

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

5th November, 2014

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

Councillors Dures, K. Dyson, Franklin, M. Sheard and T. Sheard were also in attendance.
118. **Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

There were no declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests.
119. **Leader of the Council - Call-In of Cabinet Decisions**

The Leader reported that no decisions from the previous meeting held on 22nd October, 2014 had been called-in.
120. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd October, 2014 (Cab.5.11.2014/3)**

The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd October, 2014 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
121. **Decisions of Cabinet Spokespersons (Cab.5.11.2014/4)**

The Record of Decisions taken by Cabinet Spokespersons under delegated powers during the week ending 24th October, 2014 were noted.
122. **Petitions Received Under Standing Order 44 (Cab.5.11.2014/5)**

It was reported that no petitions had been received under Standing Order 44.
123. **Corporate Services Spokesperson – Corporate Finance Summary – Quarter Ending 30th September, 2014 (Cab.5.11.2014/6.1)**

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the Authority's 2014/15 budget and savings (KLOE) position for the quarter ending 30th September, 2014, as detailed in the report now submitted, be noted;
- (ii) that the budget virements in Appendix 1, of the report now submitted, be noted;
- (iii) that the forecast outturn, including the latest position on the 2014/15 KLOE savings contained within the report, be reviewed within the context of the Future Council planning processes;

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- (iv) that that the one-off balances identified in paragraphs 5.2 to 5.4 of £7.5M be transferred to strategic reserves pending further consideration of the Council's one-off investment needs related to the Town Centre Redevelopment, the Jobs and Growth Plan and other emerging priorities stemming from the work to deliver 'Future Council';
- (v) that approval be given to write off, for accounting purposes, bad debts totalling £210,334 relating to uncollectable income as outlined in paragraph 5.9, noting that efforts will continue to recover the sums owed;
- (vi) that approval be given to establish a prize draw incentive of cash or goods up to the maximum value of £1,000 in relation to the Authority's Direct Debit Campaign (paragraphs 5.10 to 5.12 refer);
- (vii) that further updates be received on the budgetary issues in the Children, Young People and Families Directorate, including a progress report on the Looked After Children Placement and Sufficiency Strategy; and
- (viii) that Executive Directors provide further reports on any other adverse budgetary or performance issues.

124. **Corporate Services Spokesperson – Capital Programme Update – Quarter Ending 30th September, 2014 (Cab.5.11.2014/6.2)**

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the position on the 2014/15 – 2016/17 Capital Programme, as detailed in the report now submitted, be noted;
- (ii) that the variation in scheme costs requiring approval, as shown in Appendix 1 of the report now submitted, amounting to an increase of £1.300M be approved; and
- (iii) that Executive Directors report separately on major capital projects anticipated to exceed budgeted resources.

125. **Corporate Services Spokesperson – Housing Revenue Account 2014/15 Mid-Year Review (Cab.5.11.2014/6.3)**

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the revised Housing Revenue Account 2014/15 estimates, as described in the report now submitted, be approved;
- (ii) that the position on the Working Balance be noted;
- (iii) that the reduction to the Berneslai Homes Management Fee of £1.283M be approved; and

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- (iv) that the use of the Working Balance be dealt with as part of the 2015/16 Housing Revenue Account Budget report.

126. **Place Spokesperson – Local Flood Risk Management Strategy (Cab.5.11.2014/7)**

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that approval be given for consultation on the Council's Local Flood Risk Management Strategy, attached to the report now submitted; and
- (ii) that a report on the outcome of the consultation exercise and the final version of the Strategy be submitted to a future Cabinet meeting.

127. **Communities Spokesperson – Meeting the Needs of People with Physical Disabilities and the Future of the Carlton Centre (Cab.5.11.2014/8)**

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that approval be given to discontinue the block contract for Carlton Resource Centre with the Disabilities Trust and to meet the needs of service users through new support plans and individual budgets, as detailed in the report now submitted;
- (ii) that the Physical Disability Community Team work with the existing service users, their families and providers to plan appropriate alternative services to meet their needs; and
- (iii) that the current contract for the Carlton Centre should continue until the end of January 2015 to allow adequate time for new plans to be put in place following this decision.

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Chairman