

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

12th March, 2014

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

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

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

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

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

The Leader reported that no decisions from the previous meeting held on 26th February, 2014 had been called-in.

296. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 26th February, 2014 (Cab.12.3.2014/3)**

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th February, 2014 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

297. **Decisions of Cabinet Spokespersons (Cab.12.3.2014/4)**

The Record of Decisions taken by Cabinet Spokespersons under delegated powers during the weeks ending 28th February, 2014 and 7th March, 2014 were noted.

298. **Petitions Received Under Standing Order 44 (Cab.12.3.2014/5)**

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

299. **Overview and Scrutiny Report - Outcome of Economy Task and Finish Group Investigation - Regenerating Barnsley Town Centre (Cab.12.3.2014/6)**

Councillor M. Sheard, Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and Councillor Hand-Davis, Lead Member, Economy Task and Finish Group, attended the meeting to present the Group's report on 'Is the Council's Approach to Regenerating the Town Centre Working?'.

RESOLVED that the Executive Director, Development, Environment and Culture be requested to respond to the recommendations in the report within 28 days.

CABINET**12th March, 2014****300. Adults and Communities Spokesperson – Barnsley Anti-Poverty Strategy (2013-2016) (Cab.12.3.2014/7)****RESOLVED:-**

- (i) that the progress made in establishing the Anti-Poverty Board and its work to date in devising the Anti-Poverty Strategy and progressing partnership activity, as detailed in the report now submitted, be noted; and
- (ii) that the Anti-Poverty Strategy (2013-2016): 'Making Poverty Everyone's Business', attached as Appendix 1 to the report, be approved and the high-level action plan be implemented.

301. Children, Young People and Families Spokesperson – Tackling 18-24 Year Old Unemployment in Barnsley (Cab.12.3.2014/8)**RESOLVED:-**

- (i) that approval be given to accept the Cabinet Office funding available via Leeds and Sheffield City Regions to deliver the projects to tackle youth unemployment in Barnsley, as detailed in the report now submitted;
- (ii) that approval be given to spend the funding in accordance with the terms of the projects commencing from 1st April, 2014;
- (iii) that approval be given to the use of £330,000 BMBC Economic Growth Plan monies as a contribution to programme delivery;
- (iv) that approval be given to the appointment of an appropriate infrastructure, which will be a combination of recruiting to posts and commissioning in-work support activity from BMBC Community Learning and Information Services (CLIS), to deliver the project as agreed with the Cabinet Office through the officers of Leeds and Sheffield City Regions; and
- (v) that the following posts be offered on a fixed term basis for a period of 22 months between March 2014 and December 2015:-
 - 1 FTE Project Manager grade 9
 - 1 FTE Support Officer grade 5
 - 1 FTE Employer Engagement Officer grade 6
 - 2 FTE Employability Champions grade 7
 - 1 Supernumerary Apprentice.

CABINET**12th March, 2014****302. Corporate Services Spokesperson – Corporate Plan Performance Report - Quarter 3 2013/14 (Cab.12.3.2014/9.1)****RESOLVED:-**

- (i) that the Corporate Plan Performance Report for Quarter 3 2013/14, as detailed in the report now submitted, be noted;
- (ii) that follow-up reports on the following areas be submitted to Cabinet:
 - a further update on domestic violence
 - skills and employability of young people and adults
 - collection of business rates (this will be progressed through the regular financial management reports to Cabinet); and
- (iii) that the report now submitted be presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to inform and support their ongoing work programme.

303. Corporate Services Spokesperson – NPS Barnsley Ltd and Barnsley Norse Business Plans 2014/15 (Cab.12.3.2014/9.2)**RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL ON 10TH APRIL, 2014:-**

- (i) that the draft version of the NPS Barnsley Business Plan, attached as Appendix B to the report now submitted, be approved, subject to consultations with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and other stakeholders;
- (ii) that the Barnsley Norse Business Plan, attached as Appendix C to the report now submitted, be approved, subject to consultations with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and other stakeholders; and
- (iii) that the Head of Strategic Property and Procurement, in consultation with the Corporate Services Cabinet Spokesperson be authorised to approve any final amendments or additions to the NPS Barnsley Business Plan and Barnsley Norse Business Plan that are required following any consultations.

304. Corporate Services Spokesperson – Integration of the South Yorkshire Joint Secretariat into Barnsley MBC (Cab.12.3.2014/9.3)

RESOLVED that approval be given for appropriate alterations to the existing Operating Agreement with the relevant Joint Authorities and the Police and Crime Commissioner, to enable the integration of the South Yorkshire Joint Secretariat with Barnsley MBC to progress on the basis set out in section 4 of the report now submitted.

CABINET**12th March, 2014****305. Development, Environment and Culture Spokesperson – Affordable Homes Proposal - Homes and Communities Agency Funding (Cab.12.3.2014/10)****RESOLVED:-**

- (i) that the Homes and Communities Agency's offer to make an allocated grant for the sum of £736,000 to the Council to develop 46 new affordable homes at Roy Kilner Road, Wombwell (37 units) and Saville Road, Gilroyd (9 units), as detailed in the report now submitted, be noted;
- (ii) that it be noted that the two schemes at Roy Kilner Road and Saville Road were previously approved by Cabinet, to be developed by Berneslai Homes on behalf of the Council as part of HRA Capital Investment Programme 2014/19 on 15 January 2014 (Cab.15.1.2014/8.2);
- (iii) that, in accordance with section 16 of Barnsley Council's Contract Procedure Rules, approval be given for the Council to execute and deliver the necessary agreements between the Council (as the 'Grant Recipient') and the HCA, namely the Framework Delivery Agreement and Deed of Variation; and
- (iv) that the Assistant Director Development Service be authorised to exercise all necessary powers as the nominated Council's Representative for the agreements.

(Note: In view of the need to conclude all necessary agreements in the above matter by 31st March, 2014, the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee has agreed to waive the delay in implementation associated with the Call-In procedures.)

306. Public Health Spokesperson – "Be Well Barnsley" Integrated Wellness Service (Cab.12.3.2014/11)**RESOLVED:-**

- (i) that approval be given for the development of an Integrated Wellbeing Service for Barnsley, provisionally entitled: 'Be Well Barnsley' as detailed in the report now submitted;
- (ii) that agreement be given to re-commission the three existing lifestyle contracts as a single service with one lead provider; saving an estimated £714,000 (41%) per annum; and
- (iii) that authorisation be given for a competitive tendering process and the awarding of the contract to the successful provider in accordance with Contract Procedure Rules.

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RESOLVED that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items, 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>
308	Paragraph 3
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308. Corporate Services Spokesperson – Asset Disposal Programme 2013-2018 (Cab.12.3.2014/13)**RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL ON 10TH APRIL, 2014:-**

- (i) that the sites listed at Appendix B of the report now submitted, be approved in principle for inclusion in the Asset Disposal Programme 2013-2018, subject to detailed consideration and further consultation with stakeholders;
- (ii) that, as appropriate, further reports be submitted on specific proposals for individual sites and properties, following consultations with local members and consideration by a multi-disciplinary asset management working group;
- (iii) that, should the disposal of any of the properties be “materially” or significantly prejudicial to the Council’s VAT partial exemption position, they be withdrawn from the programme until steps have been taken to protect the Council’s VAT position;
- (iv) that all capital receipts, including Housing/HRA land receipts continue to be pooled corporately to support the Authority’s Medium Term Financial and Asset Investment Strategies unless specifically earmarked, in accordance with the policies set out in this report;
- (v) that the capital receipts earmarked for the Building Schools for the Future project currently at a value of £20 million be noted, with any additional receipts beyond this indicative total required for the scheme once actual costs are identified being the subject of further reports;
- (vi) that a target Rate of Return be established for investment properties of 10% with those properties not achieving this target being subject to further analysis and consideration given for disposal;
- (vii) that any property leased out by the Council be at full market value unless otherwise specifically agreed by Cabinet;

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- (viii) that, in the future, all housing schemes consisting of pure affordable/social housing be sold on a freehold basis at the previously agreed £5,000 per unit (subject to the financial viability of each scheme);
- (ix) that all HRA non-dwelling assets be disposed of on a freehold basis rather than via long term lease to assist with minimising the financial implications to the HRA 30 year business plan following current international accounting rules;
- (x) that monies be earmarked from capital receipts to fund future specialist reports and planning application fees which will enhance the value of future development sites due to be released for disposal;
- (xi) that the Head of Strategic Property and Procurement be authorised to offer properties and sites listed in the report for sale by informal tender/auction or private treaty sale, subject to full consultations being completed prior to disposal; and
- (xii) that the Director of Legal and Governance be authorised to complete the transactions based on those terms agreed, either using in house resources or through the legal framework agreement which is often used for property transactions.

309. Development, Environment and Culture Spokesperson – Streetlighting Replacement Programme 2014-2017 (Cab.12.3.2014/14.1)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that approval be given to Option 5 in respect of the Streetlighting Replacement Programme 2014-2017, and authority be given for the funding of £4,296,600 via prudential borrowing, to enable a replacement programme of Group B (residential roads) street lighting lanterns with LED units, as detailed in the report now submitted; and
- (ii) that it be acknowledged that the Service will utilise these funds to replace the Group B street lighting stock in the shortest period possible to maximise future energy savings for the lowest capital investment.

310. Development, Environment and Culture Spokesperson – Hoyland Nether Public Hall - Allocation of Capital Receipts (Cab.12.3.2014/14.2)

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL ON 10TH APRIL, 2014:-

- (i) that the Council as Trustee approve the use of the capital receipt received through an insurance settlement and the sale of land to the value of £156,300, or thereabouts, to deliver the business plan prepared for Elsecar Park;

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- (ii) that the established capital scheme be used to provide a programme of improvements to the park and its facilities, as outlined in the report now submitted, and the Scheme be included in the Capital Programme and be released in accordance with Financial Regulations Code of Practice Paragraph C.5.2a;
- (iii) that the delivery of the proposals contained within the report be managed by Parks Services in conjunction with elected members; and
- (iv) that the Director of Legal and Governance be authorised to undertake the necessary procedures to wind up and dissolve the Hoyland Nether Public Hall Charity.

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Chairman