

BARNSELEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

9th April, 2014

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

Councillors K. Dyson, Franklin, Mitchell, Morgan, M. Sheard, T. Sheard and Worton were also in attendance.
323. **Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

There were no declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary interests.
324. **Leader of the Council - Call-In of Cabinet Decisions**

The Leader reported that no decisions from the previous meeting held on 26th March, 2014 had been called-in.
325. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 26th March, 2014 (Cab.9.4.2014/3.1)**

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th March, 2014 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
326. **Minutes of the Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham Joint Waste Board Meeting held on 14th March, 2014 (Cab.9.4.2014/3.2)**

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th March, 2014 were noted.
327. **Decisions of Cabinet Spokespersons (Cab.9.4.2014/4)**

The Record of Decisions taken by Cabinet Spokespersons under delegated powers during the week ending 28th March, 2014 were noted.
328. **Petitions Received Under Standing Order 44 (Cab.9.4.2014/5)**

It was reported that no petitions had been received under Standing Order 44.
329. **Development, Environment and Culture Spokesperson – Local Plan Progress Update (Cab.9.4.2014/6.1)**

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the revised indicative timetable for the Local Plan set out in paragraph 3.30 of the report now submitted, in particular the moving of the consultation period to the autumn of 2014, be noted;
- (ii) that the importance of ensuring that the Local Plan is supported by a robust evidence base, especially with regard to the 'objectively assessed need' for housing and employment allocations be noted; and

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- (ii) that the importance of the Duty to Co-operate and attendance at meetings across the Authority where issues relevant to Duty to Co-operate are dealt with are passed to officers to record, with briefings taking place as required, be noted.

330. **Development, Environment and Culture Spokesperson – Refreshed Economic Strategy - Jobs and Business Growth Plan (Cab.9.4.2014/6.2)**

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL ON 29TH MAY, 2014:-

- (i) that the refreshed Economic Strategy - Jobs and Business Growth Plan, now submitted, be agreed and it to be translated into a business plan which will outline how each project will be delivered;
- (ii) that that the policy challenges identified within the Jobs and Business Growth Plan which require addressing if the Borough is to achieve the aspiration to close the economic performance gap be noted;
- (iii) that the implementation of the reprioritised Phase 1 Jobs and Growth Programme of schemes, to the value of the previously agreed funding (£13.834M) included at Appendix A1 of the report now submitted, be agreed;
- (iv) that more detailed project initiation documents be worked up for the other priorities, included at Appendix A2 (£11.166M) of the report, and these be considered in more detail by Cabinet in the early summer alongside the requirement to fund the redevelopment of the town centre and any other emerging Future Council priorities and in light of the audited financial statements for the 2013/14 financial year;
- (v) that the difference in the composition of the planned expenditure between revenue and capital (£0.528M) from what was originally approved be dealt with by way of technical accounting adjustments at the financial year end;
- (vi) that the Regeneration Service staffing structure be reviewed further in light of the outcome of the deliberations of Phase 2 of the Jobs and Business Growth Plan outlined above; and
- (vii) that a report on Youth Unemployment be submitted to Cabinet as part of the performance reporting arrangements.

331. **Development, Environment and Culture Spokesperson – Housing Strategy 2014-2033 - Developing a New Strategic Framework for Housing in Barnsley (Cab.9.4.2014/6.3)**

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL ON 29TH MAY, 2014:-

- (i) that the vision, objectives and strategic approach as set out in the draft Housing Strategy attached to the report now submitted be agreed, and the significance that this will play in achieving some of the Council's core priorities, as set out in its Corporate Plan, be noted;

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- (ii) that the new Housing Strategy and the 4-Year Delivery Plan be subject to further minor amendments (including formatting) with the aim that these documents are issued for wider stakeholder consultation in Spring 2014 and adopted by Summer 2014;
- (iii) that the wider strategic and policy shifts identified within the new strategic framework for housing delivery and growth regarded as essential if the Borough is to achieve its aspiration of bringing about a 'step change' in housing delivery to ensure the greatest impact on the economic growth be noted; and
- (iv) that the draft Housing Strategy be delivered within existing approved resources and where additional priorities are identified requiring additional resources these be considered in more detail by Cabinet alongside the requirement to fund the redevelopment of the town centre and any other emerging Future Council priorities.

332. Development, Environment and Culture Spokesperson – Council House Lettings - Proposed Revisions to the Designated 'Age Restricted' Properties (Cab.9.4.2014/6.4)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the proposed revisions to the existing designated 'age restricted' properties that apply when letting some types of Council owned properties, as detailed in the report now submitted, be approved for implementation; and
- (ii) that a further review of all properties that are age designated be carried out in 2016/2017 to ensure that the age designations are still relevant.

333. Development, Environment and Culture Spokesperson – Proposed Dedication of Public Footpaths on Council Owned Land (Cab.9.4.2014/6.5)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the 4 footpaths shown in the appendices to the report now submitted be dedicated as formal public footpaths; and
- (ii) that the Director of Legal and Governance be authorised to make the necessary modification orders to add the dedicated routes to the Definitive Map and Statement for the area.

334. Development, Environment and Culture Spokesperson – Highways, Engineering and Transportation Restructure - Implementation of Key Lines of Enquiry (Cab.9.4.2014/6.6)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the restructure in respect of Highways, Engineering and Transportation, set out in Paragraph 5 of the report now submitted and in Appendices B and D, be approved in order to deliver £70,000 of savings as part of the 2014/15 Phase 1

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KLOE process and £325,000 of savings as part of the 2014/15 Phase 2 KLOE process; and

- (ii) that the proposed structure, as described in the report, be implemented from 1 April 2014.

335. Corporate Services Spokesperson – Fees and Charges 2014/15
(Cab.9.4.2014/7)

RESOLVED that the fees and charges increases shown at Appendix A of the report now submitted, be approved.

336. Exclusion of the Public and Press

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>
337	Paragraph 3
338	Paragraph 3

337. Corporate Services Spokesperson – Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation (YPO) - Formation of a Trading Company Structure (Cab.9.4.2014/9)

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL ON 29TH MAY, 2014:-

- (i) that the preparation of the Business Case by YPO Officers in support of the proposed exercise of the power to trade be noted and approval be given to the final Business Case set out at Appendix 1 to the report now submitted;
- (ii) that agreement be given to the formation of the trading company limited by shares wholly owned by the Founder Members of YPO (to be known as YPO Procurement Holdings Limited) to act as a holding company for a range of special purpose vehicles in order to protect the business of the YPO joint committee;
- (iii) that agreement be given for the Council to become a shareholder of the company limited by shares under the name of YPO Procurement Holdings Limited which may trade in accordance with Section 95 of the Local Government Act 2003 and the Local Government (Best Value Authorities) (Power to Trade) (England) Order 2009 and or Section 4 of the Localism Act 2011;
- (iv) that Barnsley's lead representative on YPO's Management Committee (currently Cllr Gardiner) be appointed as Director on the holding company and its deputy representative on YPO's Management Committee (currently Cllr Barnard) be appointed as an alternate Director;

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- (v) that authority be given for the Director/alternate Director appointed by the Council to the Board of the holding company to exercise the Council's powers of shareholder at general meetings in the company;
- (vi) that approval be given to the governance and funding arrangements for the company as set out in this report; and
- (vii) that delegated authority be granted to the Director of Finance, Property and Information Services, in consultation with the Director of Legal and Governance, to finalise the detailed arrangements for the formation of the company including relevant financial matters and governance issues, such as matters to be reserved to the Council as shareholder and delegated authority be granted to the Director of Legal and Governance or authorised representatives to enter into all legal agreements or documentation necessary to the implementation of the above recommendations. (The legal agreements and documentation relating to this proposal includes the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the company, the Shareholder Agreement and the Management Services Agreement.)

338. Corporate Services Spokesperson – Dearne Community and Miners Welfare Scheme - Request for Transitional Support (Cab.9.4.2014/10)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the responsibilities of the Council as a Trustee of the Miners' Recreation (also known as the Pleasure Ground), Goldthorpe be acknowledged and endorsed;
- (ii) that 'in principle' approval be granted to provide one-off financial support to a maximum of £77k to support the Dearne Community Miners Welfare Scheme (DCMWS) in its efforts to move towards sustainability. The financial support to be funded from an identified under spend in Development, Environment and Culture's 2013/14 budget and the release of funds to be subject to ongoing scrutiny/assessment of 'need' by BMBC Finance Officers;
- (ii) that the Director of Finance Property and Information Services be authorised to agree terms in relation to the cricket pitch and football pitch, formalising current usage arrangements for these facilities; and
- (i) that the Director of Legal and Governance be authorised to agree the terms of and enter into a deed of covenant with Arts Council England on behalf of the Council as Trustee in relation to the future use of the Playhouse as a theatre and community facility.

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 Chairman