

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL SUMMONS

10.30 AM ON THURSDAY 5TH FEBRUARY, 2015 - TOWN HALL, BARNSELY

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL
FROM THE MEETING HELD ON THE 28TH JANUARY, 2015

11 (e)(190) Community Governance Review of the Civil Parish of Brierley

The Leader set out the issues and options available to the Council in concluding its statutory Community Governance Review of Brierley Town Council. The democratic significance of any decision on the future of the Town Council and the importance of letting local Parish residents decide on this issue was recognised.

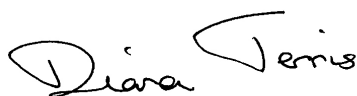
It was proposed that the local community be clearly informed of the implication of choosing either to maintain or abolish the Town Council and that a community vote be undertaken so as to clearly ascertain the preference of local residents.

Should the local community choose to maintain the Town Council then it would be required to take steps to begin to repay the current outstanding loan from the Council. Should they choose to abolish the Town Council, the Council would, in giving effect to that preference, assume any land and property assets of the Town Council and these would be used as a contribution towards the outstanding loan. Existing services funded by the Parish precept would cease.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:-

That the Recommended Outcome of the Review pursuant to the 2007 Act be as follows:

- (i) that Brierley Parish residents be given the opportunity to express their view as to the future of Brierley Town Council and a non statutory community vote on the future of the Town Council be undertaken so as to clearly ascertain the preference of local residents and inform the final decision of the Council;
- (ii) that residents be made clearly aware of the implications of choosing to maintain or abolish the Town Council; and
- (iii) that a report back on the outcome of the community vote be submitted to Council to enable the Council to make a formal decision as to the Outcome of the Review giving due consideration to the expressed preference of local residents



Diana Terris
Chief Executive
30th January 2015