the findings from the Dearne Approach Community Research, as detailed in the report now submitted, and how this will inform a process of service redesign and potential development of a Community Led Enterprise, be noted; and
- (ii) that the learning associated from the Community Researchers approach and plans to embed this across the area governance arrangements, in particular the option to roll out the Community Researcher model, and consider development of a Community Led Enterprise in other localities, be noted.

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Chairman