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## **BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **COUNCIL SUMMONS**

**You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council to be held in the Council Chamber in the Town Hall, Barnsley at 10.30 a.m. on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2014**

#### **Business**

**1. Declarations of Personal Interests**

To receive any declarations of interest of a personal nature from Members in respect of the items on this agenda.

**2. Minutes**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2014 (page nos 1 to 11).

**3. Communications**

To consider any communications to be submitted by the Mayor or the Chief Executive.

**4. Questions by Elected Members**

To consider any questions which may have been received from Elected Members and which are asked pursuant to Standing Order No. 10.

**5. Questions relating to Joint Authority, Police and Crime Panel and Combined Authority Business**

To receive any questions from Elected Members submitted in writing pursuant to Standing Order No. 12 on:

- (a) the business of Joint Authorities to the Member nominated by the relevant Joint Authority for that purpose under Section 41 of the Local Government Act 1985
- (b) the business of the Police and Crime Panel and Combined Authority to the Members nominated by the Council to those bodies

*Following the consideration of any questions submitted under the provisions of this Standing Order, any Member of the Council shall have the opportunity to comment on any matters referred to in the relevant minutes circulated with the Minute Book for the meeting.*

*The relevant representatives shall then be given the opportunity to respond to any comments made by Members on those minutes.*

- (a) South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority – 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2014
- (b) South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority – 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2014
- (c) Police and Crime Panel – 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2014
- (d) Police and Crime Panel – 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2014
- (e) Police and Crime Panel – 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2014
- (f) South Yorkshire Pensions Authority – 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2014
- (g) Sheffield City Region Combined Authority – 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2014

#### **6. Regulatory Boards – Minutes**

To receive the minutes of the following Regulatory Boards:-

- (a) Planning – 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2014
- (b) General Licensing – 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2014
- (c) Planning – 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2014
- (d) Audit Committee – 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2014
- (e) General Licensing Panel – Various
- (f) Appeals, Awards and Standards – Various

#### **7. Health and Wellbeing Board – Minutes**

To receive the minutes of the Health and Wellbeing Board held on the 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2014.

#### **8. Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Minutes**

To receive the minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on the 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2014.

#### **9. Children's Services Scrutiny Committee – Minutes**

To receive the minutes of the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee held on the 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2014.

#### **10. Area Councils – Minutes**

To receive the minutes of the following Area Councils:-

- (a) Central – 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2014
- (b) Dearne – 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2014
- (c) North – 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2014
- (d) North East – 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2014
- (e) Penistone – 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2014
- (f) Central – 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2014

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#### **11. Appointment Panel – Director of Public Health**

To receive the minutes of the Appointment Panel (Director of Public Health) held on the 29<sup>th</sup> August, 25<sup>th</sup> September and 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2014.

#### **12. Polling District and Station Review 2014**

Further to Minute No. 83 of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2014, to consider a report of the Chief Executive on the outcome of consultation on a Review of Polling Districts and Polling District Provision. (Copy 'A' attached – A copy of the report is available for download from the Council's website and is also circulated under cover of a letter from the Director of Legal and Governance dated 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2014)

#### **13. Cabinet Recommendations to Council**

To consider the following recommendations of the Cabinet Meetings held on the dates specified. The Cabinet Spokesperson with the Portfolio for the services in question will respond to any comments or amendments concerning these minutes.

30<sup>th</sup> July, 2014

13(a)(40)      Policy for the Admission of People to be Honorary  
Freemen/Freewomen of the Borough

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

#### **RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL**

that Standing Order 18 (Voting) be amended by the addition of the following paragraph:-

- (d) Voting on any question to admit a new Freeman/Freewoman of the Borough, or rescind any honour previously conferred, must be supported unanimously by those Members present at a Full Council meeting specially convened for that purpose.

*Note: In accordance with Standing Order No. 41 this item was deferred from the next meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2014.*

24<sup>th</sup> September, 2014

13(b)(80)      Review of Delegation Limits and Restrictions on Reporting and Recording of Delegated Decisions

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

**RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL**

- (i) that the increase in all of the general officer financial decision thresholds from £50,000 to £250,000 be approved, together with the changes to the specific financial thresholds and revisions to other delegations set out in the Appendix to the report now submitted;
- (ii) that the officer virement limit also be increased from £50,000 to £250,000;
- (iii) that, in exercising their delegated powers, officers continue to brief Cabinet Spokespersons, as appropriate;
- (iv) that the increase in the financial threshold for Key Decisions from £250,000 to £500,000 be approved;
- (v) that the implications of the above recommendations for decision-making by Cabinet Spokespersons be noted;
- (vi) that reports for delegated decision by Cabinet Spokespersons no longer be considered in advance by the Senior Management Team, subject to the Assistant Director Governance and Member Support ensuring appropriate consultation with Corporate Core officers and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chairs and the Constitution be amended accordingly;
- (vii) that the requirements for the recording of officer decisions be noted and the Director of Legal and Governance issue appropriate guidance to officers; and
- (viii) that the financial threshold for recording of officer decisions that materially affect the financial position of the Council be set at £250,000.

13(c)(81)      Appointment to Outside Bodies

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

## **RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL**

- (i) that approval be given to the appointment of a Trustee to the Wombwell Town Land Charity with immediate effect; and
- (ii) that approval be given to the appointment of five representatives as Trustees to the Shaw Lands Trust for a three year term.

### **14. Cabinet Minutes**

To receive the minutes of the following Cabinet Meetings:-

- (a) 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2014
- (b) 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2014
- (c) 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2014
- (d) 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2014

**(N.B. No Cabinet decision have been called in from these meetings)**

### **15. Notice of Motion Under Standing Order 6**

#### Social Housing Under Threat

Notice of Motion to be Moved by Councillor Miller – Seconded by Councillor Mitchell

That this Council:-

- a) Notes the launch of the SHOUT (Social Housing Under Threat) campaign on 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2014;
- b) Supports SHOUT's agenda to increase 'affordable' housing provision across this Borough (both affordable, Low-Cost Home Ownership and social rented via our Council House Build Programme);
- c) Welcomes this Council's commitment of £18m to deliver 110 new build Council homes and to acquire 100 more as part of its 2015-19 programme, responding to housing need and the impact of the Right-to-Buy (RTB);
- d) Acknowledges the contribution that affordable housing makes to economic growth and the impact that investment in affordable housing has on growing our economy, supporting local businesses/local spend and enhancing jobs and training opportunities for our communities; and
- e) Supports other practical ways of encouraging further investment in Council Housing, including:-

- The removal of the Housing Revenue Account borrowing caps;  
and
- Allowing Councils to determine how they use RTB receipts for the purposes of delivering new homes and reviewing the rules on RTB discounts and eligibility periods.

## 16. Member Pensions

To consider a joint report of the Director of Legal and Governance and the Director Finance, Property and Information Services on Member Pensions. (Copy 'B' attached – A copy of the report is also available for download from the Council's website and is also circulated under cover of letter from the Director of Legal and Governance dated 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2014)



Diana Terris  
Chief Executive

14<sup>th</sup> November, 2014



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