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BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING 28th November, 2013

COUNCILLOR KENNETH RICHARDSON (THE MAYOR)

At a meeting of the Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council duly convened and held on Thursday 28th November, 2013 at The Town Hall, Barnsley.

109. Present: The Mayor (Councillor K. Richardson)

Central Ward - Councillors D. Birkinshaw and Bruff

Cudworth Ward - Councillors Hayward, Sir S. Houghton CBE and C.

Wraith MBE

Darfield Ward - Councillors Markham, Key and Saunders

Darton East Ward - Councillors Duerden, Miller and Spence

Darton West Ward - Councillors Burgess and Howard

Dearne North Ward - No Councillors Present

Dearne South Ward - Councillors Brook, Noble and Sixsmith MBE

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 - Councillors S. Green and M. Sheard

North East Ward - Councillors Ennis, Higginbottom and North

Old Town Ward - Councillor 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, Dures and Lamb

Royston Ward - Councillors T. Cheetham, T.J. Cheetham and

Makinson

St. Helen's Ward - Councillors Leech, Platts and Tattersall

Stairfoot Ward - Councillors K. Dyson, Johnson and Mathers

Wombwell Ward - Councillors Frost, Morgan and R. Wraith

Worsbrough Ward - Councillors B. Barlow, G. Carr and Clarke

110. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests from Members in respect of items on the agenda.

111. Election of New Members

The Mayor informed Members of the Council that Councillor Frost had been elected as a Councillor for Wombwell following the By-Election on the 26th September, 2013 and that Councillor Caroline Makinson had been elected as a Councillor for Royston following the By-Election on the 10th October, 2013.

Councillors Frost and Makinson were then welcomed to this, their first Council meeting.

112. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th September, 2013, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

113. Communications

(a) Investors in People

The Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Governance) reported that he was delighted to inform the Council that following a recent assessment, the Council had been successful in achieving a Bronze Investors in People accreditation.

This was a highly challenging process. Investors in People recognised that 'the organisation had moved forward positively since 2010 in terms of people, strategies and management during challenging times'.

Michael Potter, (Organisation Design and Development Manager), Amanda Glew (Organisation Development Officer) and all the staff in Internal Reviewers were thanked for their hard work in achieving this prestigious standard.

The Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Governance) stated that the granting of this award was a credit to all Members of the Council for the way in which they had enabled the organisation and staff to develop.

Michael Potter and Sue Smith (Internal Reviewer) were in the Council Chamber this morning.

The Mayor and Members of the Council expressed their congratulations to all involved in helping to achieve this accreditation.

(b) Pioneer Status

The Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Governance) reported that on the 1st November, 2013, the Care and Support Minister, Sir Norman Lamb MP had announced that Barnsley was to be one of the 14 national pioneers in Integrated Care and Support.

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This represented significant success for Barnsley as around 100 applications had been put forward as part of the Expression of Interest selection process. The aim of a Pioneer was to make health and social care services work together to provide better support at home and earlier treatment in the community to prevent people needing emergency care in hospital or care homes.

The Pioneer Initiative in Barnsley was known as 'Stronger Barnsley Together' and aimed to transform the whole health and social care system, building on the strengths or individuals, families and communities with a greater focus on prevention and early intervention.

This was a tremendous achievement and the Mayor and Members of the Council expressed their congratulations to all involved in this process.

(c) Carbon Trust Standard

The Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Governance) reported that the Council had successfully gained accreditation to the Carbon Trust Standard for the third consecutive period.

The Carbon Trust Certification was widely considered as the World's leading certifier of organisational carbon footprint reduction.

The Council had achieved this accreditation through a 14.6% reduction in its CO2 output through the implementation of a carbon management programme.

The Carbon Trust Standard was recognised by the Department of Energy and Climate Change as an effective measure of success in reducing carbon emissions.

Carbon omissions was an important issue and it was a great credit to achieve this accreditation for a third time.

The Mayor and Members of the Council expressed their congratulations to all involved.

(d) Home and Communities Agency

The Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Governance) reported that as a result of ongoing work in the Borough, the Housing Communities Association (HCA) had confirmed that the Council had retained the qualification as HCA's Investment Partner (2014-15) for HCA funded housing programmes which included the Affordable Homes Programme and the Empty Homes Programme.

During the last two years, the Council, together with its housing partners, had delivered 321 new affordable homes and brought 10 long term empty properties back into use for affordable rent.

Overall, these were a number of real achievements of which the Council could feel proud.

The Mayor and Members of the Council expressed their congratulations to all involved.

114. Questions by Elected Members

The Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Governance) reported that no questions had been received in accordance with Standing Order No 11.

115. Questions to Section 41 Members on Joint Authority Business

The Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Governance) reported that he 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 Pensions Authority 20th September, 2013
- (b) South Yorkshire Pensions Authority 10th October, 2013
- (c) South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority 30th September, 2013
- (d) South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority (Draft) 28th October, 2013
- (e) South Yorkshire Integrated Transport Authority 3rd October, 2013
- (f) South Yorkshire Integrated Transport Authority (Draft) 7th November, 2013

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

116. Planning Regulatory Board - Minutes

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

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Planning Regulatory Board held on 22nd October, 2013 be received.

117. 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 6th November, 2013 be received.

118. General Licensing Regulatory Board Panel

Moved by Councillor C. Wraith, MBE – Seconded by Councillor Wilson; and

RESOLVED that the details of the General Licensing Regulatory Board Panel meeting held on the 15th October, 2013 be received.

119. Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee

Moved by Councillor C. Wraith MBE - Seconded by Councillor Wilson; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee held on 1st November, 2013 be received.

120. Appeals, Awards and Standards Regulatory Board

Moved by Councillor Leech - Seconded by Councillor T. Sheard; 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.

121. <u>Health and Well Being Board – Minutes</u>

Moved by Councillor Sir Steve Houghton CBE – 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 1st October, 2013 be received.

122. Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Minutes

Moved by Councillor M. Sheard – Seconded by Councillor Ennis; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 1st October, 2013 be received.

123. Children's Services Scrutiny Committee – Minutes

Moved by Councillor C. Wraith MBE - Seconded by Councillor Howard; and

RESOLVED that the minutes now submitted of the proceedings of the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee held on 12th November, 2013 be received.

124. Dearne Area Council - Minutes

Moved by Councillor Noble – Seconded by Councillor Brook; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Dearne Area Council held on 23rd September, 2013 be received, subject to the deletion of the word 'Store' and the replacement of the words' Distribution Centre' and the deletion of the word 'employees' and the substitution of the word 'employers' in minute 25(f) (page 51 refers).

125. North Area Council - Minutes

Moved by Councillor Burgess – Seconded by Councillor Leech; and

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

126. North East Area Council - Minutes

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

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

127. Penistone Area Council - Minutes

Moved by Councillor Barnard - Seconded by Councillor Rusby; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Penistone Area Council held on 10th October, 2013 be received.

128. South Area Council - Minutes

Moved by Councillor Stowe - Seconded by Councillor Shepherd; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the South Area Council held on 18th October, 2013 be received.

129. Central Area Council - Minutes

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

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Central Area Council held on 11th November, 2013 be received.

130. <u>Appointment of Members to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Regulatory</u> Boards and Other Bodies

Moved by Councillor Howard - Seconded by Councillor Franklin; and

RESOLVED that the following appointments be made to fill the vacancies on the bodies indicated:-

- (a) Overview and Scrutiny Committee Councillor Makinson
- (b) Appeals, Awards and Standards Regulatory Board Councillor Frost
- (c) General Licensing Regulatory Board Councillor Frost
- (d) Statutory Licensing Regulatory Board Councillor Frost
- (e) Planning Regulatory Board Councillor Makinson
- (f) Boulder Bridge Liaison Committee Councillor Makinson
- (g) Captain Allott Charity Councillor Frost

131. Cabinet Recommendations to Council

9th October, 2013

(a) Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies

Moved by Councillor Howard - Seconded by Councillor Franklin; and

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RESOLVED:-

- (i) that approval be given to the appointment of Councillor Mathers as a representative on Environmental Protection UK;
- (ii) that approval be given to the appointment of the Mayor, Councillor Richardson and the reappointment of Mr. M. Price, as trustees to the Shawlands Trust;
- (iii) that approval be given to the appointment of Councillor Sixsmith MBE as a representative on the Yorkshire and Humber Pollution Advisory Council; and,
- (iv) that approval be given to the appointment of Councillor Perrin as a representative on the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) to replace Councillor Hancock;

23rd October, 2013

(b) <u>Future Library Strategy – Consultation Findings</u>

Moved by Councillor Platts – Seconded by Councillor Morgan; and

RESOLVED that the Future Library Strategy and action plan, attached to the report now submitted, be agreed.

6th November, 2013

(c) <u>Co-opted Members on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee</u>

Moved by Councillor Howard – Seconded by Councillor Franklin; and

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that Ms Pauline Gould, Ms Joan Whittaker and Mr. Mark Hooton, be appointed to serve as co-opted members on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the 2013/14 municipal year;
- (ii) that the Assistant Chief Executive, Legal and Governance, be authorised to draw up, in consultation with the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, a revised recruitment and selection process for co-opted members to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee; and
- (iii) that the revised process be implemented from the 2014/15 municipal year.
- (d) Implementation of the Revised 2013/14 Pay Policy Statement

Moved by Councillor Franklin - Seconded by Councillor Howard; and

RESOLVED that approval be given to implement the revised 2013/14 Pay Policy Statement, as detailed in Appendix B of the report now submitted.

132. Cabinet Minutes

Moved by Councillor Sir Steve Houghton CBE – Seconded by Councillor Andrews; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the Cabinet Meetings held on 9th, 23rd October and 6th November, 2013 be received and it be noted that Minute 177 – Implementation of Changes to the Working Time Regulations Policy has been called in.

Chairman