

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

22nd October, 2014

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

Councillors Burgess, Mitchell, Morgan, Richardson, M. Sheard and T. Sheard were also in attendance.

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

Councillor Bruff declared an interest in Minute 111 as her property was in close proximity to one of the sites proposed for allocation in the Local Development Plan.

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

The Leader reported that no decisions from the previous meeting held on 8th October, 2014 had been called-in.

105. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th October, 2014 (Cab.22.10.2014/3)**

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th October, 2014 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

106. **Decisions of Cabinet Spokespersons (Cab.22.10.2014/4)**

It was reported that no decisions had been received.

107. **Petitions Received Under Standing Order 44 (Cab.22.10.2014/5)**

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

108. **Corporate Services Spokesperson – Appropriation of Land for Planning Purposes – Land at Rotherham Road, Lundwood (Cab.22.10.2014/6.1)**

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that approval be given for the appropriation of land at Rotherham Road, Lundwood, as detailed in the plan attached to the report, for planning purposes pursuant to Section 122 Local Government Act 1972 to facilitate the development of land which is currently unmaintained open scrub land;
- (ii) that the Service Director (Designate) Assets be authorised to appropriate the site from Children Young People and Families and Finance Directorates to the Development Directorate for planning purposes, in accordance with the provisions of Section 122 of the Local Government Act 1972; and

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- (iii) that the Director of Legal and Governance be authorised to take all reasonable steps to secure the removal by agreement if possible of any existing rights which could prevent the sites from being developed in the future.

109. **Corporate Services Spokesperson – Increase to the National Minimum Wage (Cab.22.10.2014/6.2)**

RESOLVED that approval be given to delete the minimum point of Grade 1, scale point 5, from the existing 17 grade pay structure, as detailed in Appendices B and C of the report now submitted, with effect from 1st October, 2014.

110. **Corporate Services Spokesperson – Equal Pay Review 2013/14 (Cab.22.10.2014/6.3)**

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the information and findings of the Equal Pay Review for the year 2013/14, as detailed in the report now submitted, be noted;
- (ii) that it be noted that there are no significant equal pay gaps identified in relation to gender, age, disability, ethnicity and religion across the Council; and
- (iii) that it be noted that the overall gender pay gap was significantly less than the gender pay gap for the public sector in Yorkshire and Humber Region and the UK and the gender pay gap for the Borough of Barnsley, across all sectors for the second consecutive year.

111. **Place Spokesperson – Barnsley Local Development Plan – Approval for Consultation (Cab.22.10.2014/7.1)**

The Place Spokesperson presented a report on the proposed consultation draft of the Local Development Plan, which identified the proposed allocation of sites in the Borough. The meeting noted the proposed timetable for consultation and approval of the Local Development Plan to achieve adoption in 2015.

The meeting noted the strategic importance of the Local Development Plan to the Borough, particularly in relation to economic regeneration. Members commented on concerns raised about the proposal for the site at Junction 37 of the M1 and encouraged local people to comment during the consultation period.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that approval be given to consult on the Draft Local Plan for a six week period from early November 2014, as detailed in the report now submitted;

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- (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;
- (iii) that the importance of the Duty to Co-operate and the ongoing need for dialogue with neighbouring authorities, City Region colleagues and other statutory consultees such as the Highways Agency, Environment Agency, Natural England and SYPTE be noted and acknowledged;
- (iv) that the need to release areas of Green Belt to enable Barnsley to achieve an enhanced level of economic activity be recognised and noted; and
- (v) that approval be given to delegate authority to the Executive Director, Development Environment and Culture in consultation with the Place Cabinet Spokesperson to make appropriate editorial amendments to the draft Local Plan and finalise associated supporting documents prior to consultation commencing.

112. **Place Spokesperson – Berneslai Homes Board Recruitment**
(Cab.22.10.2014/7.2)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the tenant ballot be removed from the recruitment process for tenant board members to the Board of Berneslai Homes, as set out in the report now submitted; and
- (ii) that the necessary changes be made to the Company's Articles of Association, in consultation with the Director of Legal and Governance.

113. **Communities Spokesperson – Area Council Terms of Reference**
(Cab.22.10.2014/8.1)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the revised Area Council Terms of Reference, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report now submitted, be approved; and
- (ii) that the Assistant Director Neighbourhoods, Access and Support be authorised to approve the appointment of Ward Alliance members, following consultation with the Elected Members for the Ward concerned.

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114. **Communities Spokesperson – Register of Assets of Community Value (Localism Act 2011, Section 87) (Cab.22.10.2014/8.2)**

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the requirements of the Localism Act 2011 for the Council to maintain a Register of Assets of Community Value be noted; and
- (ii) that the Director of Legal and Governance be authorised to determine future nominations to add land or buildings to the Council's List of Assets of Community Value, subject to:-
 - (i) the consultation of local ward members, the Senior Management Team, the Head of Strategic Property and Procurement and the Area Governance team with regard to each nomination in order to seek their comments; and
 - (ii) in situations where the Director of Legal and Governance considers that the nomination is contentious or of significant local importance, the nomination being referred to the Communities Cabinet Spokesperson for approval.

115. **Communities Spokesperson – Meeting the Needs of People with Physical Disabilities and the Future of the Carlton Centre (Cab.22.10.2014/8.3)**

This item was deferred.

116. **People (Achieving Potential) Spokesperson – Moorland Plastics Supported Business (Cab.22.10.2014/9)**

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the proposals for the future sustainability of the Moorland Plastics supported business, as detailed in the report now submitted, be noted;
- (i) that, following consideration of the options outlined in pages 3-4, paragraph 5.1 of the report, approval be given to adopt Option 5 (to implement an eighteen months decommissioning programme); and
- (iii) that under the approved 'Future Council' structure the responsibility for Moorland Plastics to sit within the Place Directorate.

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Chairman