

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

27th August, 2014

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

Councillors K. Dyson, Franklin, Mitchell, Morgan, Richardson, M. Sheard and T. Sheard were also in attendance.

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

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

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

The Leader reported that no decisions from the previous meeting held on 13th August, 2014 had been called-in.

60. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th August, 2014 (Cab.27.8.2014/3)**

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th August, 2014 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

61. **Decisions of Cabinet Spokespersons (Cab.27.8.2014/4)**

The Record of Decisions taken by Cabinet Spokespersons under delegated powers during the week ending 15th August, 2014 were noted.

62. **Petitions Received Under Standing Order 44 (Cab.27.8.2014/5)**

RESOLVED that the report notifying the receipt of the following petition be noted and the recommended actions for responding to it be endorsed:-

- (a) Containing the signatures of 55 signatories (7 of whom can be verified as living in the Borough) in respect of calling for the Council to prohibit the culling of badgers on Council-owned land and invest in vaccination programmes locally, in the belief that culling is inhumane, inefficient and unscientific. The petition was part of a national campaign.

A pilot cull has been carried out in West Somerset and West Gloucestershire, but there is currently no proposal to extend it. It is recommended that the petition be noted and the matter be considered again if there are proposals for a cull in the Barnsley Borough.

CABINET**27th August, 2014****63. Cabinet Spokesperson without Portfolio - Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 (Cab.27.8.2014/6.1)****RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL ON 25TH SEPTEMBER, 2014:-**

- (i) that the requirements of the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 as outlined in the report now submitted, be noted;
- (ii) that, accordingly, Standing Order 16(4) be amended to read as follows:-

Webcasting will be permitted, but only of meetings of the Full Council to which the press and public are admitted. The Director of Legal and Governance is authorised to exclude elements from the archive that may contain any defamatory or inappropriate material. Recordings of such meetings would be held as an archive on the internet for a period of 6 months. In accordance with Regulations, other forms of live broadcast, video recording or streaming, cinematography, photography or audio recording will be permitted at any meeting open to the public under the Local Government Act 1972, except where these activities are undertaken in a disruptive manner. Where a disruption of the meeting's business is caused, the Chair of the meeting will have the right to exclude the persons in question from the meeting in accordance with Standing Order 17; and

- (iii) that given the statutory nature of the required amendment to Standing Orders, it be noted that Standing Order 41 does not apply in this case.

64. Cabinet Spokesperson without Portfolio - Health and Wellbeing Board – Change of Membership (Cab.27.8.2014/6.2)**RESOLVED:-**

- (i) that the Council's representation on the Health and Wellbeing Board be revised as set out below:-
 - Leader of the Council
 - Deputy Leader of the Council (as the Spokesperson now responsible for Public Health)
 - People (Safeguarding) Spokesperson
 - Communities Spokesperson; and
- (ii) that consideration be given to the representation of the Housing function on the Board.

CABINET**27th August, 2014****65. Cabinet Spokesperson without Portfolio - Political Balance on Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation (Cab.27.8.2014/6.3)**

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL ON 25TH SEPTEMBER, 2014 that, in accordance with the provisions of Section 17 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the Council resolves that the rules of political balance shall not apply in making appointments to the Management Committee of the YPO Joint Committee and its sub-Committees.

66. Corporate Services Spokesperson - Service and Financial Planning 2015/16 – 2017/18 (Cab.27.8.2014/7.1)**RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL ON 25TH SEPTEMBER, 2014:-**

- (i) that the proposals for the development of the 'Future Council', as set out in Section 1 of the report, be noted;
- (ii) that the Medium Term Financial Strategy (including the detailed Medium Term Financial Forecast attached at Annex 2) at Section 2 of the report be noted;
- (iii) that the Sensitivity Analysis Forecast, as set out in Annex 3 of the report be noted;
- (iv) that subject to appropriate consultations the following be agreed;
- (v) that the Future Council Phase 1 proposals set out in Section 3(a) – People, totalling £201,000 be agreed;
- (vi) that the Future Council Phase 1 proposals set out in Section 3(b) – Communities, totalling £2,345,000 be agreed;
- (vii) that the Future Council Phase 1 proposals set out in Section 3(c) – Place, totalling £3,668,000 be agreed with the exception of Item 25, in respect of Children's Half Pay Escorts, which was to be deferred for further consultation;
- (viii) that the Future Council Phase 1 proposals set out in Section 3(d) – Public Health, totalling £3,427,000 be agreed;
- (ix) that the Future Council Phase 1 proposals set out in Section 3(e) – Human Resources, Performance and Communications, totalling £812,000 be agreed;
- (x) that the Future Council Phase 1 proposals set out in Section 3(f) – Finance, Assets and Information Services, totalling £4,567,000 be agreed;
- (xi) that the Director of Human Resources, Performance and Communications be requested to take appropriate action in relation to the specific Future Council Phase 1 proposals above to issue appropriate notifications for consultations with staff and trade unions;

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- (xii) that the Senior Management Team undertake appropriate impact assessment analysis and consultation with reference to its public sector equality obligations and that further reports be submitted to the Cabinet as appropriate; and
- (xiii) that the Senior Management Team be requested to identify additional Phase 2 proposals in their respective Future Council Business Plans to address the specific remaining forecast gap for 2015-17 for further consideration as part of the service and financial planning process.

67. **Corporate Services Spokesperson - Corporate Plan Performance Report – Quarter 1 (April-June) 2014/15 (Cab.27.8.2014/7.2)**

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the contents of the report now submitted be reviewed, challenged and scrutinised in relation to the delivery of the Corporate Plan outcomes;
- (ii) that follow-up reports are received on the following areas:-
 - Children's teeth
 - People with learning disabilities in employment; and
- (iii) that the report be presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to inform and support their ongoing work programme.

68. **Corporate Services Spokesperson - Equality Scheme 2012/15 – Year Two Progress Report (Cab.27.8.2014/7.3)**

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the key achievements made due to the implementation of the Equality Scheme so far, as outlined in the report, be noted;
- (ii) that the need for further emphasis on programmes that promote integration be acknowledged;
- (iii) that approval be given for the new strategic objectives relating to the Future Council Programme;
- (iv) that the performance reported for each of the equality priorities and Directorate equality actions plans be noted; and
- (v) that a further update report on the progress being made with the Scheme be submitted to Cabinet in one year's time.

69. **Corporate Services Spokesperson - Amendments to the Honoraria Payments Policy (Cab.27.8.2014/7.4)**

RESOLVED that approval be given to implement the proposed changes to the Honoraria Payments Policy as set out in the report submitted.

CABINET**27th August, 2014****70. Corporate Services Spokesperson - East Peak Innovation Partnership: Request for the Council to Act as Accountable Body (Cab.27.8.2014/7.5)**

RESOLVED that the Council act as accountable body for East Peak Innovation Partnership (EPIP) in its delivery of the 2015/2020 (Links between Actions of Rural Development) LEADER programme.

71. Corporate Services Spokesperson - Revision of the Managing Change Policy (Cab.27.8.2014/7.6)

RESOLVED that approval be given for the implementation of a revised Managing Change Policy with effect from 1st September, 2014 as outlined in the report now submitted.

72. Place Spokesperson - Acceptance of Funding from the Department of Transport 2014/15 Pothole Fund (Cab.27.8.2014/8.1)**RESOLVED:-**

- (i) that approval be given for the acceptance of £503,145 of additional highways maintenance funding from the Government's 2014/15 Pothole Fund;
- (ii) that the funding, given as Section 31 Grant, be included in the Council's capital programme;
- (iii) that the Assistant Director Operational Services be authorised to spend the money in accordance with the conditions of the grant to the extent of the funding available;
- (iv) that, where the works are similar in nature to those contained in the Local Roads and Footways Programme, the Council's Operational Services be authorised to undertake the works at the rates and prices contained in the Highways Term Maintenance Contract, as appropriate; and
- (v) that the Assistant Director Operational Services seek tenders where operational services are unable to undertake the work, and appoint the successful tenderer on the basis of the most economically advantageous bid.

73. Place Spokesperson - Participation in Education, Employment and Training Among 16-24 Year Olds in Barnsley (Cab.27.8.2014/8.2)**RESOLVED:-**

- (i) that the progress made in increasing participation levels in the Borough, as set out in the report now submitted, be noted; and

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- (ii) that support be given to the continuing measures aimed at building upon the progress made so far outlined the report, as follows:-
- Ensure vulnerable, high need or troubled families are helped to develop a positive attitude to work and the economic and social benefits this will bring, through our 'Think Family' approach.
 - Work together in partnership to ensure that the vision of resilient and confident communities takes account of the need to ensure young people are prepared for employment and understand the benefits of an apprenticeship.
 - Ensure the Area Councils are supported in nurturing employability skills among young people in their communities, subject to the submission of a further a report on the Barnsley Skills for Employment Strategy in the autumn.
 - The Barnsley 'Challenge' Board continues the good progress made in improving the number of pupils achieving 5 or more GCSEs (including English and Mathematics) at Grade A*-C and ensure a maximum number of young people achieve a Level 2 qualification at the age of 16.
 - Increase the number of work experience, volunteering and apprenticeship opportunities for young people, within the partner organisations of the Barnsley Children and Young People's Trust, including support for the One Barnsley Pledge.
 - Continue to use Barnsley 'I Know I Can' to highlight the opportunities afforded by the apprenticeship route for young people, their parents or carers and employers.
 - Challenge and reduce the number of adults who do not have a functional level of English and Maths and increase the number of adults in Barnsley with a Level 2 qualification.
 - Continue towards a Borough wide system of supporting the development of employability skills in order to increase throughput into sustained employment.
 - Ensure the Barnsley Jobs and Business Growth Plan and Barnsley Employment and Skills Strategy are strategically aligned to enhance outcomes for young people.

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Chairman