

BARNSELEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

22nd April, 2015

263. **Present:** Councillors Houghton (Chairman), Andrews, Bruff, Tim Cheetham, Gardiner, Howard, Miller and Platts.
- Councillors K. Dyson, Franklin, Morgan, M. Sheard, T. Sheard and Shepherd were also in attendance.
264. **Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**
- There was no declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests.
265. **Leader of the Council - Call-In of Cabinet Decisions**
- The Leader reported that no decisions from the previous meeting held on 25th March, 2015 had been called-in.
266. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th March, 2015 (Cab.22.4.2015/3)**
- The minutes of the meeting held on 25th March, 2015 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
267. **Department for Education (DfE) Review of Children's Services**
- The People (Safeguarding) Spokesperson and Executive Director People reported on a recent DfE review of the progress of Children's Services since the suspension of the Ofsted Improvement Notice and the very positive progress that this had identified.
- RESOLVED** that the report be noted and Cabinet's congratulations to the staff involved in achieving this position be placed on record.
268. **Decisions of Cabinet Spokespersons (Cab.22.4.2015/4)**
- The Record of Decisions taken by Cabinet Spokespersons under delegated powers during the weeks ending 3rd April, 2015 were noted.
269. **Petitions Received Under Standing Order 44 (Cab.22.4.2015/5)**
- It was reported that no petitions had been received under Standing Order 44.
270. **Cabinet Spokesperson Without Portfolio– Appointment to the Parks for People Project Steering Group (Cab.22.4.2015/6)**
- RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL ON 4TH JUNE, 2015** that approval be given to the appointment of a Member representative to the Parks for People Project Steering Group.

CABINET**22nd April, 2015****271. Corporate Spokesperson – Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Policy (Cab.22.4.2015/7)**

RESOLVED that approval be given to implement the changes to the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Policy, as detailed in the report now submitted.

272. Place Spokesperson – Proposed Demolition of 1-37 (Odds Only) Beaver Street, Goldthorpe (Cab.22.4.2015/8.1)**RESOLVED:-**

- (i) that authority be given to enter into negotiations with property owners at 1-37 Beaver Street, Goldthorpe to acquire properties for the purposes of clearance and re-development. Property owners and any qualifying tenants will be eligible for compensation in line with the Land Compensation Act 1979, plus a disturbance/enhanced disturbance payment in line with existing decant policies;
- (ii) that the Council offer a compensation package to property owners (not residing at the property as their main or principal homes - e. g. a landlord/Investor) which is consistent with compensation offered via a Compulsory Purchase route - market value plus 7.5% as a "home loss" payment;
- (iii) that the Council gives authorisation to pursue acquisition via a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO), should acquisition via negotiation not be possible;
- (iv) that £1m Empty Homes Cluster Funding (£1m, which is the BMBC match element of the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) bid via the Housing Capital Programme – approved via Cab.23.5.2012/9.2) be ring-fenced to the acquisition and clearance programme at Beaver Street;
- (v) that 2015/16 funding available for Empty Homes Grants (under the DCLG Goldthorpe Clusters Programme) be prioritised to assist property owners wishing to accept a Property Swap in lieu of the property ring-fenced for clearance, the grant to be made available for repairs and improvement works ONLY, and not to bridge any shortfall in property values between an existing and potential property swap dwelling; and
- (vi) that to improve the housing offer and wider environment in and around the central Goldthorpe area in the long term, further consideration be given to pursuing additional property clearance and redevelopment within this area of Central Goldthorpe.

CABINET**22nd April, 2015****273. Place Spokesperson – Barnsley Transport Strategy (Cab.22.4.2015/8.2)**

RESOLVED that approval be given to the Barnsley Transport Strategy 2014-2033, as set out in Appendix A of the report now submitted.

274. Communities Spokesperson – Barnsley Deferred Payments Scheme (Cab.22.4.2015/9)

RESOLVED that approval be given to implement the Deferred Payments Scheme Policy as part of the requirements of the Care Act 2014, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report submitted.

275. People (Achieving Potential) Spokesperson – Peer Review of the Barnsley Youth Offending Team (Cab.22.4.2015/10)

RESOLVED that the purpose of the proposed Youth Offending Team (YOT) Peer Review and the benefits to be gained in the continuous improvement of the service, as set out in the report now submitted, be noted.

276. Exclusion of the Public and Press

RESOLVED that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items, because of the likely disclosure of exempt information as described by the specific paragraphs of Part I, of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as follows:-

<u>Item Number</u>	<u>Type of Information Likely to be Disclosed</u>
277	Paragraph 3
278	Paragraph 3

277. Corporate Services Spokesperson – Proposed Disposal of the Dearne Enterprise Centre, Barnburgh Lane, Goldthorpe to Phoenix Futures (Cab.22.4.2015/12.1)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the Director of Finance, Assets and Information Services be authorised to dispose of the Dearne Enterprise Centre, Barnburgh Lane, Goldthorpe, property to Phoenix Futures, subject to the Council taking a lease back of part of the premises and having an option to repurchase the property during the first 20-years of ownership by Phoenix Futures, as detailed in the report now submitted;
- (ii) that the Service Director Assets be authorised to finalise Heads of Terms for the proposed disposal, lease back and repurchase option arrangements;

CABINET

22nd April, 2015

- (iii) that the Director of Legal and Governance be authorised to complete the transactions based on those terms agreed; and
- (iv) that authority be given to release the balance of the capital funding to Phoenix Futures on completion of the sale and lease back agreement.

(Note: In accordance with Part 2, Paragraph 5(6) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee had given approval for the above item to be considered at a private meeting of Cabinet where it had not been possible to give 28 days notice.)

278. Corporate Services Spokesperson – NPS Barnsley Ltd Business Plan and Barnsley Norse Business Plan 2015-16 (Cab.22.4.2015/12.2)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the NPS Barnsley Business Plan, attached at Appendix B of the report now submitted, be approved, subject to consultations with Scrutiny and other stakeholders;
- (ii) that the Barnsley Norse Business Plan, attached at Appendix C of the report submitted, be approved, subject to consultations with Scrutiny and other stakeholders; and
- (iii) that the Service Director Assets, in consultation with the Cabinet Spokesperson for Corporate Services be authorised to approve any final amendments or additions to the NPS Barnsley Business Plan and Barnsley Norse Business Plan that are required following any consultations.

.....
Chairman