

BARNESLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

4th December, 2013

196. **Present:** Councillors Houghton (Chairman), Andrews, Tim Cheetham, Gardiner, Howard, Lamb, Miller and Platts.

Councillors Bruff, Franklin, Mitchell, Morgan, M. Sheard and T. Sheard were also in attendance.

197. **Video Recording of the Meeting**

RESOLVED that, in accordance with Standing Order 16(4), the video recording of this meeting be permitted, to form part of the presentation to be given at the Town Hall Open Day on 14th December, 2013.

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

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

199. **Leader of the Council - Call-In of Cabinet Decisions**

The Leader reported that no decisions from the previous meeting held on 20th November, 2013 had been called-in. The meeting noted that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee had considered the Implementation of Changes to the Working Time Regulations Policy at its meeting on 3rd December, which had been the subject of a previous call-in request, and the Committee had supported the Cabinet's decision of 6th November, 2013.

200. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th November, 2013 (Cab.4.12.2013/3)**

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th November, 2013 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

201. **Decisions of Cabinet Spokespersons (Cab.4.12.2013/4)**

The Record of Decisions taken by Cabinet Spokespersons under delegated powers during the weeks ending 22nd and 29th November, 2013 were noted.

202. **Petitions Received Under Standing Order 44 (Cab.4.12.2013/5)**

It was reported that no petitions had been received under Standing Order 44. The meeting noted that a petition in respect of the proposal on the Central Library would be reported to a future meeting, but noted the need to respond to the formal consultation on this issue.

CABINET**4th December, 2013****203. Corporate Services Spokesperson – Corporate Plan Performance Report – Quarter 2, 2013/14 (Cab.4.12.2013/6.1)****RESOLVED:-**

- (i) that the Corporate Plan Performance Report for Quarter 2, 2013/14, as detailed in the report now submitted, be noted, together with the further issues reported at the meeting;
- (ii) that follow-up reports be submitted on the following areas: economic strategy progress; health inequalities; progress on Ofsted improvement plan; tackling domestic violence and troubled families; and
- (iii) that the report be presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to inform and support their ongoing work programme.

204. Corporate Services Spokesperson – Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 – Community Governance Review Petition – Brierley Town Council (Cab.4.12.2013/6.2)**RESOLVED:-**

- (i) that the Community Governance Review in respect of Brierley Town Council be progressed in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and having regard to the statutory guidance issued by the Secretary of State;
- (ii) that a consultation exercise be undertaken with regard to the scope of the Terms of Reference for the Review;
- (iii) that a further report be submitted as to how the review should be undertaken and to formalise its terms of reference at the Cabinet meeting on 15th January, 2014 to make appropriate recommendations to the Council at its meeting on 6th February, 2014;
- (iv) that the 12 months statutory period for the completion of the review commence from the date of the meeting of the Council to be held on 6th February, 2014; and
- (v) that consideration be given to instructing officers to undertake a parallel exercise to examine the scope for alleviating the current burden of the cost of the Parish precept, as set out in section 4.18 of the report now submitted, and that officers report back to Cabinet within the statutory period for the conclusion of the formal Community Governance Review.

205. Corporate Services Spokesperson – Non-Domestic Rates Rural Rate Relief Scheme – Rural Settlements List (Cab.4.12.2013/6.3)

RESOLVED that the areas set out in Section 7.1 of the report now submitted, be agreed as the Rural Settlement List for 2014/15.

CABINET**4th December, 2013****206. Corporate Services Spokesperson – Revised Disciplinary and Grievance Procedures and the Introduction of a Management Investigation Guide (Cab.4.12.2013/6.4)****RESOLVED-**

- (i) that approval be given to implement the proposed changes to the Disciplinary and Grievance Procedures, as detailed in the report now submitted; and
- (ii) that approval be given to the introduction of a new Management Investigation Guide, as detailed in the report.

207. Development, Environment and Culture Spokesperson – Signalisation of Junction 37, M1 (Cab.4.12.2013/7.1)**RESOLVED:-**

- (i) that the proposals to signalise M1 Junction 37, as described in the report now submitted and shown in Appendix 1, be approved;
- (ii) that the offer from the Department for Transport (DfT) of Pinch Point funding to provide 70% funding for the signalisation of M1, Junction 37 be approved;
- (iii) that the Council's Economic Strategy budget be used, as previously agreed, to provide £600,000 match funding (30%) for the signalisation of M1, Junction 37;
- (iv) that the possible future funding offer from European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) to provide the 30% match funding be accepted;
- (v) that if the ERDF bid for match funding is successful the grant be used as match funding, thereby freeing up the Council's Economic Strategy resources for other priorities;
- (vi) that the Interim Assistant Director Environmental Services be authorised to implement these proposals; and
- (vii) that the Assistant Chief Executive, Legal and Governance be authorised to complete all necessary documentation and enter into any necessary contracts with the successful tenderers and any other necessary arrangements with other organisation.

208. Development, Environment and Culture Spokesperson – Berneslai Homes – Use of 2013/14 Retained Surplus (Cab.4.12.2013/7.2)**RESOLVED:-**

- (i) that approval be given for the use of £2m of the 2013/14 Berneslai Homes' retained surpluses to support empty homes interventions and other housing related activity, as part of the housing growth component of the Council's economic strategy during the period 2013/16; and

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- (ii) that the empty homes brought back into use be added to the stock of Council housing.

209. Development, Environment and Culture Spokesperson – Barnsley Urban Centre Infrastructure Scheme (Cab.4.12.2013/7.3)**RESOLVED:-**

- (i) that the expansion of the Urban Centre Infrastructure project to include the area of Market Hill and Church Street, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report now submitted, be approved; and
- (ii) that match funding of a further £0.322m, which is required to secure the additional grant of £0.188m from the European Regional Development Fund, be approved.

210. Exclusion of the Public and Press

RESOLVED that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item, because of the likely disclosure of exempt information as described by the specific paragraphs of Part I, of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as follows:-

<u>Item Number</u>	<u>Type of Information Likely to be Disclosed</u>
211	Paragraph 3

211. Corporate Services Spokesperson – Loan Request from Barnsley Community Build (Cab.4.12.2013/9)**RESOLVED:-**

- (i) that a loan of £60,000 be provided to Barnsley Community Build (BCB) to support them with the refurbishment of 35A Washington Road, Goldthorpe;
- (ii) that loan repayments be made over a 6 year period with repayments commencing September, 2014 (such repayment period will provide BCB with sufficient lead time to secure tenants and generate rental income); and
- (iii) that 190 Sheffield Road, Barnsley, owned by BCB be accepted as security against the loan.

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Chairman