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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 Town Hall, Barnsley at 10.30 a.m. on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2015**

#### **Business**

##### **1. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non Pecuniary Interests**

To receive any declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary interest from Members in respect of the items on this agenda.

##### **2. Suspension of Standing Orders**

To consider suspending Standing Order No. 13(5) in respect of the consideration of the Budget insofar as it relates to restrictions on Members speaking more than once.

##### **3. Cabinet Recommendations to Council**

**Note:** In accordance with the requirements of the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014, a recorded vote will be required to be taken in relation to Items 3 (a) (A) and (B) below.

To consider the following recommendations of the Cabinet Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2015. The Cabinet Spokesperson with the Portfolio for the services in question will respond to any comments or amendments concerning these minutes.

##### **3 (a) (205) Service and Financial Planning 2015/16 – Revenue Budget, Capital Programme and Council Tax**

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

##### **(A) Budget Proposals 2015/16 and 2016/17**

#### **RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL**

- (i) that the budget proposals for all services in 2015/16 and 2016/17, as detailed in Sections 4 and 5 of the report of the Director of Finance, Property and Information Services now submitted, be approved;
- (ii) that the following specific items incorporated within Section 2i (Medium Term Financial Forecast) including for 2015/16 be noted:-
  - (a) Provision for a 2.2% pay award in 2015/16 (covering 2014/15 and 2015/16);

- (b) Provision for inflation in relation to external providers;
  - (c) An adjustment of £500,000 to reflect the provision required for the anticipated revenue costs of existing and new borrowing.
- (iii) that the 2015/16 and 2016/17 base budget adjustments and Phase 1-3 savings proposals outlined at Section 4 and Section 5 be approved for implementation along with any full year effects;
  - (iv) that appropriate action be taken by the Senior Management Team in consultation with the Director HR, Performance and Communications in relation to all the Phase 1-3 savings agreed above;
  - (v) that the total additional funded capital investment of £11.436M as outlined at Section 7 be included within the Capital Programme and funding be released subject to further detailed reports on the proposals for its use;
  - (vi) that the detailed proposals for increases in fees and charges, as set out in Section 8 and included within the budget proposals at Section 4 and Section 5, be agreed;
  - (vii) that Section 10 (Position on Reserves, Provisions and Balances) be noted;
  - (viii) that the report of the Director of Finance, Property and Information Services under Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003 at Section 1 be noted and that the 2015/16 budget proposals be agreed on the basis that the Chief Executive, in liaison with the Director of Finance, Property and Information Services and in consultation with the Senior Management Team, submits for early consideration detailed proposals from the ongoing activity in order that the potential budget gaps in 2016/17, 2017/18 and the longer term be closed;
  - (ix) that the cash limited budgets for each service with overall net expenditure for 2015/16 of £174.686M (see Section 4i) be approved;
  - (x) that the potential cash limited budgets for each service for 2016/17 as set out in Section 4ii and covered in Section 5 with the overall net expenditure for 2016/17 of £164.819M be noted;
  - (xi) that the Budget Overview report and forecast budget positions for 2015/16 to 2017/18 contained in Section 2i (Medium Term Financial Forecast) be noted and monitored as part of the arrangements for the delivery of the Future Council;

- (xii) that the Director of Finance, Property and Information Services, in liaison with the Chief Executive and SMT as appropriate, be required to submit reports into Cabinet, as a matter of urgency, in relation to the detailed General Fund Revenue Budget for 2015/16, including recommendations on any action further to that set out above required to achieve an appropriately balanced budget for that financial year;
- (xiii) that the Director of Finance, Property and Information Services and SMT be responsible for managing their respective budgets including ensuring the implementation of Phase 1-3 savings;
- (xix) that the Director of Finance, Property and Information Services and SMT be required to submit regular reports as necessary on the implementation of proposals into Cabinet as a matter of urgency to resolve any outstanding issues in relation to their budgets and deal with any consequential effects;
- (xv) that the Authority's Senior Management Team be charged with ensuring that the budget remains in balance and report regularly into Cabinet on budget/ savings monitoring including any action required;
- (xvi) that the Cabinet be authorised to make any necessary technical adjustments to form the 2015/16 budget;
- (xvii) that appropriate consultation on the agreed budget proposals takes place with the Trade Unions and representatives of Non Domestic Ratepayers and that the views of consultees be considered by Cabinet and the Council; and
- (xviii) that the budget papers be submitted for the consideration of the whole Council.

**(B) Council Tax 2015/16**

**RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL**

- (i) that the contents of Section 9 (2015/16 Council Tax calculation) of the report of the Director of Finance, Property and Information Services now submitted, be noted;
- (ii) that the Council Tax Collection Fund net surplus as at 31st March 2014 relating to BMBC of £1.615M be used to reduce the 2015/16 Council Tax requirement, in line with statute;
- (iii) that the 2015/16 Band D Council Tax increase for Barnsley MBC's services be set at 1.9%;
- (iv) that the Band D Council Tax for Barnsley MBC's areas be determined following confirmation of the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner and South Yorkshire Fire Authority precepts for 2015/16; and

- (v) that the Band D Council Tax for areas of the Borough with Parish/Town Councils be determined following confirmation of individual parish precepts for 2015/16.

**Note:** with regard to recommendations (iv) & (v) of item 3(a)(B) above, the precepts for the Police and Crime Commissioner for the South Yorkshire Police area, the South Yorkshire Fire Authority and for Parish/Town Councils will be circulated as soon as they are received.

3 (b) (206) Redundancy Compensation and Procedures 2015/16

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

**RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL**

- (i) that for the purpose of the 2015/2016 budgetary procedures, payments in accordance with the Discretionary Compensation Regulations 2006 be up to a maximum of 30 weeks actual pay based on the Statutory Redundancy Scheme; and
- (ii) that any employee (excluding Teachers) declared redundant be afforded the maximum of 12 weeks notice of termination of employment.

3 (c) (207) Treasury Management Policy and Strategy Statement 2015/16

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**RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL**

- (i) that the main treasury management policies, as outlined in the Treasury Policy Statement, attached as Annex A of the report now submitted, be noted; and
- (ii) that the Treasury Strategy Statement for 2015/16 (Annex B), be approved, including:-
- (a) the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement at Appendix E; and
- (b) the Annual Investment Strategy for 2015/16.

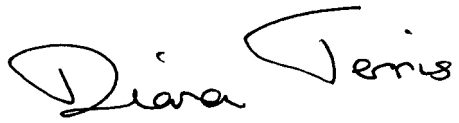
3 (d) (208) Prudential Framework and Indicators 2015/16

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**RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL**

- (i) that the Prudential Indicators, as detailed in Appendix B to the report now submitted, be approved for the financial year 2015/16 to 2017/18; and

- (ii) that further monitoring reports be submitted on the indicators during the year as necessary.



Diana Terris  
Chief Executive



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