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BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL SUMMONS

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council to be held in the Town Hall, Barnsley at 10.30 a.m. on Thursday 27th February, 2014

Business

1. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non Pecuniary Interests

To receive any declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary interest from Members in respect of the items on this agenda.

2. Local Government and Housing Act 1989: Mandatory Standing Orders: Recorded Votes at Budget Meetings

To consider a report of the Director of Legal and Governance on the requirements of the Local Authority's (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 requiring mandatory changes to Standing Orders with regard to recorded votes at budget meetings (Copy 'A' attached).

3. Suspension of Standing Orders

To consider suspending Standing Order No. 13(5) in respect of the consideration of the Budget insofar as it relates to restrictions on Members speaking more than once.

4. Cabinet Recommendations to Council

To consider the following recommendations of the Cabinet Meeting held on 12th February, 2014. The Cabinet Spokesperson with the Portfolio for the services in question will respond to any comments or amendments concerning these minutes.

4 (a) (275) Service and Financial Planning 2014/15 – Revenue Budget, Capital Programme and Council Tax

(The reports that are subject to Cabinet Recommendations are available for download from the Council's website)

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL

(A) Budget Proposals 2014/15

- (i) that the budget proposals for all services in 2014/15, detailed in Sections 4 and 5 of the report of the Director Finance, Property and Information Services now submitted, be approved;

- (ii) that the following specific items incorporated within Section 4 of the report including for 2014/15 be noted :-
 - (a) Provision for a 1% pay award;
 - (b) Provision for the introduction of the 'Living Wage';
 - (c) Provision for inflation in relation to external providers;
 - (d) Adjustment of £500,000 to reflect the provision required for the anticipated revenue costs of existing and new borrowing;
 - (e) Adjustment of £4,174,000 to reflect the impact of the actuarial revaluation.
- (iii) that the 2014/15 base budget adjustments and Key Line of Enquiry (KLOE) savings proposals outlined in Section 4, Annex 1 and Annex 2 be approved for implementation along with any full year effects;
- (iv) that appropriate action be taken by the Senior Management Team (SMT), in consultation with the Director of Human Resources, Performance and Partnerships and Communications in relation to all the KLOE approved above;
- (v) that, as a consequence of KLOE CS/LG/1, the Director of Human Resources, Performance and Partnerships and Communications be designated as the Statutory Scrutiny Officer in accordance with Section 31 of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009;
- (vi) that the total additional funded capital investment of £8.121M as outlined at Section 5 be included in the Capital Programme and released subject to further detailed reports on the proposals for its use;
- (vii) that further consideration be given by the Senior Management Team for the use of the remaining Capital Funding of £6.790M alongside any other capital requirements for future agreement by Cabinet;
- (viii) that the detailed proposals for increases in fees and charges, as set out in Section 6 and included within the budget proposals at Section 4, be approved;
- (ix) that Section 8 (Position on Reserves, Provisions and Balances) be noted, along with the earmarking of an additional £3.5M for Future Council reorganisation costs; the remaining resources being earmarked in strategic reserves to address Future Council priorities;

- (x) that the report of the Director of Finance, Property and Information Services, under Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003 at Section 1 be noted and the 2014/15 budget proposals be agreed on the basis that the Chief Executive, in liaison with the Director of Finance, Property and Information Services and in consultation with the Senior Management Team, submits for early consideration detailed proposals from the ongoing activity in order that the potential budget gaps in 2015/16 and the longer term be closed;
- (xi) that the cash limited budgets for each service with overall net expenditure for 2014/15 of £186.769M be approved;
- (xii) that the forecast budget positions for 2014/15 to 2016/17 contained in Section 4, Annex 3 (Medium Term Financial Forecast) be noted and monitored as part of the arrangements for the delivery of the Future Council;
- (xiii) that the Director of Finance, Property and Information Services, in liaison with the Chief Executive and SMT, as appropriate, be required to submit reports to Cabinet, as a matter of urgency, in relation to the detailed General Fund Revenue Budget for 2014/15 including recommendation on any action further to that set out above required to achieve an appropriately balanced budget for that financial year;
- (xiv) that the Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Property and Information Services and SMT be responsible for managing their respective budgets including ensuring the implementation of efficiency savings;
- (xv) that the Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Property and Information Services and SMT be responsible for managing their respective budgets including ensuring the implementation of efficiency savings;
- (xvi) that the Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Property and Information Services and SMT be required to submit regular reports as necessary on the implementation of proposals into Cabinet as a matter of urgency to resolve any outstanding issues in relation to their budgets and deal with any consequential effects;
- (xvii) that the Authority's SMT be charged to ensuring that the budget remains in balance and reporting regularly to Cabinet on budget and efficiency savings monitoring and any action required;
- (xviii) that the Cabinet be authorised to make any necessary technical adjustments to form the 2014/15 budget;
- (xix) that appropriate consultation on the agreed budget proposals takes place with the Trade Unions and representatives on Non Domestic Ratepayers and that the views of consultees be considered by Cabinet and Council;
- (xx) that the Equality Impact Statement circulated, in respect of future Council budget reduction proposals for 2014/15, be received and noted; and

(xxi) that the budget papers be submitted to Council for consideration.

(B) Council Tax 2014/15

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL ON 27th FEBRUARY, 2014:-

- (i) that the contents of Section 7 (a) (2014/15 Council Tax options) of the report of the Director of Finance, Property and Information Services now submitted, be noted;
- (ii) that the Council Tax Collection Fund net surplus as at 31 March 2013 relating to Barnsley MBC of £1.151m be used to reduce the 2014/15 Council Tax requirement, in line with Statute;
- (iii) that the Band D Council Tax increase for Barnsley MBC's services set at 1.9% taking account of the Government Referendum criteria;
- (iv) that the Band D Council Tax for Barnsley MBC's areas be determined following confirmation of the South Yorkshire Police Authority and South Yorkshire Fire Authority precepts for 2014/15;
- (v) that the Band D Council Tax for areas of the Borough with Parish/Town Councils be determined following confirmation of individual Parish precepts for 2014/15; and
- (vi) that the current discount scheme for over 65's be phased out over 5 years as set out at Section 7 (b) Option 2 of the report.

Note: with regard to recommendations (iv) & (v) of item 4(a)(B) above, the precepts for the Police and Crime Commissioner for the South Yorkshire Police area, the South Yorkshire Fire Authority and for Parish/Town Councils will be circulated as soon as they are received

4 (b) (266) Redundancy Compensation and Procedures 2014/15

(The report that is subject to Cabinet Recommendations is available for download from the Council's website)

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL

- (i) that for the purpose of the 2014/15 budgetary procedures, payments in accordance with the Discretionary Compensation Regulations 2006 be up to a maximum of 30 weeks actual pay based on the Statutory Redundancy Scheme; and
- (ii) that any employee (excluding Teachers) declared redundant be afforded the maximum of 12 weeks notice of termination of employment.

4 (c) (267) Treasury Management Policy and Strategy Statement 2014/15

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RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL

- (i) that the main treasury management policies, as outlined in the Treasury Policy Statement, attached as Annex A of the report now submitted, be noted; and
- (ii) that the Treasury Strategy Statement for 2014/15 (Annex B), be approved, including:-

The Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement at Appendix D
The Annual Investment Strategy for 2014/15

4 (d) (268) Prudential Framework and Indicators 2014/15

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RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL

- (i) that the Prudential Indicators, as detailed in Appendix B to the report now submitted, be approved for the financial year 2014/15 to 2016/17; and
- (ii) that further monitoring reports be submitted on the indicators during the year as is necessary.

4 (e) (270) Representation on the Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield City Region Combined Authority and Transport Committee

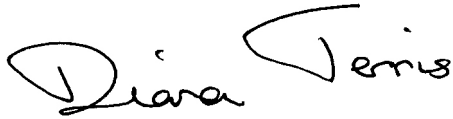
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RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL

- (i) that the Leader of the Council be appointed to represent Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council on the Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield City Region Combined Authority;
- (ii) that a Member of the Council be appointed as the Council's substitute Member of the Combined Authority in the absence of the Leader of the Council;
- (iii) that a Member of the Council be appointed as a second rotational Member of the Combined Authority to discharge the role set out in paragraphs 4.3 and 4.4 of the report now submitted;
- (iv) that two Members of the Council be nominated to be appointed by the Combined Authority to its proposed Transport Committee;
- (v) that further consideration be given to the representation of the Council on the Scrutiny Committee of the Combined Authority following the determination by the Authority of its detailed Scrutiny arrangements; and

- (vi) that Standing Order 12 be amended to provide for questions in relation to the business of the Combined Authority to be asked of the Council's representative on the Authority and, this recommendation stand adjourned without discussion by the Council to the next ordinary meeting of the Council on 10th April 2014 in accordance with Standing Order 41.

NB: No Cabinet decisions have been called in from these meetings



Diana Terris
Chief Executive

20th February, 2014



Please Note: the next meeting of the Council to be webcast will be held at 10.30 am on Thursday 10th April, 2014