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MEETING:	Full Council
DATE:	Thursday, 24 September 2015
TIME:	10.30 am
VENUE:	Council Chamber, Barnsley Town Hall

AGENDA

1. Declarations of Personal Interests

To receive any declarations of interest of a personal nature from Members in respect of the items on this agenda.

2. Suspension of Standing Orders

To consider suspending Standing Order 13(5) in respect of the following presentation only (Item 3 refers) insofar as it relates to restrictions on Members speaking more than once.

3. External Annual Governance Report - Presentation

The Council will receive a presentation from the External Auditor on the External Annual Governance Report.

Members will have the opportunity to question the External Auditor and the Director of Finance, Assets and Information Services (in her capacity as the Section 151 officer).

4. Audit Committee Minutes - 18th September, 2015 (*To Follow*)

5. External Audit Annual Governance Report 2014/15

To consider the External Auditor's Annual Governance Report for 2014/15 (A copy of the report is available for download from the Council's website and is also circulated under cover of a letter from the Chief Executive dated 16th September, 2015)

6. Final Annual Governance Statement 2014/15

To consider a report of the Director of Legal and Governance and Director of Finance, Assets and Information Services on the Final Annual Governance Statement 2014/15 (A copy of the report is available for download from the Council's website and is also circulated under cover of a letter from the Chief Executive dated 16th September, 2015)

7. Minutes (*Pages 5 - 12*)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 30th July, 2015.

8. Communications

To consider any communications to be submitted by the Mayor or the Chief Executive.

9. Questions by Elected Members

To consider any questions which may have been received from Elected Members and which are asked pursuant to Standing Order No. 10.

10. Questions relating to Joint Authority, Police and Crime Panel and Combined Authority Business

Minutes of the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority, Sheffield City Region Combined Authority, and Police and Crime Panel

11. Police and Crime Panel - 29th June, 2015 *(Pages 13 - 20)*

12. South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority - 27th July, 2015 *(Pages 21 - 28)*

13. Sheffield City Region Combined Authority - 3rd August, 2015 *(Pages 29 - 34)*

Minutes of the Regulatory Boards

14. General Licensing Panel - 21st July, 2015 *(Pages 35 - 38)*

15. Planning Regulatory Board - 28th July, 2015 *(Pages 39 - 40)*

16. Appeals, Awards and Standards - 3rd September, 2015 *(Pages 41 - 42)*

17. General Licensing Regulatory Board - 9th September, 2015 *(Pages 43 - 46)*

Minutes of the Health and Wellbeing Board

18. Health and Wellbeing Board - 11th August, 2015 *(Pages 47 - 52)*

Minutes of the Scrutiny Committees

19. Overview and Scrutiny Committee - 1st September, 2015 *(Pages 53 - 60)*

20. Safeguarding Scrutiny Committee - 15th September, 2015 *(To Follow)*

Minutes of the Area Councils

21. Dearne Area Council - 27th July, 2015 *(Pages 61 - 64)*

22. North Area Council - 27th July, 2015 *(Pages 65 - 70)*

23. North East Area Council - 30th July, 2015 *(Pages 71 - 76)*

24. Penistone Area Council - 3rd September, 2015 (Pages 77 - 80)
25. South Area Council - 4th September, 2015 (Pages 81 - 86)
26. Central Area Council - 7th September, 2015 (Pages 87 - 92)

Report for Consideration

27. Brierley Town Council Abolition - Community Governance Review

To consider a joint report of the Director of Legal and Governance and the Director of Finance, Assets and Information Services on the next steps in the making of an order for the abolition of Brierley Town Council. (A copy of the report is available for download from the Council's website and is also circulated under cover of a letter from the Chief Executive dated 16th September, 2015)

Changes to Council Representation

28. Appointment to Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Planning Regulatory Board

Proposed – Councillor A Gollick to be appointed to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Planning Regulatory Board.

Recommendations to Council

All reports detailed below are subject to Cabinet recommendation and are available to download from the Council's website. The Cabinet Spokesperson for the Service in question will respond to any comments or amendments concerning these minutes.

29. Proposal to Increase Member Representation on the Member Development Working Party (Cab.29.7.2015/6)

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:-

- (i) that approval be given to increase representation on the Member Development Working Party from 7 to 10 members; and
- (ii) that the additional members include the Cabinet Support Member without Portfolio and two of the new members elected in 2014 and/or 2015, to be selected at the Council meeting on 24th September, 2015.

30. Appointment to Outside Bodies - Shaw Lands Trust (Cab.26.8.2015/6)

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL that approval be given to the appointment of two representatives as Trustees to the Shaw Lands Trust for a three year term.

31. Proposed Amendments to Appeals Against Dismissal (Cab.9.9.2015/10)

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:-

- (i) that with effect from 1st October, 2015, the requirement for appeals against dismissal to be heard by a panel of Elected Members, as set out in the report submitted, be ceased;
- (ii) that with effect from 1st October, 2015, appeals against dismissal from employment should be heard by a panel of officers consisting of the Director of Legal and Governance; the Director of Human Resources, Performance and Communications; together with an Executive Director who has no prior involvement with the appeal be considered; and
- (iii) that appeals against the dismissal of the Chief Executive Officer, Monitoring Officer or Section 151 Officer be dealt with in accordance with The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2015.

Minutes of the Cabinet Meetings

- 32. Cabinet Meeting - 29th July, 2015 (*Pages 93 - 96*)
- 33. Cabinet Meeting - 26th August, 2015 (*Pages 97 - 100*)
- 34. Cabinet Meeting - 9th September, 2015 (*Pages 101 - 104*)

(NB. No Cabinet decisions have been called in from these meetings)

Schedule of Declarations - copy attached



Diana Terris
Chief Executive

Wednesday, 16 September 2015

MEETING:	Full Council
DATE:	Thursday, 30 July 2015
TIME:	10.30 am
VENUE:	Council Chamber, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present

The Mayor (Councillor Mathers)

- Central Ward - Councillors D. Birkinshaw, Bruff and M. Dyson
- Cudworth Ward - Councillors Hayward, Houghton CBE and C. Wraith MBE
- Darfield Ward - Councillors Coates, Markham and Saunders
- Darton East Ward - Councillors Miller and Spence
- Darton West Ward - Councillors Burgess, Cave and Howard
- Dearne North Ward - Councillors Gardiner and Worton
- Dearne South Ward - Councillors Noble and Sixsmith MBE
- Dodworth Ward - Councillors P. Birkinshaw, J. Carr and Riggs
- Hoyland Milton Ward - Councillors Franklin, Shepherd and Stowe
- Kingstone Ward - Councillors D. Green, Mitchell and Williams
- Monk Bretton Ward - Councillors S. Green, Richardson and Sheard
- North East Ward - Councillors Ennis, Hampson and Higginbottom
- Old Town Ward - Councillors Cherryholme, Davies and Grundy
- Penistone East Ward - Councillors Barnard, Hand-Davis and Wilson
- Penistone West Ward - Councillor Unsworth
- Rockingham Ward - Councillors Andrews BEM and Dures
- Royston Ward - Councillors Clements and Makinson
- St. Helen's Ward - Councillors Leech, Platts and Tattersall
- Stairfoot Ward - Councillors K. Dyson and Johnson
- Wombwell Ward - Councillors Frost, Morgan and R. Wraith
- Worsbrough Ward - Councillors G. Carr, Clarke and Pourali

27. Mr M Farran - Executive Director Communities

Councillor Sir Steve Houghton CBE, Leader of the Council, informed Members of the Council that this would be the last meeting attended by Mr M Farran (Executive Director Communities) prior to his leaving the Council to take up a position with York City Council. He paid tribute to his hard work and dedication to the Council over a number of years and he wished him well for the future.

The Cabinet Spokesperson for Communities, the Leaders of all political groups and several other members asked to be associated with these remarks and gave their own personal testament and thanks to him for the work he had done whilst being employed by the Council.

28. Declarations of Personal Interests

Councillor Ennis declared a non pecuniary interest in Minute No 64 'Notice of Motion – Brierley Town Council Community Governance Review' being a council tax payer in the area.

29. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th June, 2015 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

30. Communications

Barnsley Youth Choir

The Director of Legal and Governance, on behalf of the Chief Executive, was pleased to report that the Barnsley Youth choir had recently represented Great Britain at the European Choir Games in Magdeburg, Germany and won three Gold Medals in the Jazz and Pop Section, the Gospel and Spiritual Section and the Grand Prix of Nations.

Unfortunately no one was able to be present from the Choir in the Council Chamber this morning because of the school holidays. This was, however, a fantastic and outstanding achievement. Barnsley's young people had not only made Barnsley proud but had made Great Britain proud.

The Mayor and Members of the Council expressed, in the usual manner, their congratulations to all involved in this excellent achievement.

31. Questions by Elected Members

The Director of Legal and Governance, on behalf of the Chief Executive, reported that he had received no questions from Elected Members in accordance with Standing Order No.11.

32. Questions relating to Joint Authority, Police and Crime Panel and Combined Authority Business

The Director of Legal and Governance, on behalf of the Chief Executive, reported that he had received no questions from Elected Members in accordance with Standing Order No 12.

33. Sheffield City Region Combined Authority held on 15th May, 2015

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

34. Sheffield City Region Combined Authority (Draft) - 22nd June, 2015

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

35. South Yorkshire Pensions Authority (AGM) (Draft) held on 11th June, 2015

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

36. South Yorkshire Pensions Authority (Ordinary Meeting) (Draft) held on 11th June, 2015

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

37. South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority (AGM) (Draft) held on 29th June, 2015

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

38. South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority (Ordinary Meeting) (Draft) held on 29th June, 2015

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

39. Planning Regulatory Board held on 2nd June, 2015

Moved by Councillor D Birkinshaw – Seconded by Councillor Cherryholme; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Planning Regulatory Board held on 2nd June, 2015 be received.

40. Audit Committee held on 10th June, 2015

Moved by Councillor Richardson – Seconded by Councillor Clements; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Audit Committee held on 10th June, 2015 be received.

41. Planning Regulatory Board held on 30th June, 2015

Moved by Councillor D Birkinshaw – Seconded by Councillor R Wraith; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Planning Regulatory Board held on 30th June, 2015 be received.

42. General Licensing Regulatory Board held on 1st July, 2015

Moved by Councillor C Wraith MBE – Seconded by Councillor S Green; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the General Licensing Regulatory Board held on 1st July, 2015 be received.

43. Audit Committee held on 22nd July, 2015

Moved by Councillor Richardson – Seconded by Councillor Clements; and

RESOLVED that the minutes now submitted of the proceedings of the Audit Committee held on 22nd July, 2015 be received.

44. General Licensing Panel held on 23rd June, 2015

Moved by Councillor C Wraith MBE – Seconded by Councillor Worton; and

RESOLVED that the details of the proceedings of the General Licensing Regulatory Board Panel held on 23rd June, 2015 be received.

45. Statutory Licensing Sub Committee held on 2nd July, 2015

Moved by Councillor C Wraith MBE – Seconded by Councillor Johnson; and

RESOLVED that the details of the proceedings of the Statutory Licensing Regulatory Planning Regulatory Board Sub Committee held on 2nd July, 2015 be received.

46. Appeals, Awards and Standards - Various

Moved by Councillor Leech – Seconded by Councillor Sheard; and

RESOLVED that the details of the various Appeals, Awards and Standards Regulatory Board Panels held in the last cycle of meetings together with their decisions be received.

47. Health and Wellbeing Board held on 9th June, 2015

Moved by Councillor Sir Steve Houghton CBE – Seconded by Councillor Platts; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Health and Well Being Board held on 9th June, 2015 be received.

48. Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 9th June, 2015

Moved by Councillor Ennis – Seconded by Councillor Sixsmith MBE; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 9th June, 2015 be received.

49. Safeguarding Scrutiny Committee held on 14th July, 2015

Moved by Councillor Worton – Seconded by Councillor C Wraith MBE; and

RESOLVED that the minutes now submitted of the proceedings of the Safeguarding Scrutiny Committee held on 14th July, 2015 be received.

50. Dearne Area Council held on 1st June, 2015

Moved by Councillor Noble – Seconded by Councillor Gardiner; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Dearne Area Council held on 1st June, 2015 be received.

51. North Area Council held on 1st June, 2015

Moved by Councillor Burgess – Seconded by Councillor Leech; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the North Area Council held on 1st June, 2015 be received.

52. North East Area Council held on 11th June, 2015

Moved by Councillor Hayward – Seconded by Councillor C Wraith MBE; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the North East Area Council held on 11th June, 2015 be received.

53. Penistone Area Council held on 18th June, 2015

Moved by Councillor Barnard – Seconded by Councillor Unsworth; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Penistone Area Council held on 18th June, 2015 be received.

54. South Area Council held on 26th June, 2015

Moved by Councillor Stowe – Seconded by Councillor Frost; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the South Area Council held on 26th June, 2015 be received.

55. Central Area Council held on 26th July, 2015

Moved by Councillor Bruff – Seconded by Councillor Johnson; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Central Area Council held on 26th June, 2015 be received.

56. Appointment to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and General Licensing Regulatory Board

In accordance with Standing Order 13 (9) an amendment was:

Moved by Councillor Howard – Seconded by Councillor Cave; and

RESOLVED that the following changes to the appointment of representatives to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and General Licensing Regulatory Board be approved:

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Add Councillor Mitchell
Delete Councillor K Dyson

General Licensing Regulatory Board

Add Councillor M Dyson
Delete Councillor K Dyson

57. Appointment to Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)

Moved by Councillor Howard – Seconded by Councillor Cave; and

RESOLVED that Councillors Cherryholme and Williams be appointed to the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE).

58. Council Nomination to Berneslai Homes Board

Moved by Councillor Howard – Seconded by Councillor Cave; and

RESOLVED that approval be given to the nomination of Councillor Pourali to the Berneslai Homes board to replace former Councillor T Sheard.

59. Appointment to Sheffield City Region Audit Committee

Moved by Councillor Howard – Seconded by Councillor Cave; and

RESOLVED that approval be given to the appointment of Councillors Ennis and P Birkinshaw as Barnsley MBC's representatives on the Sheffield City Region Audit Committee.

60. Appointment of representative to the Dearne Valley Landscape Partnership

Moved by Councillor Howard – Seconded by Councillor Cave; and

RESOLVED that approval be given to the appointment of Councillor Noble to the Dearne Valley Landscape Partnership Board.

61. Cabinet Meeting held on 3rd June, 2015

Moved by Councillor Sir Steve Houghton CBE – Seconded by Councillor Andrews BEM; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Cabinet held on 3rd June, 2015 be received (with the exception of the following Minutes which were approved by the Council on the 4th June, 2015):

- Minute (7) - Scheme of Members Allowances 2015/16 – Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel; and
- Minute (8) – The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (amendment) Regulations 2015

62. Cabinet Meeting held on 29th June, 2015

Moved by Councillor Sir Steve Houghton CBE – Seconded by Councillor Andrews BEM; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Cabinet held on 29th June, 2015 be received.

63. Cabinet Meeting held on 15th July, 2015

Moved by Councillor Sir Steve Houghton CBE – Seconded by Councillor Andrews BEM; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Cabinet held on 15th July, 2015 be received.

64. Brierley Town Council Community Governance Review

A Notice of Motion under Standing Order No 6 was:

Moved by Councillor Sir Steve Houghton CBE – Seconded by Councillor Andrews BEM; and

RESOLVED

- (i) The Council notes its decision of 5th February, 2015, that Brierley Parish residents be given the opportunity to express their view as to the future of Brierley Town Council in a non-statutory community vote to inform the final decision of the Council;
- (ii) The Council notes the outcome of the community vote held in week commencing 13th July 2015, on the question “Should the Parish of Brierley and Brierley Town Council continue to exist?” as follows:
 - Yes votes: 202
 - No votes: 983
 - Spoilt: 2
 - Total cast: 1,187

- Turnout: 21% (based on an electorate of 5,614)
- (iii) That accordingly officers be instructed to work with Brierley Town Council to bring forward a detailed report on the making of an order for the abolition of the Town Council and Civil Parish of Brierley and the strategy, key actions and timetable for achieving this; and
- (iv) That an undertaking be sought from Brierley Town Council that it will not, in the meantime, take any decisions that have any material impact, either financially or in policy terms, on the position of the Town Council.

POLICE AND CRIME PANEL
Monday, 29th June, 2015

Present:-

Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council:-

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Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council:-

Councillor C. McGuinness

Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council:-

Councillor Emma Walls

Councillor Caven Vines

Sheffield City Council:-

Councillor Jenny Armstrong

Councillor Isobel Bowler

Councillor Joe Otten

Co-opted Member:-

Mr. Alan Carter

Apologies for absence were received from:-

Councillor John Campbell, Sheffield City Council

Councillor Martin Dyson, Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council

Councillor Alan Jones, Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council

J1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2015/16

Resolved:- That Councillor Isobel Bowler be appointed Chair for the 2015/16 Municipal Year.

(Councillor Bowler in the Chair)

J2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2015/16

Resolved:- That Councillor Emma Wallis be appointed Vice-Chair for the 2015/16 Municipal Year).

J3. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

3.1 A member of the public asked the following questions:-

“How can effectiveness of this scrutiny panel be improved and how can transparency with the public and community groups throughout South Yorkshire be enhanced?”

Very few people were aware of the Panel and interested in attending. The membership of the Panel had change at a very rapid rate leading to confusion as to who was on the Panel and whether sufficiently up to speed.

Alan Carter was the only remaining independent person on the Panel so the independent voice was depleted at the moment and it was hoped that the second post could be resurrected.

The webcasting of the meeting was welcomed.”

3.2 The Chair agreed with the importance of focussed scrutiny and also that representatives were much more effective when they had been on a Panel for a while. It was hoped that the Panel’s membership would now stabilise.

The webcasting of meetings was a good step forward together with the website which would be kept up-to-date

Action: Engagement to be explored at a future meeting.

3.3 Deborah Fellowes, Scrutiny Manager, confirmed that there was a vacancy for an independent co-optee Panel member. The recruitment process had commenced some time ago but for numerous reasons had been stalled. Now that the elections were over and the Panel had its full complement of Local Authority members it was hoped to resume the process as a matter of priority.

Action: Chair, Vice-Chair and Alan Carter to take recruitment forward - Immediate.

J4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 19TH MARCH, 2015

4.1 Consideration was given to the minutes of the previous meeting of the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel held on 19th March, 2015.

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th March, 2015, be approved for signature by the Chair.

4.2 Arising from Minute No. J35, it was noted that the previously circulated financial information would be recirculated due to the number of new Panel members.

Action: Deborah Fellowes, Scrutiny Manager - Immediate

4.3 Arising from Minute No. J37 (Putting Safety First), it was reported that the Police and Crime Commissioner had provided the independent co-optee information on the Independent Ethics Panel. However, it would be helpful to hav einformation on their work.

Action: Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC)to provide Independent Ethics Panel work plan - Immediate

4.4 An invitation had also been extended to Panel members to visit Atlas Court, the home of the “101” number.

Action: OPCC and Deborah Fellowes to liaise with regard to arrangements for a visit, before the next meeting

J5. INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW BY THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

5.1 Consideration was given to the report presented by the Police and Crime Commissioner which detailed the role and responsibilities of the Commissioner, a summary of his Police and Crime Plan, Putting Safety First, and information on the Performance Framework being used to measure performance against the Plan.

The report also set out the last position in relation to the legacy issues facing South Yorkshire Police.

5.2 In particular, Dr. Billings highlighted:-

- Cultural change
The Police Force needed to move to a better way of measuring what they did – outcomes rather than targets. It was a big change in the way of working and would take time
- Challenges facing the Police
As with the public sector, there were enormous challenges facing the Police Force and it was known that the period of austerity measures would continue. The forthcoming emergency budget may have an impact on budgets
- Hillsborough Inquests
The Commissioner had a legal obligation to support both the current Chief Constable and 8 former and servicing Police Officers who had been granted ‘interested person’ status and called to give evidence at the inquests. Up to the end of the 2014/15 financial year, the costs were approximately £16M+. A submission had been made to the Home Secretary for a special grant to cover the costs; £10.7M had been awarded leaving a gap to be funded by South Yorkshire Police. Unless agreement was reached between South Yorkshire Police, the Home Office and the legal office, there would be more costs that would fall onto the Police Force
- Orgreave
The Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) had declined to investigate the events at Orgreave but had implied that there should be an inquiry which the Government should fund. If there was an inquiry, the costs must not fall onto South Yorkshire Police budget

- Child Sexual Exploitation
A number of Police Officers had been referred to the IPCC. There were ongoing negotiations by the National Crime Agency and the IPCC. The Commissioner had commissioned Professor John Drew to lead an independent review of South Yorkshire Police's handling of reports of child sexual exploitation across all 4 districts. He would be working across the region from September to the end of December, 2015
- Engagement with the wider public/community
The Commissioner attended numerous meetings with the Chief Constable and Senior Command Team as well as with Police Officers and PCSOs.

Communication with the public was via the media, website, letters etc. and attendance at meetings

5.3 Issues raised following the presentation included:-

- Hillsborough – The costs also included the archives for the inquests. The legal representation was for those most likely to be in jeopardy for the statement they had made at the inquests. Negotiations were ongoing with regard to the costs
- Referral of Police Officers to the IPCC – the Force picked up the costs if there was an investigation
- Terms of Reference for the Independent Review by Professor Drew – there had been a press release containing a summary. Once signed off, they would be published on the website
- Vulnerability was a priority for the Force in its widest sense of the word and Police Officers asked to push the boundary of what they understood as “vulnerable” and its many definitions
- The IPCC's decision was awaited as to whether the referred Police Officers were to be investigated or not
- Consideration was still being given as to how to consult with the public on the Performance Framework

5.4 Action:- The OPCC report on the new Performance Framework, September Meeting

5.5 Action:- That Panel members receive general training on performance management to enable them to gain an understanding and ability to comment on the Framework. Deborah Fellowes to liaise with OPCC to agree date and format

J6. BUDGET UPDATE

6.1 Alan Rainford, Chief Finance and Commissioning Officer, presented a report detailing the Police and Crime Commissioner's 2015/16 budget.

He drew attention to the following issues:-

- £9.6M reduction in Government funding compared to 2014/15 but still the requirement to make sufficient budget provision (£8M) for the effect of price inflation, pay awards and the planned resources required to address the heightened emphasis given to Protecting Vulnerable People
- £17.4M had had to be found to balance the 2015/16 budget – made up of a combination of savings and additional income
- Net revenue budget of £240M of which 85% represented employees costs
- Increased collaboration working – strategic partnership formed with Humberside Police to deliver services particular support and back office services
- £27.4M Capital Programme 2015/16 comprised of 3 key elements:
 - Ensuring equipment was replaced at the most efficient time in its lifetime in line with the agreed Asset Management Strategy, Information Systems Strategy and Vehicle Fleet Strategy
 - Ensuring the estate was fit for purpose and sustainable and developed in accordance with the Commissioner's Accommodation Strategy
 - Supporting and investing in new technology which would allow the Force to deliver a better service at reduced cost
- £11M of Reserves utilised to support the investment in Capital schemes for the 2015/16 budget
- Cost of legacy issues – an assumption had been made when determining the budget and precept for 2015/16 that all costs associated with the Hillsborough inquests would be offset by Home Office Special Grant. There remained a risk that the level of Special Grant may fall well below the level of expenditure incurred and the available reserves may not be sufficient to meet the cost
- Reserves could not be allowed to fall below £5M
- The budget would be updated to reflect the emergency budget and the Spending Review when it was released later in the year

6.2 Discussion ensued on the report with the following raised/clarified:-

- The Chief Constable's budget did receive contributions from other funding sources but any awards of funding had to be agreed by the Police and Crime Commissioner
- Letters were being drafted to the lawyers and the Home Office explaining South Yorkshire Police's position with regard to the costs of the Hillsborough inquests and the position going forward
- The Home Office Circular set out in broad terms provision of financial assistance to those officers involved in legal proceedings. However, the Home Office had not envisaged anything of the size of the Hillsborough inquests. The Circular gave the presumption in favour of financial assistance to those officers involved in legal proceedings until they were seen to have acted in bad faith or unreasonable judgement in their duties. At no point did the Circular define what "reasonable costs" were in terms of financial assistance and guidance had been sought from the Home Office on what was reasonable e.g. hourly rate, types of costs. A recommendation from the cost review commissioned by the Commissioner's Office was that the Home Office Circular was not fit for purpose and suggested that they might want to amend it to make clear what "reasonable costs" meant
- A large proportion of the Capital Programme was going into IT schemes which produced short term savings
- Although South Yorkshire Police was not alone in facing financial pressures, its situation was more critical given the legacy issues. It was not known what it meant for the Police Force but, if there was less funding, it may be that certain services had to be stopped altogether or done more efficiently

6.3 Action: That the OPCC submit quarterly budget updates highlighting any budget pressures. First report to the September meeting

6.4 Action: That the OPCC include business planning around the Capital Programme in the next budget update

J7. UPDATE ON THE OPERATION THE COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

7.1 Consideration was given to a report of the Legal Adviser which provided an update on the handling of complaints received against the Police and Crime Commissioner.

It was clarified that the 3 complaints referred to the former Police and Crime Commissioner.

Since the previous meeting the following matters had been considered:-

1. A complaint about the way the Commissioner had dealt with racist and homophobic complaints.
2. Complaints from 1 complainant in relation to a possible conflict of interest of the Commissioner and also a complaint about how the former Commissioner completed his register of interests and a further complaint relating to expenditure on security for the former Commissioner's house
3. A complaint that the Commissioner did not reply to the complainant for 80 days.

7.2 The Legal Adviser had also received a further 6 complaints in relation to routine policing issues which had been referred to the Police as appropriate.

7.3 The IPCC had recently notified the Legal Adviser that it did not intend to investigate the 3 complaints relating to the former Commissioner as the letters did not provide any actual evidence to support the claim that the previous Commissioner had committed a criminal offence.

7.4 Discussion ensued on:-

- the Panel's role in dealing with complaints about the former Commissioner
- role of the Panel in those complaints not resolved by the IPCC
- the Panel's role in resolving complaints
- should all complaints and their responses be submitted to the Panel
- all meetings were now to be webcast so caution must be exercised if reporting an individual's complaint(s)
- possible revised procedure for handling complaints incorporating receipt of complaint, opportunity for Commissioner's Office to respond, Chair and Vice to review and submission to Panel once a resolution had been reached

7.5 Action:- That the Legal Adviser ensures the letter from the IPCC regarding the former Police and Crime Commissioner (subject to IPCC consent) be made available on the PCP's website - Immediate

7.6 Action:- That the Legal Adviser submit a revised procedure for handling complaints taking into consideration the points raised at the meeting - September meeting

J8. MEMBER REMUNERATION

8.1 Consideration was given to a report of the Legal Adviser on the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel of Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council in relating to allowances payable to members of the Panel.

That the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 required Councils to review the remuneration for members. The Panel had also requested that the Council review the allowances paid to Police and Crime Panel members.

8.2 Upon the establishment of the Panel, an allowance for each member of £920 was budgeted for by Central Government. This amount was no longer 'ringfenced' but formed part of the overall budget for the Panel.

The Independent Remuneration Panel had considered the allowance and decided that there should be no change in the amount paid to members.

Resolved:- That the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel be approved.

J9. GOOD PRACTICE FOR POLICE AND CRIME PANELS GUIDANCE

9.1 The Panel noted the Good Practice for Police and Crime Panels produced by the Local Government Association.

J10. DATES AND TIMES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

10.1 It was noted that work was taking place on the drawing up of a schedule of meeting dates and times for the 2015/16 Municipal Year.

Action: Revised schedule of meetings to be circulated by Deborah Fellowes - Immediate

Item 12

SOUTH YORKSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

27 JULY 2015

PRESENT: Councillor J Andrews (Chair)
Councillor A Atkin (Vice-Chair)
Councillors: A Buckley, P Haith, E Hughes, R Munn and
S M Richards

R Bywater, M McCarthy, L Noble and A Shirt (South Yorkshire
Joint Authorities)

J Roberts and S Chu (South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service)

A Frosdick, J Bell and F Foster (BMBC)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A Cave,
Councillor G Furniss, Councillor C Ransome, Councillor
C Ross, Councillor J Satur, CFO J Courtney, ACO M Blunden
and B Sandy

1 APOLOGIES.

Apologies for absence were noted as above.

2 ANNOUNCEMENTS.

None.

3 URGENT ITEMS.

None.

4 ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS.

RESOLVED – That the following agenda items be considered in the absence of the
Public and Press:

Item 19 – Human Resources Review;

Item 20 – Disposal of Sites to be vacated on the completion of Birley and Parkway
Fire Stations; and

Item 21 – Safer Stronger Communities Reserve (SSCR) Round 2.

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS IN RELATION TO
ANY ITEM OF BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA.

Councillor Andrews declared an interest in agenda item 21 'Safer Stronger
Communities Reserve (SSCR) Round 2', in relation to a bid which had been
submitted by Groundwork in South Yorkshire, by virtue of him being on the Board of
Directors for Groundwork Dearne Valley.

6 REPORTS BY MEMBERS.

Councillor Haith reported that she had visited Doncaster Fire Station last week where she had experienced first-hand the new turntable ladders.

Councillor Haith stated that she had concerns regarding the 2nd appliance at Doncaster Fire Station not being crewed to full capacity; she understood that the 2nd appliance at Doncaster Fire Station was currently not on the run today, due to crewing issues.

DCFO Roberts explained that there were two appliances stationed at Doncaster Fire Station; the first appliance was always available immediately, staffed on a jump crew basis. DCFO Roberts stated that he was not aware of the issues reported at today's meeting regarding the 2nd appliance not being on the run today and agreed to investigate accordingly.

Councillors Atkin and Cave had visited Aston Park and Lowedges Fire Stations on 22 July 2015.

On 23 July 2015, Councillors Atkin, Cave and Andrews had visited Dearne Fire Station.

Councillor Munn informed the Authority that he had attended the Middle Managers' Engagement Days on 16th and 17th June and viewed the Aerial Appliance.

Councillor Munn had attended his induction meeting on 16 June 2015 at Fire Headquarters.

Councillor Munn had also visited Elm Lane Fire Station on 17 June 2015.

7 RECEIPT OF PETITIONS.

None.

8 TO RECEIVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC.

None.

9 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON 29 JUNE 2015

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Annual Authority meeting held on 29 June 2015 be agreed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

10 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON 29 JUNE 2015

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Ordinary Authority meeting held on 29 June 2015 be agreed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

11 PUBLIC AFFAIRS STRATEGY

A report of the Chief Fire Officer and Chief Executive was presented which set out the Service's Public Affairs Strategy. The Strategy had been developed to direct and support the development of an ongoing relationship between the Service and the political establishment, individual elected Members and the wider political environment in which the Service operates.

Councillor Richards asked if the Strategy was intended to be a joint Fire Authority and Service Public Affairs Strategy.

S Chu confirmed that the Strategy would be delivered by the Service in conjunction with the Authority and other partners.

RESOLVED – That Members:-

- i) Noted the report; and
- ii) Thanked officers for producing a comprehensive Public Affairs Strategy.

12 COMPLAINTS AND COMPLIMENTS ANNUAL REPORT

A report of the Chief Fire Officer and Chief Executive was submitted to provide Members with a review of all complaints received during the period April 2014 to March 2015 inclusive.

During the period, the Service had received fourteen complaints, of which one was upheld, ten were not upheld, two were withdrawn, and one complaint was transferred for investigation under Human Resources procedures.

A total number of 131 compliments were received by the Service over the same period.

No complaints had been received about the Authority or officers of the Authority during the period.

Members were also provided with information, for comparison purposes, detailing 3 years' data measuring against the same period of financial years 2012/13 and 2013/14.

Councillor Haith asked if future reports could show a breakdown of the compliments received by each District.

S Chu informed Members that a wider review regarding how the Service reported compliments, particularly with the rise in compliments via social media, to the Authority would be undertaken over the coming months.

Councillor Richards asked if a selection of the compliments received could be included in future reports. S Chu agreed to this request.

RESOLVED – That Members:-

- i) Note the report; and

- ii) Authorise a review of how best to report compliments in the social media age.

13 HOPE TRAUMA SUPPORT GROUP

A report of the Chief Fire Officer and Chief Executive was submitted informing Members that 'HOPE', the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue and RTC Trauma Support Group, has been an unincorporated part of the Service since May 2007.

The voluntary group had provided invaluable support to members of the South Yorkshire community affected by the loss of life, through fire, Road Traffic Collision (RTC) or rescue incident through its trauma group meetings and support.

The Executive Committee of HOPE had now recognised the potential for the group's expansion into a charity to further expand its work for the people of South Yorkshire.

The aim was for HOPE to be innovative and to help support the Service, particularly in light of the Support Services Review and further cuts to the organisation.

The report also recommended the appointment of a new Executive or 'Trust' Board for HOPE comprising of five Charity Trustees. Two of which are for Ex- Officio trustees, namely the Chair of the Authority and the Deputy Chief Fire Officer and a further two members from the HOPE Executive Board, along with a Member of the Authority.

RESOLVED – That Members:-

- i) Support the progress of HOPE, the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue and RTC Trauma Support Group, in to a charity.
- ii) Agrees the proposal to move HOPE to becoming a Foundation Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) as the first steps towards charitable status, as detailed in the report.
- iii) Supports the move for the Prevention and Protection Directorate to financially support the group with an annual £5,000 budget.
- iv) Approves the new constitution for HOPE which will enable the Service to increase community involvement in South Yorkshire through education, to raise the awareness of home and road safety, risk and how to stay safe.
- v) Nominate Councillor Hughes to the post of charity trustee, and member of the new HOPE board.

14 THE FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION SCHEME 2015: CREATION AND OPERATION OF LOCAL PENSION BOARDS - AMENDMENTS TO LOCAL PENSION BOARD CONSTITUTION AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

A report of the Deputy Clerk was presented which reminded Members that, further to a report submitted to the Authority on 16 February 2015, the final Guidance had

now been received from the Department for Communities and Local Government (CLG) in respect of the governance arrangements for Local Pension Boards.

Following the receipt of the Guidance, this had necessitated some amendments to the Constitution and Terms of Reference of the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority's Local Pension Board.

Members noted that the amendments were considered at the inaugural meeting of the Local Pension Board held on 13 July 2015, which concluded that they were content with recommending the changes to the FRA for approval.

The Board had also received a request from the Fire Brigades' Union (FBU) for an additional employee representative to reflect the number of members they represent. The Guidance from CLG required an equal number of employee and employer representatives. The Board, therefore, agreed to two additional places (one employer and one employee representative), and this was also referred to the FRA for their approval.

RESOLVED – That Members:-

- i) Considered and approved the revisions to the Local Pension Board Constitution and Terms of Reference set out at Appendix A to the report now considered; and
- ii) Agreed to the appointment of two additional members of the Board (one employer representative and one employee representative).

15 MINUTES OF THE FIRE LOCAL PENSION BOARD HELD ON 13 JULY 2015

Members were presented with the draft minutes from the inaugural meeting of the Fire Local Pension Board held on 13 July 2015.

RESOLVED – That the draft minutes from the inaugural meeting of the Fire Local Pension Board held on 13 July 2015 be noted.

16 MAY 2015 PROJECTED OUTTURN REPORT

A joint report of the Chief Fire Officer and Chief Executive and Treasurer was submitted to inform Members of the projected spend for the 2015/16 financial year based on the May 2015 outturn position.

Members were informed that it was very early in year to be able to report a figure with any certainty, particularly during the challenging times that the Authority is currently facing.

The projected position currently suggested an under-spend of £386,000, however, there remained a possibility that the outturn position may fluctuate during the year as issues are clarified. This would be kept under constant review and reported in future monitoring reports.

Areas of key variances were noted and explanations provided.

Councillor Richards referred to the Support Staff budget asking if the staff who were currently unplaced as a result of the Support Services Review had been unsuitable for posts advertised which had necessitated external recruitment.

DCFO Roberts explained that as part of the Support Services Review, the Service had only recruited externally, when the skills set of existing employees 'at risk' had not been suitable for the posts advertised.

In relation to the capital programme, Members asked for clarification as to why the costs had reduced significantly in respect of appliance bay doors at Rivelin Fire Station. DCFO Roberts agreed to investigate and report back to Members.

RESOLVED – That Members noted the contents of the report.

17 BUSINESS CONTINUITY MANAGEMENT (BCM) REPORT

A report of the Chief Fire Officer and Chief Executive was submitted which provided Members with the current position relating to the Business Continuity (BC) Management arrangements within South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue and a summary of BC activity and developments within the last 12 months.

Members noted that the Service's BC Manager had presented at the BCI World Conference in November 2014, and had been asked to present again in 2015.

Members asked that their thanks be passed onto R Parramore (the Service's BC Manager) for his excellent work.

Members also thanked Councillor Ross in his capacity as the Lead Member for Business Continuity.

RESOLVED – That Members:-

- i) Noted the report;
- ii) Requested that R Parramore be thanked for his excellent work; and
- iii) Thanked Councillor Ross in his capacity as the Lead Member for Business Continuity.

18 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED – That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act and the public interest not to disclose information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.

19 HUMAN RESOURCES REVIEW

A joint report of the Chief Fire Officer and Chief Executive and Clerk was submitted requesting Members to consider a report presenting options of a joint review for the future delivery of Human Resources (HR) services (incorporating Organisational Development) within both Humberside Fire and Rescue Service (HFRS) and South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue (SYFR).

RESOLVED – That Members approve the commencement of a 12 week consultation period to determine whether the Service:-

- 1) Should maintain a solely in-house HR function.
- 2) Should progress the development of a joint HR function with HFRS.
- 3) Should consider an outsourced solution for HR.

20 DISPOSAL OF SITES TO BE VACATED ON THE COMPLETION OF BIRLEY AND PARKWAY FIRE STATIONS

A report of the Chief Fire Officer and Chief Executive was presented to advise Members of the proposed methodology and reporting process prior to confirming any sales regarding the disposal of the stations to be replaced (Darnall, Mansfield Road and Mosborough).

RESOLVED – That Members:-

- i) Declare Mansfield Road and Mosborough surplus once Parkway and Birley are complete and handed over to South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue;
- ii) Authorise the Head of Asset Management to progress marketing and negotiations where applicable, then submit a further report to the Authority outlining the proposed terms for sales; and
- iii) Confirms that the Chair of the Fire Authority's delegated decision in respect of Darnall to accept the highest offer and instruct solicitors to proceed with the conveyance and disposal and to approve the disposal of the substation site at Mosborough on the terms outlined in the report.

21 SAFER STRONGER COMMUNITIES RESERVE (SSCR) ROUND 2

A report of the Clerk to the Fire and Rescue Authority was presented which provided an update to Members on the submissions to the Stronger Safer Communities Reserve Fund Round 2. Additionally, the report also updated Members on the assessment process and the projects that the Assessment Board had recommended to receive Round 2 funding.

Members felt that given the unique nature of the Fund, and the Government's drive for collaboration, the Fund should be publicised further; nationally, regionally and locally.

Members thanked Officers from the Authority and Service for all their hard work in carrying out a first filter of the bids received.

RESOLVED – That Members:-

- i) Approve the list of recommended projects;
- ii) Agree to release of funds to projects, subject to completion of the service level agreements;
- iii) Approve the monitoring and governance arrangements; and
- iv) Agree to receive a further report to the September Authority meeting to consider approval for projects that are submitting revised bids, based on feedback from the Assessment Board.

CHAIR

SHEFFIELD CITY REGION COMBINED AUTHORITY

THE AMP TECHNOLOGY CENTRE, WAVERLEY, ROTHERHAM, S60 5WG

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3 AUGUST 2015

PRESENT:

Councillor Sir Steve Houghton CBE, Barnsley MBC (Chair)
Councillor John Burrows, Chesterfield BC (Vice Chair)

Councillor Graham Baxter MBE, North East Derbyshire DC
Councillor Julie Dore, Sheffield CC
Councillor Simon Greaves, Bassetlaw DC
Mayor Ros Jones, Doncaster MBC
Councillor Chris Read, Rotherham MBC
Councillor Lewis Rose OBE, Derbyshire Dales DC
Councillor Ann Syrett, Bolsover DC
Councillor Jo White, Bassetlaw District Council

Ruth Adams, SCR Executive Team
David Armiger, Bassetlaw District Council
Fiona Boden, SCR Executive Team
Andrew Frosdick, Monitoring Officer
David Hewitt, SCR LEP
Julie Hurley, SCR Executive Team
James Newman, SCR Local Enterprise Partnership
Julie Kenny CBE, Rotherham MBC
Wes Lumley, Bolsover DC / NE Derbyshire DC
Stella Manzie CBE, Rotherham MBC
John Mothersole, Sheffield CC
Andrew Shirt, South Yorkshire Joint Authorities
Ben Still, SCR Executive Team
Gareth Sutton, Sheffield CC / SCR
Diana Terris, Clerk / Barnsley MBC

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A Rhodes, J Miller, N Taylor, C Tyler and E Walker

1 VOTING RIGHTS FOR NON-CONSTITUENT MEMBERS

It was agreed that no agenda items require voting rights to be confirmed on non-constituent Members.

2 APOLOGIES

Members' apologies were noted as above.

3 ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements were noted.

4 URGENT ITEMS

No urgent agenda items were requested.

5 ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

None.

6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS IN RELATION TO ANY ITEM OF BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA

No declarations of interest were noted.

7 REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

No reports of questions from Members were raised.

8 RECEIPT OF PETITIONS/PUBLIC QUESTIONS

No petitions were received.

The Chair informed Members that a list of questions had been received from Mr Nigel Slack, Sheffield for Democracy, regarding the new 'Cities and Local Government Devolution Bill'. Mr Slack asked the Combined Authority:

1) Who is leading the negotiation?

The negotiations will be led by the Sheffield City Region Executive Team, supported by the SCR Chief Executives. Combined Authority Members' will help shape negotiations.

2) Will they accept a directly elected Mayor?

There is a general view that the Authority would prefer to operate the Combined Authority Model, without a City Region Mayor. However, this will be subject to Government Ministers' approval, and Ministers have been clear that they expect devolution will be in return for a directly elected Metro Mayor.

- 3) Will the public be consulted and their opinion sought?

Yes, there will be public and business consultation, if the Combined Authority did agree to a City Region Mayor.

- 4) Will the individual Councils and most importantly, their Councillors be consulted, and their opinion sought?

Yes, the individual Councils' and Councillors' would be consulted and their opinion sought.

- 5) Will the SCRCA resist a deal that is inappropriate for the make-up of the City Region, with its cross county ties, or will it compromise its principals through fear of falling behind an imagined brighter future gifted to Manchester, through their wholesale capitulation?

The preferred option for Devolution will need to be agreed and satisfy all nine SCR Local Authorities. The CA will submit its 'Asks' to Government to see if a deal can be made.

9 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SCR COMBINED AUTHORITY HELD ON 22 JUNE 2015

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting of the Combined Authority held on 22 June 2015 be agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

10 DEVOLUTION UPDATE

Members were advised that as part of the Summer Budget 2015, the Chancellor had announced a commitment to further devolution deals with the Sheffield City Region, Liverpool City Region, Leeds, West Yorkshire and partner authorities, to be agreed in parallel with the Spending Review in September 2015.

It was noted that the City Regions would need to submit formal, fiscally neutral proposals and an agreed geography to the Treasury by 4 September 2015.

Significant devolution deals would need to be signed-off ahead of the November 2015 spending review. The conclusions of the spending review would be announced on 25 November 2015.

If agreement can be reached, the SCR CA and LEP would submit a proposal, building on its Strategic Economic Plan.

The Joint Authorities Governance Unit would be arranging Informal briefings with SCR Leaders over the coming weeks regarding the SCR's proposals to Treasury.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

11 EXECUTIVE BOARD UPDATES AND DECISIONS

Members received an update regarding the inaugural meetings of the SCR Executive Boards, as set out below:

i) Skills, Employment and Education Executive Board

The Skills, Employment and Education Executive Board had met on 17 July 2015, where they had:

Approved the North Notts LGF scheme for skills capital investment – Total scheme value £933,500 total grant value £380,055 (33%);

Approved funding to support project management costs associated with progressing the LGF skills capital funding for the Glass Academy, subject to a number of agreed caveats; and

Accepted, from BIS, the revenue funding for the SCR Skills Bank in the financial year 2015-2016, for the SCR Executive to directly commission.

ii) Infrastructure Board

The SCR Infrastructure Plan was progressing well; a workshop would be held shortly to agree the review of evidence and challenges for growth, which would form the baseline for the infrastructure needs to support growth.

The SCRIF continued to progress a number of business cases and funding agreements, noting that the Board would be reviewing programme delivery to ensure spend for 2015/16.

The Board continued to make progress in relation to the SCR IIP, developing the approach to housing, financial options, spatial modelling, evidence and needs for infrastructure.

The Board had considered the Central Independent Appraisal Team's Business Case in relation to Superfast Broadband for South Yorkshire, which they had recommended be approved by the CA. (Please see Minute 12, which sets out the Combined Authority's approval).

iii) Housing Board

The Board had considered the draft Housing Business Plan and agreed to expand this over a four year period.

A large amount of work had been undertaken by the SCR Heads of Planning Group and fed through to the Board.

The first meeting of the Joint Assets Board had been held; a Chair and Vice-Chair had been appointed. The Terms of Reference were being reviewed to determine the scope of work.

It had been agreed that a paper would be developed and presented to the CA setting out an update on the Duty to Cooperate and Spatial Planning.

iv) Transport Board

The inaugural meeting of the Transport Board had been held to consider its role and its inter-dependences with the Combined Authority's Transport Committee/Boards and links to the Infrastructure Board.

v) Business Growth Board

At the Board meeting held on 8 July, Members considered a revised Inward Investment Strategy for the SCR and received updates on each of the five Growth Hub Spokes (Access to Finance, Exports, Innovations, Skills Bank and new Businesses).

It was noted that the second Board meeting would be held on Tuesday 4 August 2015.

RESOLVED – That Combined Authority Members note the updates and endorse the decisions taken by all the SCR Executive Boards.

12 RECOMMENDATION FROM THE INFRASTRUCTURE ADVISORY BOARD FOR SUPERFAST BROADBAND BUSINESS CASE

A paper was presented asking the CA to formally agree the recommendations of the Infrastructure Executive Board for accelerated and enhanced Superfast Broadband connectivity to South Yorkshire's Enterprise Zones and strategic Business Parks.

Members noted that the South Yorkshire Superfast Broadband programme was aimed at raising access to superfast broadband to 98% of premises across South Yorkshire by 2017. The Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK) Extension Programme launched in 2013 required a local match funding commitment. The four South Yorkshire Authorities were seeking £10.6m SCRIF funding for the local match funding.

The initial economic case presented estimated the economic outputs of public sector investment in South Yorkshire superfast broadband as a GVA uplift of £416m and 1,054 net additional FTE jobs between 2021 and 2031.

The scheme promotor had satisfied the Infrastructure Executive Board that the scheme was likely to provide value for money, and that the scheme had a strong strategic case and was deliverable.

RESOLVED – That the SCR Combined Authority:-

- i) Supports the recommendation of the Infrastructure Advisory Board (IAB) to progress the roll out of enhanced Superfast Broadband connectivity to South Yorkshire's Enterprise Zones and strategic Business Parks; and

- ii) Agreed to provide full approval for the scheme from local match funding from the SCRIF of up to £10.6m.

13 MINUTES OF THE SCR CA TRANSPORT COMMITTEE HELD ON 20 JULY 2015

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the SCR Transport Committee held on 20 July 2015 be noted.

14 MINUTES OF THE SCR PASSENGER TRANSPORT PENSION FUND COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 8TH JUNE 2015

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the SCR Passenger Transport Pension Fund Committee meeting held on 8 June 2015 be noted.

CHAIR

Item 14

NOTES OF GENERAL LICENSING REGULATORY BOARD PANEL

21st July, 2015

1. **Present:** Councillors C Wraith MBE (Chair), Ennis and Shepherd together with Councillor Clarke (Reserve Member) (Councillor Clarke left the meeting following the commencement of item 3(c)).

Members of the Public and Press were excluded from all meetings.

2. **Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest**

There were no declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest.

3. **Driver Licences**

The Panel considered reports requesting Members to consider the following:

- (a) the determination of the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence held by Mr R E

The driver was in attendance and was supported by Mr D W (Licensing Consultant) together with Mr N D (Hackney Carriage Proprietors Association) who gave evidence in support of his case. Mr R E also submitted documentation and two references which he asked the Panel to consider in determining his licence.

After considering all the evidence presented together with the representations made the Panel determined that in view of the extenuating and mitigating circumstances presented, there was sufficient justification to warrant a deviation from the Council's Guideline Policy for Criminal Convictions and that Mr R E be allowed to retain his licence subject to

- The driver being required to undertake the 'relevant' tests at his own expense
- The driver being required by Licensing Officers to undertake random tests at his own expense

(the results of both these tests to be required to be forwarded to the Local Authority Licensing Service within five days of the receipt of the results)

- The driver being informed that the failure to undertake and pass any of these tests may lead to the immediate revocation of his licence
- A review of the licence in six months time

The decision of the Panel was unanimous.

- (b) The determination of the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence held by Mr A S

The driver was in attendance and was supported by Mr R (Private Hire Association) who gave evidence in support of his case.

After considering all the evidence presented together with the representations made the Panel determined that in view of the extenuating and mitigating circumstances presented, there was sufficient justification to warrant a deviation from the Council's Guideline Policy for Criminal Convictions and that Mr A S be allowed to retain his licence subject to

- The driver undertaking (at his own expense) and passing the appropriate DSA Driving Test within a three month period (the failure to pass the DSA test within the specified time may result in the revocation of the licence)
- The issuing of a Written Warning which will be kept on file as to his future conduct

The decision of the Panel was unanimous

- (c) the determination of the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence held by Mr N B

The driver was in attendance and was supported by Mr D W (Licensing Consultant) together with Mr N D (Hackney Carriage Proprietors Association) who gave evidence in support of his case. Mr N B also submitted documentation which he asked the Panel to consider in determining his licence.

After considering all the evidence presented together with the representations made the Panel determined that in view of the extenuating and mitigating circumstances presented, including the receipt of a letter from an external assessment organisation, there was sufficient justification to warrant a deviation from the Council's Guideline Policy for Criminal Convictions and that Mr N B be allowed to retain his licence subject to

- The issuing of a Final Written Warning in relation to the motoring offences and for the failure to comply with Licensing Conditions (this Warning to be kept on file as to his future conduct)
- The driver being required to undertake the 'relevant' tests at his own expense
- The driver being required by Licensing Officers to undertake random tests at his own expense

(the results of both these tests to be required to be forwarded to the Local Authority Licensing Service within five days of the receipt of the results)

- The driver being informed that the failure to undertake and pass any of these tests may lead to the immediate revocation of his licence
- A review of the licence in six months time

The decision of the Panel was unanimous.

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BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

PLANNING REGULATORY BOARD

28TH JULY 2015

12. **Present**

Councillors D Birkinshaw (Chair), G Carr, Cherryholme, Coates, M. Dyson, Franklin, Hampson, Hand-Davis, Hayward, Higginbottom, Leech, Makinson, Markham, Mathers, Mitchell, Morgan, Richardson, Riggs, Spence, Unsworth and R Wraith.

Cllr Miller was in attendance.

13. **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Hand-Davis declared a Non-Pecuniary interest in **Planning Application No 2014/1240** - erection of 4 no. detached dwellings with associated access, parking and landscaping, land off Huthwaite Lane, Thurgoland, Sheffield as he is a local ward member.

14. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 30th June 2015 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

15. **Town and Country Planning Act 1990 – Part III Applications**
Speakers/Site Visits

- (i) **Planning Application No 2014/1240** – Erection of 4 no. detached dwellings with associated access, parking and landscaping at Land off Huthwaite Lane, Thurgoland.

Mr Bernard Greep (Agent) addressed the Board and spoke in favour of the officer recommendation to grant the application.

Ms Barbara Bramall (Objector) addressed the Board and spoke against the officer recommendation to grant the application.

In accordance with the agreed protocol, a recorded vote was taken on this planning application with the amendment to refuse the application being:-

MOVED by Cllr Mitchell and **SECONDED** by Cllr R. Wraith, with voting being recorded as follows:-

In favour of the amendment to refuse the application:- Cllrs D. Birkinshaw, Coates, Hand-Davis, Hayward, Leech, Markham, Mathers, Mitchell, Morgan, Riggs, Spence and R. Wraith.

Against the amendment to refuse the application:- Cllrs M. Dyson, Higginbottom and Richardson.

Councillors G. Carr, Cherryholme, Franklin, Hampson, Makinson and Unsworth abstained from the vote.

All councillors present at the time of the vote actually voted.

RESOLVED that the application be refused, against Officer recommendation, on sustainability grounds on account of the proposed development not constituting sustainable development.

16. **Town and Country Planning Act 1990 – Part III Applications**

The Head of Planning and Building Control submitted a report on applications received for consideration, as follows:

- (i) **2014/0316** – Erection of a detached dwelling with attached garage access and parking – land adjacent Old Hall, I High Street, Great Houghton, Barnsley S72 0EN

RESOLVED that the application be approved as per officer recommendation, subject to conditions as outlined in the schedule, and conditional upon the applicant submitting to the Council a unilateral undertaking (under section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990) to secure: (a) public access/use of the adjoining land to the rear of nos. 1 – 5 Church Street; and (b) appropriate maintenance arrangements for the said access land.

- (ii) **2015/0572** – Erection of static caravan for temporary living accommodation – White Acres, Lane Head Road, Cawthorne, Barnsley S75 4DT

RESOLVED that the application be approved as per officer recommendation and subject to conditions as outlined in the schedule.

- (iii) Details of the Planning Appeals received, decided and withdrawn between the period 1st April to 30th June were noted along with cumulative appeal totals. 2 appeals have been received in June 2015 which are awaiting decision. No appeals have been allowed since 1st April 2015 to date.

RESOLVED that details of planning appeals be received and noted.

Chairman.....

APPEALS, AWARDS AND STANDARDS REGULATORY BOARD

(a) Home to School Transport Appeal – 3rd September, 2015

An appeal for the provision of Home to School Transport was allowed (in part)

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MEETING:	General Licensing Regulatory Board
DATE:	Wednesday, 9 September 2015
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Reception Room, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present Councillors C. Wraith MBE (Chair), Burgess, J. Carr, Davies, Ennis, S. Green, Hampson, Johnson, Lamb, Millner, Richardson, Sheard and Tattersall

5 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest from Members in respect of items on the agenda.

6 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 1st July, 2015 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

Arising out of the discussion of the minutes reference was made to the following:

- (a) Training – a training session for all Members of the Board had been arranged for Wednesday 14th October, 2015. Further details would be sent out in due course but Members were asked to make a note of the date in their diary
- (b) Facebook Taxi Operation – interviews had been held with three individuals and appropriate prosecution files were being prepared by both the Police and by Licensing Enforcement Officers.

7 Licensing Enforcement - Update

The Assistant Director Regulatory Services submitted a report providing an overview of the work of Licensing Enforcement Officers undertaken recently.

Since the last meeting, Licensing Enforcement Officers had proactively embarked on a further three taxi enforcement operations. These were categorised by licence type as follows:

- (a) 3rd July, 2015 – a daytime exercise involving Licensing Enforcement Officers together with Vehicle Examiners from the Smithies Lane Depot focusing on Hackney Carriage Ranks and larger Private Hire Operators.
 - 7 Hackney Carriages and 22 Private Hire Vehicles inspected
 - 22 found to be compliant
 - 5 vehicles issued with immediate suspension notices for inoperative/defective lights and one vehicle for a missing wheel nut. All vehicles were rectified and the suspension notices lifted within the day
 - Advice offered to various drivers in relation to

- cleanliness of the vehicle
- defective carpeting – causing a trip hazard
- No smoking signs and legislation
- Plates ineffectively adhered to vehicles
- Scrubbing tyres due to poor wheel alignment
- 2 written warnings issued for failure to display drivers badge and for failing to complete the daily check sheet

(b) 7th August, 2015 – a daytime exercise involving Licensing Enforcement officers together with Vehicle Examiners from the Smithies Lane Depot focusing on smaller licensed Operators. It was stressed that it was important that sufficient time was taken to inspect each and every business to ensure compliance with licensing conditions.

- 12 Licensed vehicles inspected
- 7 found to be compliant
- 5 vehicles issued with immediate suspension notices for defective lights, inoperative screen wash and absence of internal plate. All vehicles were rectified and the suspension notices lifted within the day
- Advice offered to various drivers in relation to cleanliness of the vehicle and tyres being close to the legal limit
- 2 written warnings issued for failing to complete daily check sheets and for smoking in a licensed vehicle

(c) 28th August, 2015 – a daytime operation involving Licensing Enforcement Officers together with Vehicle Examiners from the Smithies Lane Depot focusing again on a number of smaller Licensed Operators & the Hackney Ranks.

- 25 Licensed vehicles inspected
- 4 vehicles issued with immediate suspension notices for defective lights, a defective passenger window and an airbag warning light. All vehicles were rectified and the suspension notices lifted within the day with the exception of the vehicle with a faulty window. This vehicle remained suspended for the entire Bank Holiday Weekend which it was felt should act as a deterrent and encourage the driver (as well as other drivers) to ensure that vehicles were adequately and appropriately maintained
- 2 written warnings issued for failure to complete the daily check sheets

Vehicle Compliance continued to be an issue and was at the forefront of every enforcement operation and with every Vehicle Examiner whilst undertaking MOT Tests. It was pleasing to note, however, that vehicle compliance was improving and was a testament to the hard work of the staff involved with enforcement.

Proactive enforcement operations would continue to be undertaken on a quarterly basis.

In the ensuing discussion, and in response to questioning, particular reference was made to the following:

- Whilst the majority of vehicle ‘failures’ were minor (relating to faulty or inoperative lighting) it was important to note that such matters were, nevertheless an MOT failure. It was noted that the type of faults encountered was becoming less ‘severe’ and, therefore, whilst a number of vehicles had been suspended, it would appear that the taxi fleet was largely found to be kept in a reasonable condition. It was suggested that in future consideration be given to the wording of reports to reflect the severity of defects found. Arising out of this the Board was informed that many drivers were now carrying spare bulb kits which meant that faults could be rectified immediately and vehicles returned to the road.
- It was noted that licensed vehicles remained ‘licenced’ even when they were being used ‘privately’. It was important to note that vehicle plates should remain displayed at all times
- Members were pleased to note the improvements in vehicle compliance with licensing conditions. Arising out of this discussion it was noted that driver attitudes to Enforcement Staff also appeared to be improving
- It was noted that if drivers were found to be habitual offenders, appropriate action would be taken and those drivers would be required to attend a General Licensing Panel to explain their behaviour
- In response to detailed questioning, the Licensing Enforcement Officer explained the differing responsibilities of Enforcement Officers and the Police when undertaking joint operations
- An explanation was given of the statutory requirements for vehicle examinations. It was noted, however, that ‘spot check’ inspections including those at the rank and at Operators premises had a positive impact on compliance and were a key element of ensuring improvements continued and that members of the travelling public were kept safe. All vehicles were subject to at least one ‘spot check’ inspection per year
- Members were encouraged to attend an enforcement exercise so that they could see, at first hand, the type of work undertaken and the issues faced by Enforcement Officers
- The importance of daily check sheets was outlined. It was noted that their introduction was at the request of the trade. Some Operators suspended drivers if they were found to be failing to comply with this requirement
- Members were reminded that they could contact the Licensing Service if they required details of and an update of any types of enforcement operation undertaken

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the report be received; and
- (ii) That the Board place on record their thanks and appreciation to the staff within the Licensing Service and Smithies Lane Depot for all their hard work in undertaking Enforcement activities and ensuring the continued safety of the travelling public and for the outstanding results currently being achieved.

Note: at the conclusion of the meeting the Board received an update on the following:

- **The music event held over the Bank Holiday Weekend on land off Old Mill Lane, Barnsley**
- **The action taken to prevent an unlicensed Music Event taking place in woods on land off Engine Lane, Shafton.**

Chair

Item 18

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th August, 2015

1. Present:-

Councillor Sir Stephen Houghton CBE (Chairman) – Leader
Councillor Jim Andrews BEM – Deputy Leader and Public Health Spokesperson
Councillor Jenny Platts – Communities Spokesperson
Councillor Emma Dures – Support Member for People (Safeguarding) Spokesperson
Rachel Dickinson – Executive Director, People
Julia Burrows – Director of Public Health
Nick Balac – Chair NHS Barnsley Clinical Commissioning Group
Adrian England – Barnsley Healthwatch
Helen Jagger – Chair of Provider Forum and Chief Executive of Berneslai Homes
Bob Kirton – Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
Steven Michael OBE – Chief Executive South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
Lesley Smith – Chief Operating Officer NHS Barnsley Clinical Commissioning Group
Emma Wilson – NHS England Area Team

2. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Councillor Platts declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute 8 so far as the Healthwatch Annual Report related to the Barnsley Hospital Trust, of which she was a partnership governor.

3. Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 9th June, 2015

The meeting considered the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 9th June, 2015.

Arising from Minute 8, the meeting noted that partners had agreed the risk share in respect of the Better Care Fund and work was now progressing to prepare the necessary legal agreement for sign off, before the submission of the monitoring report for the first quarter. The meeting noted that the Board would receive regular reports on performance against individual targets within the Better Care Fund.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the minutes be approved as a true and correct record; and
- (ii) that the Chair and Vice Chair be authorised to sign off the Better Care Fund Quarterly Monitoring Submission in advance of the next meeting of the Board.

Note: The Chairman of the meeting agreed to consider arrangements for signing off of the Better Care Fund Quarterly Monitoring Submission as an urgent item for this meeting in view of the need to make appropriate arrangements before the meeting of the Board in October 2015.

4. **Minutes from the Children and Young People's Trust Executive Group held on 3rd July, 2015**

The meeting considered the minutes from the Children and Young People's Trust Executive Group, held on 3rd July, 2015.

RESOLVED that the minutes be received.

5. **Minutes from the Community Safety Partnership held on 29th May, 2015**

The meeting considered the minutes from the Community Safety Partnership held on 29th May, 2015.

RESOLVED that the minutes be received.

6. **Minutes from the Provider Forum held on 10th June, 2015**

The meeting considered the minutes from the Provider Forum meeting, held on 10th June, 2015.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the minutes be received; and
- (ii) that arrangements be made for a representative of the newly formed GP Federation to be invited to the Provider Forum.

7. **Notes from the Anti-Poverty Board held on 8th June and 20th July, 2015**

The meeting considered the notes from the Anti-Poverty Board meetings held on 8th June and 20th July, 2015.

Arising from the meeting held on 8th June, 2015, the meeting noted that arrangements were in hand to convene a workshop for all Members to progress the Anti-Poverty Action Plan. The workshop will be held in October, with a draft action plan to be available by 1st September, 2015.

RESOLVED that the notes be received.

8. **Healthwatch Annual Report**

The meeting received a presentation on the Healthwatch Annual Report for 2014/15, highlighting in particular the signposting and engagement work undertaken with people who use health and social care services and the impact that Healthwatch had been able to achieve on their behalf. The annual report included a number of case studies to provide emphasis to this, and the presentation incorporated a detailed account of the experience of one carer and how Healthwatch had been able to help.

The presentation went on to set out the next steps for Healthwatch in terms of activity, particularly in relation to expanding the programme of outreach and promotion with front-line health and social care staff and to raise the profile of Healthwatch Barnsley with the general public. Training and development of Healthwatch champions would continue and Healthwatch would look for further opportunities for engagement and to bid for local and regional contracts, as well as developing its involvement with the Health and Wellbeing Board.

In terms of priorities for 2015/16, Healthwatch would be using comments collected over the last 12 months to take forward further work. A particular emphasis would be on GP access and mental health services, particularly in relation to the Children Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS).

The meeting discussed the content of the annual report, and noted in particular the approach Healthwatch had taken to deal with financial challenges by streamlining the governance arrangements and accessing alternative sources of funding. The focus of Healthwatch on CAMHS was particularly welcome, given the emphasis on analysing patient experience, but a particular focus on crisis intervention would be welcome.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the Healthwatch Barnsley Annual Report for 2014/15 be received and arrangements be made to share this with respective organisations;
- (ii) that the proposed activities and priorities for 2015/16 be noted and the Senior Strategic Development Group be instructed to consider the broad strategic issues raised by these at its future meetings in consultation with Healthwatch Barnsley representatives, focusing in particular on rationalising system complexity;
- (iii) that Healthwatch Barnsley hold further discussions with the South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust in relation to the experience of patients of mental health crisis services; and
- (iv) that the congratulations of the Board to Healthwatch Barnsley for its activity and impacts over the year be placed on record.

9. Stronger Barnsley Together and Pioneer – Revision of Scope and Structure

The meeting received a report on the background to the development of the Stronger Barnsley Together and Pioneer programme and the approach in taking this forward since 2013. The report went on to highlight the key component programmes of Stronger Barnsley Together/Pioneer, noting the contribution each could make to achieving the necessary systems change to strengthen health and social care in Barnsley. However, the report acknowledged the need to rationalise governance arrangements and provide appropriate oversight and system ownership through the Senior Strategic Development Group and Board. The revised arrangements would effectively lead to the cessation of the Stronger Barnsley Together portfolio arrangements.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the report be noted and the effective cessation of the Stronger Barnsley Together portfolio arrangements be approved;
- (ii) that the revised scope of Barnsley's approach to the integration Pioneer status, incorporating key integration activity across the whole health and social care system with oversight and system ownership provided by the Senior Strategic Development Group and the Health and Wellbeing Board be endorsed; and
- (iii) that the component programmes highlighted in the report be used as the basis for the proposed Health and Wellbeing Board workshop to take forward work on wider integration within the system.

10. Sport and Active Lifestyle Strategy 2015-18

The meeting received a report and presentation giving a brief overview of the Sport and Active Lifestyle Strategy approved in June 2015 and to highlight for the Board the key priorities in the Strategy and seek the support of partners in its implementation.

The meeting noted high levels of awareness about the contribution that an active lifestyle will have to good health and the extent to which the key factors in encouraging this were well understood. The support of organisations as employers was important, but the key to sustainability was encouraging the continued engagement of individuals with programmes of sport and activity. The meeting noted the development of the Be Well Barnsley programme and the importance of establishing how GPs could make referrals to this.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the Sport and Active Lifestyle Strategy for 2015-18 be endorsed;
- (ii) that, where relevant, partner agencies provide representation at the Barnsley Sport and Active Lifestyle Partnership meetings in order to contribute to the action planning process;
- (iii) that partner agencies commit to providing ongoing support to implement the Strategy through their own programmes of activity; and
- (iv) that the action plan be submitted to a future meeting of the Board, incorporating a RAG rating of progress against each element of the action plan.

11. 0-19 Healthy Child Programme Update

The meeting received an update on the integration of the number of programmes associated with child health into a 0-19 healthy child programme and the wide ranging consultation that had been undertaken in recent months to develop a specification for the service. The specification would go forward to the Council's Cabinet on 26th August for consideration so that a service could be commissioned. It was anticipated that approval of the successful provider would be given in December 2015.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

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Item 19

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
1st SEPTEMBER 2015

7. **Present:** Councillors Ennis (Chair), D. Birkinshaw, P. Birkinshaw, G. Carr, Cave, Clarke, Clements, Davies, Frost, Hand – Davis, Hayward, Johnson, Makinson, Morgan, Sheard, Tattersall, Unsworth, Wilson, together with co-opted member John Winter.

Apologies for absence were received from Ms Kate Morrith in accordance with Regulation 7 (6) of the Parent Governor Representatives (England) Regulations 2001.

8. **Declarations of pecuniary and non pecuniary interest**

There were no declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest.

9. **Previous minutes**

With reference to item 4 (v) clarification was sought with regards to the minute regarding bullying and harassment. It was confirmed that incidences of bullying are recorded however as is noted in the previous minutes there is no evidence of widespread bullying, the information of which is gathered from the employee survey.

In respect of the Action Points the group were advised the checks made by HR in relation to the volunteering form for the 'Friends of Cannon Hall' are necessary to comply with the Council's insurance policy. Also a reply to all the Action Points has been distributed by email.

10. **Draft Anti Poverty Action Plan 2015 - 18**

The Chair welcomed the witness to the meeting, which included:

- Wendy Lowder, Service Director, Stronger, Safer & Healthier Communities, BMBC
- Jayne Hellowell, Head of Locality Commissioning and Healthier Communities, BMBC
- Andrea Hoyland, Strategy Lead Early Intervention and Prevention, Communities Directorate, BMBC
- Michelle Kaye, Service Manager, Housing and Welfare, Communities Directorate, BMBC
- Councillor Jenny Platts, Cabinet Spokesperson for the Communities Directorate
- Murdo Macleod, Chief Executive of South Yorkshire Credit Union
- Jo Clark, Interim Chief Executive, Citizens Advice Barnsley (CAB)

The committee were advised that the draft Anti Poverty Action Plan 2015-18, was being looked at in draft form, prior to it being agreed by Cabinet; therefore any

recommendations made by the committee would be able to be considered prior to its final approval.

Currently, the action plan is going through the formal process with the Anti Poverty Board, which involves various forums, workshops and consultations being held.

There are key actions that need to be considered in relation to the Anti Poverty Strategy, one of which was to commission the local Poverty Needs Assessment Evidence Base, to provide up to date, local data about the impact of living in poverty and low income in Barnsley because data available is mainly published in arrears on a national basis.

It is necessary to know the present levels of poverty within the Barnsley area, including how these affect the welfare of children, the long term health implications for the wider population, including life expectancy.

Following the work already undertaken by the Anti Poverty Board, five areas have been identified within which to challenge the long term success of the plan. All these challenges are interlinked; meaning the outcome of one will have an effect on the success of another. The first three challenges all have financial implications; in particular how to increase the incomes of households within the borough, and then assisting with the budgeting needs of families, including how to make healthier life choices.

The group was advised that this plan is intended to work in conjunction with other strategies and plans, ensuring that when early interventions are made these can work together to combat poverty.

Members proceeded to ask the following questions:

- i) Challenge 1, reference 3 - is currently showing under the 'RAG' rating as being 'Red', could this be reviewed as there are currently voluntary services within the different wards that are providing independent debt advice, including the Romero Project?

The members of the committee were advised that progress has been made in some areas; however work still needs to be undertaken in others. As the action plan is covering a three year period work will be ongoing and the action plan will need updating accordingly.

- ii) As well as the use of a 'RAG' rating it would also be useful if the individual objectives could be measured as to how they are progressing?

The group were advised due to the nature of the plan, it will allow for it to be updated as it is both a 'live document' and a rolling programme. The group acknowledged with regards to performance monitoring further work needs to be done to establish appropriate milestones.

- iii) With regards to challenge 1, reference 1, how can we look to improve both the welfare advice and financial guidance that is provided to the residents of Barnsley when £250K is being removed from the budget?

It was explained to members that this will be a challenge, considering the £250k saving that has to be made from the Welfare budget, which provides funding for the Welfare Rights Service and also contributes to the Citizens Advice Bureau. When the Anti Poverty Board looked at the different advisory services, they discovered there is always the opportunity to do things better by utilising resources across different agencies, thereby doing more with less funding. The welfare review is currently being undertaken and we are working with a number of agencies.

It was highlighted that there are alternative methods of funding that we need to access, including from the National Lottery and welfare funds. Also, it was noted that for example the North East Area Council have commissioned work from CAB and DIAL Barnsley (Disability Information Advice Line).

- iv) The action plan is a useful document which pulls together and highlights work that needs to be undertaken, however it does not seem to recognise the needs of the elderly, disabled or housebound members of the community who would need additional assistance, such as a home visits?

The group were advised that as part of the Welfare Review, the service will consider provision of an outreach service which will deliver one to one support in people's homes if required.

- v) With regards to challenge 1, how do we know what percentage of children are living in poverty but whose parents are working?

The committee was advised that HMRC (Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) publish various data which can be accessed with regards to this. These include children in workless households and children in households accessing various benefits, but no definitive measure of the numbers of children in households were parents / carers work.

- vi) Regarding challenge 1, reference 4, what is the Council's Finance Department doing to provide financial advice and support to the residents of Barnsley?

It was explained to the committee the Council has a debt management policy to help residents from incurring any unnecessary debt, although it was recognised that sometimes we can do more. The service advised that they would speak to the Finance Department regarding this including referring people to both CAB and the Credit Union.

- vii) As well as Berneslai Homes, what are other private sector landlords, including Housing Associations doing to assist their tenants who are experiencing financial hardship?

The group were advised that a piece of work needs to be done with regards to this to connect other Housing Associations, Housing Providers and Homelessness Support Services and Berneslai Homes so that good practice can be shared and linked up.

- viii) Challenge 3, reference 1 has a lack of measureable outcomes to improve income levels. For example is there any reason we can't impose our suppliers to adopt the living wage?

The service advised that this was a good point and advised that the Trade Unions have also raised this. We have an ethical charter with regards to contractors which includes the working conditions of employees and levels of pay. The Council has adopted the living wage; however our smaller suppliers have fed back that they would not be able to operate if they paid the living wage. Our finance department are currently doing an assessment with regards to this and we'll talk to our current contractors. We can't change current contracts but where we can we'll encourage our suppliers to adopt the living wage.

- ix) Can we ensure the accredited landlord scheme targets a wider audience, particularly as some housing associations have been obstructive with regards to providing information in relation to safeguarding and to the police?

The service acknowledged that conversations will need to take place with providers to ensure they are being responsible with regards to helping tenants, such as accessing housing benefit resources. Pressure needs to be put on housing related providers to do this and not just always referring to CAB. We also need to ensure that conversations take place with key partners to target front line workers so they are able to support tenants in difficult financial circumstances.

- x) With reference to item 5.2 on the cover report are loan parents living on half the national average monthly income due to the other parent not making their appropriate contribution?

The group were advised that these figures are calculated nationally and are just based on the income of the one adult. It is concerning as we're hearing nationally that employment is up, wages are up and income is up, however the gap between the better and worse off is widening. It is also noted that those who are the least well off are the most vulnerable and live in poorer housing.

- xi) Do we know the uptake of free school meals, for example do we know that those who are applicable are actually accessing them?

The service advised that they will obtain this information from the school meals team and will report this back to the committee.

- xii) As an authority do we promote the facilities provided by the Credit Union enough as they provide a good service, handling people with care and providing support regarding handling money, not just lending it out as loan companies advertised on the TV do?

The service advised that they had been in contact with the Credit Union and recognise the need to promote this service better. They advised that referrals to the Credit Union need to increase and hope to encourage this amongst partners by bringing them together at a workshop so they better understand the organisation and the services available.

The Credit Union themselves have identified the extra costs incurred by people who are struggling financially. On average they are having to pay an extra 6% on the goods that they are purchasing due to the very high rates of interest being charged by the retailers they are having to use. The Credit Union have further identified that their customers were paying four times more for the price of white goods. To assist their customers, several outlets have been opened in different locations including

Scarborough and York and to enable the purchase of these goods at a more competitive price.

- xiii) Do we need to challenge the utility companies that supply gas and electricity as people in financial hardship are having to pay more as their supply is through meters that require regular cash payments and this disadvantages them from the discounts that are available to people who pay by direct debit?

The group were advised unfortunately the Credit Union are restricted by banks, therefore are unable to arrange payments by direct debit. The Credit Union are currently working with the Co-op Bank to try and resolve this.

- xiv) On the draft Anti Poverty Action Plan, Challenge 3 is to improve the employment prospects for the people of Barnsley, but the increase in the National Minimum Wage to £7.20 per hour from next April will result in people losing their entitlement to Universal Credit. It is good that we are considering encouraging our contractors to pay the living wage; however have we had any conversations with organised labour organisations such as the Trades Council and employers regarding how we can bring more and better jobs into the Borough? Also, what resources do we have to drill down problems with regards to transport across the Borough as links across neighbouring Wards are not available without coming into the Town Centre first?

The service advised that the work and delivery of the anti-poverty action plan is not about taking on the world, it is a small group who need to focus on delivering priority actions as a result of undertaking the poverty needs assessment. The anti-poverty group will focus on what challenge it needs to put to other groups and their strategies. The service also advised that they would be interested to hear more about the Trades Council and how they may be able to link up with this group.

- xv) With regards to health and wellbeing and helping families to choose how to spend their money, what is being doing done to help parents to beat their addictions?

The group were advised there are schemes available to address the health problems that do exist such as Be Well Barnsley, the Health Trainer Service as well as Substance Misuse Services. We need to make sure that people are aware of these services. The service advised that they would seek information form Members with regards to the targets on the Be Well Barnsley specification and substance misuse.

- xvi) People who are experiencing financial difficulties will often resort to desperate measures, including applying for loans from Finance Companies who advertise on television, to try to alleviate their financial circumstances; as a Council could we look to advertise on both Council Tax bills and on the website the financial advice that is available to residents of the borough?

The group were advised that this is an area that can be looked at and considered.

- xvii) How many Welfare Rights Advisors are there; as an authority do we promote the services provided by DIAL. Also, is there any financial assistance provided by the Council to help to fund these services?

The group were advised there are four Welfare Rights Advisors, as well as small Macmillan team who will provide help to people with cancer. Funding is provided to both CAB and a small amount is made to DIAL.

- xviii) Can a summary be provided as to what developments are made following the discussion of the topics that are looked at in Scrutiny?

The service agreed that they would feed back to the committee on the recommendations made in today's meeting and will incorporate suggestions into their work as appropriate. The service acknowledged the importance of Challenge 5 regarding demonstrating the impact and measuring the work undertaken and advised they had more work to do with regards to this and make sure local success stories are shared.

The service also acknowledged the large amount of existing positive work which is taking place in our communities and recognise that we need to make sure this is promoted to communities so they are aware of available services.

- xix) Are we able to educate children in schools from an early age into how to deal with their financial affairs?

The group were advised of savings clubs and the work done by CAB in schools. It was also explained that financial education is part of the National Curriculum however schools are autonomous in their delivery of this.

- xx) Regarding challenge 2, reference 1, as a result of the reconfiguration of children's centres, how will we ensure that we will still be able to access those in poverty?

The service advised that they want to review how advice and guidance is delivered in all localities including what's available and where. The commitment of the anti-poverty work is to ensure this is mobilised across our communities.

The Chair brought the item to a close and highlighted that we are still fortunate that there is a culture in Barnsley of extended family helping other family members who are not as well off which is invaluable.

11. Task and Finish Group (TFG) Update

The committee were advised that the three topics for the Task and Finish Groups have now been confirmed; Work Readiness (Adults) which is being led by Councillor Hand-Davis; Fly Tipping which is being led by Councillor Gill Carr and the Customer Service Strategy being led by Councillor Ralph Sixsmith.

Members were requested to contact Cllr Ennis, Anna Morley or Mark Wilks with their preferences regarding joining a TFG by mid-September.

The Chair thanked all attendees for their contribution and declared the meeting closed.

Action Points

- 1) Service to ensure appropriate performance milestones are included within the action plan.

- 2) Service to consider provision of an outreach service delivered in people's homes for those who are not able to access them elsewhere, such as the elderly, disabled.
- 3) Service to speak to the Council's Finance Department with regards to how we refer Council customers to debt advice such as CAB and the Credit Union.
- 4) Service to facilitate a forum for local housing service providers to be connected to share good practice in particular with regards to debt advice and support including signposting to other services.
- 5) Service to continue to encourage Council contractors to adopt the living wage and consider including this within the anti-poverty action plan.
- 6) Service to promote uptake of the accredited landlord scheme by housing providers, ensuring support is being provided to tenants in financial difficulty and that key messages are communicated to front line staff.
- 7) Service to advise the committee of the take-up with regards to children who are entitled to free school meals accessing them.
- 8) Promotion of the Credit Union and other services to take place, particularly amongst other organisations so that they better understand available services provided and can refer people to them, also utilising e.g. The Chronicle, Dearne FM, Radio Sheffield, Council Magazines etc.
- 9) Service to incorporate challenge of utility suppliers into the anti-poverty action plan as customers using tokens rather than paying by direct debit are paying 3-4 times more.
- 10) Service to meet with Cllr Clements to seek more information on the Trades Council and how they can link with this and other groups.
- 11) Service to provide information to the committee on the targets with regards to substance misuse detailed in the Be Well Barnsley service specification.
- 12) Service to incorporate recommendations from today's meeting into their work and feed back to the Overview and Scrutiny committee on the impact of this.
- 13) Members to contact CllrJeffEnnis@barnsley.gov.uk, AnnaMorley@barnsley.gov.uk or MarkWilks@barnsley.gov.uk regarding their TFG preference by 11th September 2015.

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Item 21

DEARNE AREA COUNCIL

27th July, 2015

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

DEARNE AREA COUNCIL

27th July, 2015

10. **Present:** Councillors Noble (Chair), Gardiner, and Worton.

11. **Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests**

There were no declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests.

12. **Minutes of the previous meeting of Dearne Area Council held on 1st June, 2015**

The meeting received the minutes from the previous meeting of Dearne Area Council.

With reference to the discussion about the Training for Employment contract, it was noted that the Enterprise Centre had not closed, but skills provision in the Enterprise Centre had ceased.

RESOLVED that, subject to the amendment above, the minutes of the Dearne Area Council meeting, held on 1st June, 2015 be approved as a true and correct record.

13. **Update on Performance and Commissioning**

The item was introduced by the Area Council Manager, who drew the attention of Members to the success of the Training for Employment contract. Referred to were the figures from quarter 3, where 26 people had been supported into local employment during the 8 months of the contact. A very basic social return on investment calculation showed £91,104 of JSA would be saved if those individuals stayed in employment for 12 months. It was noted that this figure would be higher if other benefits, such as housing benefit or council tax benefit, were also included.

Members noted the case studies circulated and were made aware that the success of the commission and its contribution towards the Corporate Priorities would be included in the next edition of the Council's Corporate Plan.

The meeting discussed promotion of the service. It was suggested that coverage in the press and within the community newsletter would help to encourage more people to access the service.

DEARNE AREA COUNCIL

27th July, 2015

An update on the Enforcement Service was circulated at the meeting. It was noted that, from the 4th May to 5th July, 2015, 44 notices for littering, dog fouling or parking violations had been issued in Dearne North and 21 in Dearne South Wards. Also noted were the details of operations which were currently ongoing. These included a focus on Thurnscoe Cemetery, on Church Street, and on Commercial Road.

Members discussed the low numbers of fixed penalty notices issued for dog fouling and the prevalence of the problem. It was acknowledged that often successful prosecution is as a result of intelligence received, and the reporting of intelligence was to be encouraged.

Also discussed were the figures for disputed parking notices and it was agreed to provide details of these to the next meeting of the Area Council.

The meeting heard how a number of security cameras had been funded by the Ward Alliance Fund, Big Local and Thurnscoe Crime and Safety Subgroup to help deter people committing environmental offenders.

RESOLVED:-

- (i)** that the continued progress of the two current commissions be noted; and
- (ii)** that future updates on the Environmental Enforcement Service contain details on disputed PCN notices.

14. Update on the Procurement of a Clean and Tidy Service

The Area Council Manager gave an update on procurement of a Clean and Tidy Service for the Dearne Area. Two organisations had submitted tenders and had subsequently been invited to interview.

A preferred organisation had been identified, but could not be identified as the contracting process was currently within the 10 day stand-still period.

Members noted that each Ward Alliance would ultimately inform the work plan of the service. However, as the service was due to start at the beginning of September and Ward Alliances would not meet until after this date, it was agreed that Members would meet to discuss an initial workplan.

Members were reminded that the service would not only assist with cleaning the area, but would also have a focus on the prevention of littering.

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- (i) that the progress to date regarding the procurement of a Clean and Tidy Service be noted;
- (ii) that arrangements be made for Dearne North and Dearne South Ward Alliances to discuss the work plan for the Clean and Tidy Service;
- (iii) that Members meet to discuss and interim workplan for the Clean and Tidy Service.

15. Dearne Area Council update on priorities, work plans and financial position

The report was introduced by the Area Council Manager. Members were reminded of the workshop held on 24th June, 2015 where a range of data and intelligence was considered by Members of the Area Council.

Based on the information provided and the knowledge of Members, it was suggested that the current priorities remained valid, but that an additional priority of Improving Health be added. It was suggested that that the priorities Community Involvement and Benefit Advice were important but were currently being delivered at a Ward, rather than Area Council, level.

The meeting noted a variety of discussions taking place between the Area Team and other agencies in order to map the health initiatives currently available in the area and identify any gaps in service.

Members noted the current financial position. Taking into account the extensions of the Environmental Enforcement and Training for Employment contracts, and the expected revenue from Fixed Penalty Notices, an amount of £126,562 of the Area Council budget for 2015/16 remained.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the following be approved as priorities for Dearne Area Council for 2015/16 – Environment, Skills and Learning for Work, Improving the Economy, Improving Health, and Young People;
- (ii) that the priorities of Community Involvement and Benefit Advice continue to be important for the Area, but they be more appropriately delivered at a Ward level;
- (iii) that the financial position for the Area Council be noted.

16. Dearne Area Council update on an Environmental Enforcement Service for 2016/17

The Dearne Area Council Manager introduced the item. Members were reminded of their recent decision to extend the contract with Kingdom Security to the end of March, 2016.

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However, Members noted that to continue to provide a service after this date would require the contract to be re-tendered. As many of the other Area Councils had commissioned a similar service, and had expressed an interest in this being provided post March 2016, this would exceed EU thresholds and therefore would necessitate a more involved tendering process to comply with relevant legislation.

This would involve commissioning a single contract with 'lots' assigned to each Area Council. Members were encouraged to consider the current service with a view to discussing the issue in more detail at the September meeting.

The meeting noted that an officer group was in the process of reviewing the service currently being provided and the outcome of this would inform future discussions.

RESOLVED that further consideration be given to the future provision of an Environmental Enforcement Service at the Dearne Area Council meeting to be held in September, 2015.

17. Notes from Dearne South Ward Alliance held on 8th July, 2015

The meeting considered the notes of the Dearne South Ward Alliance meeting held on 8th July, 2015. It was acknowledged that this was a very brief meeting and that work was to be undertaken to generate more interest in the group.

Officer support was in place to help review the work of the Ward Alliances and assist in their development.

RESOLVED that the note from Dearne South Ward Alliance be received.

18. Report on the use of Devolved Ward Budgets and Ward Alliance Funds

Members considered the report detailing expenditure from the beginning of the financial year to date.

It was noted that Dearne North had allocated £3,781.75 of its £10,109.49 Devolved Ward Budget, and Dearne South had allocated £2,803.36 of its £10,000 Devolved Ward Budget.

Neither ward had utilised any Ward Alliance Fund finance in the current financial year.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

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11. **Present:** Councillors Burgess (Chair), Cave, Cherryholme, Davies, Grundy, Howard, Leech, Miller, Platts, Spence, and Tattersall

12. **Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests.**

No Members declared an interest in any item on the agenda.

13. **Minutes from the North Area Council meeting held on 1st June, 2015.**

The Area Council received the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 1st June, 2015.

With regards to the editorial group for the community magazine, the following names were put forward: St. Helens – Cllr Leech; Old Town – Cllr Cherryholme; Darton East – Cllr Duerden and Darton West – Cllr Burgess.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That the minutes of the North Area Council meeting, held on 1st June, 2015 be approved as a true and correct record and
- (ii) That members of the editorial group be noted.

14. **RVS – Barnsley North Looking Out for Older People**

Representatives from the RVS were welcomed to the meeting and gave an overview of the service they are commissioned to provide. The RVS is a national charity comprising over 34,000 volunteers. Isolated older people are identified and provided with a service using a social prescribing model with the aim of reducing social isolation and improving integration within the community. They may need help with sorting bills out, shopping or other activities which may impact on their health. Referrals are received from social workers, neighbours, health workers and even self referrals. It is anticipated that GPs will also come on board with the service, referring older people on by email, telephone etc. The role of the inclusion officer is to be visible within the community, visiting other projects, community centres, health centres and recruiting volunteers to help older people locally. Representatives were thanked for their attendance and contribution.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That members will be provided with the RVS contact details and will promote the organisation within their wards

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15. SWYPT – Healthy Eating, Healthy Lifestyles

Representatives from SWYPT were welcomed to the meeting to talk about the 'Now You're Cooking' project commissioned by Barnsley North Area Council. The aim of the project is to raise awareness of the benefits of eating a healthy, balanced diet through a range of activities, including cooking courses, healthy eating activities, one to one advice and support sessions and staff training. SWYPT are halfway through an 18 month contract and are meeting all milestones and targets. Specific details of performance, along with case studies, were provided within the performance report. SWYPT aim to engage with at least one supermarket in each area. A dedicated Facebook page has proved very popular, with over 220 'likes' and which is updated every 2/3 days. The Facebook page is also used to signpost people to other health-related activities.

RESOLVED:-

(i) That members note the SWYPT 'Now You're Cooking' update.

16. Commissioning and procurement update including financial position and project performance update

The Area Council Manager presented this report, which provided members with an updated financial position for all North Area Council spend; the unallocated amount remaining for 2015/16; a performance report for the current commissioned projects and an update on the procurement of a clean and green service and a financial inclusion service. The procurement report for the clean and green contract was tabled. This recommended that The Forge (Anvil CIC) as the most economically advantageous provider to tender for the contract and successfully complete the procurement process. Contract value £150,192.00.

Members were asked to give consideration to the unallocated budget and potential services to be procured for 2016/17 delivery. A comprehensive performance management report was provided for each commissioned service. The C & K Careers project commissioned as a joint venture along with the North East Area Council is live at the moment and is taking place all week at The Core, Barnsley. It was pointed out that Kingdom Security's Quarter 4 report is due very soon and that the project is achieving and indeed exceeding its targets and milestones in some areas.

Members were made aware that the Pogmoor Area Residents Association (PARA) project for the Hollingworth Park Sensory Garden Project was no longer going ahead due to the requirement for them to maintain the sensory garden after completion, concerns over the number of volunteers this would require on an on-going basis and the need to obtain public liability and employers liability insurance.

The Area Council Manager gave a verbal update in respect of the financial inclusion project, which is to become operational from mid-September and stressed that as this is a new way of working for the Citizens' Advice Bureau it is important that it is located in the right area.

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RESOLVED:-

- (i) That North Area Council members note the updated financial position for all North Area Council spend and the unallocated amounts remaining for 2015/2016 and 2016/2017.
- (ii) That members note the Project Performance Report
- (iii) That members note the progress made regarding procurement of a clean and green service and a financial inclusion service and approve the recommendations included in the Clean and Green tender report to award the contract.
- (iv) That members note the performance report of the commissioned services and use this information together with the information provided by the Research and Business Intelligence Unit to help inform decision making with regards to future projects for commissioning based on the priority workshop held on Thursday 16th July, 2015.

17. Environmental Enforcement Contract

The Area Council Manager presented this report, which provided members with an opportunity to reach a decision about whether the North Area Council will continue to commission an Environmental Enforcement Service together with options regarding the scale of a future commissioned service. A workshop took place on 16th July to discuss this in detail. Currently Kingdom Security provide enforcement activity around littering, dog fouling and parking. It was felt that there is a need to ensure sustainability and to look at communications, particularly how to share the message that it is NOT okay to drop litter. Fines received will be used to offset the cost of service provision. A question was asked about court costs and a response was given that BMBC process court actions. A query was raised about staff turnover and uniforms as there seems to be a lot of new faces at the moment and every time a new officer is appointed a new uniform is also issued, which may be expensive if staff turnover is high. The Area Council Manager will raise these issues at contract management meetings with the provider.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That North Area Council members agree to continue to commission an environmental enforcement service to help address the Area Environment priority;
- (ii) That the contract be advertised for a minimum of 2 years at a value of £125,000 for 4 Enforcement Officers on the understanding that it is 'let' one year at a time with 'break' clauses included, should funding be discontinued.
- (iii) That appropriate performance management information will be provided to coincide with Area Council meetings; and

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- (iv) That the Area Council Manager will investigate the cost of uniforms and also staff turnover

18. North Area Council Celebration Event

The Area Council Manager presented a report, which provided members with an opportunity to discuss hosting a North Area Council Celebration Event. The report outlined how such an event could be planned and organised with the full involvement of North Area Council members together with outlining options about how the event could be funded.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That North Area Council will host a Celebration Event in the Autumn of 2015;
- (ii) That a Celebration Event Planning Working will be established to progress the planning and organisation of the event, with at least one member from each ward on the group and
- (iii) That the event will be funded through the North Area Council budget to a maximum amount of £3000 and the Town Hall is being considered as the venue for the event.

19. Update from the North Area Council Priorities Workshop held on 16th July 2015

The Area Council Manager presented this report, which provided members with a summary of the workshop held on the 16th July to discuss area priorities, financial position and projection for the area budget based on existing commissioned projects together with projects for commissioning in 2016/17. Two items require further development, namely the Parks Contingency Fund and devolving funds to Ward Alliances, for which more information is required.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That North Area Council members note the current financial position statement of the Area Council in relation to live projects and associated spend.
- (ii) That the Environmental Enforcement project and Community Magazine distribution costs will be taken forward;
- (iii) That a decision will be reached in respect of the Summer Internships project and Stronger Communities Grant in September once further information has been received; and

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- (iv) That the Area Council Manager will work up the proposals in respect of the Parks Contingency Fund and devolved funds to Ward Alliances in more detail to enable a decision to be made.

20. **Report on the use of Devolved Ward Budgets and Ward Alliance Funds**

The report was introduced by the Area Council Manager, and attention drawn to the progress made in each ward in expending the Devolved Ward Budget, Ward Alliance Fund and Public Health financial contribution. Members were urged to give thought to which projects they would like to see progressed as there is the possibility that funding not allocated may not be carried forward and will be withdrawn.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That the report be noted and;
- (ii) That each Ward in the North Area Council area prioritises the efficient expenditure of the remaining Devolved Ward Budgets and Ward Alliance Funds in line with the guidance on spend.

21. **Notes from the Ward Alliances**

The meeting received the notes from the Darton East Ward Alliance held on 14th May 2015; Darton West Ward Alliance held on 1st June, 2015; Old Town Ward Alliance held on 3rd June, 2015; and St. Helen's Ward Alliance held on 14th May, 11th June and 9th July 2015.

Members noted that new ways of community networking are being explored in Darton West ward. A workshop meeting has also been held with Julie Mitchell and Cath Fairweather to improve reporting on community safety activity.

It was reported that the St. Helen's Ward Gala had been a great success. Businesses on Carlton Industrial Estate had contributed towards funding for hanging baskets in the area.

RESOLVED that the notes of the respective Ward Alliances be noted.

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9. Present: Councillors Hayward (Chair), Clements, Ennis, S. Green, Hampson, Higginbottom, Makinson, Richardson and C. Wraith MBE.

10. Declarations of pecuniary and non pecuniary interests

There were no declarations of pecuniary or non pecuniary interests

11. Minutes from the North East Area Council meeting held on 11th June 2015

The meeting considered the minutes from the previous meeting of the North East Area Council, held on 11th June 2015.

RESOLVED: - that the minutes of North East Area Council, held on 11th June 2015 be approved as a true and correct record.

12. Notes from the Ward Alliances

The meeting received notes from the Cudworth, Monk Bretton, North East and Royston Ward Alliances, held throughout May and June 2015. The following updates were noted:

Cudworth – The Academic Achievement Awards event has taken place and was very successful and enjoyable. The Cook and Eat sessions were oversubscribed and the Holiday Programme is going ahead. The ‘Tea in the Park’ event was attended by over 3000 people. Yorkshire in Bloom judges have visited the park, Robert Street allotments and Carlton Marsh. Positive comments were received and it is hoped that awards may follow. The park gates are now in situ and look impressive.

Monk Bretton – It was reported that the planting up of the War Memorial by schoolchildren and volunteers was very successful and the plants are now growing. There is a possibility of being judged as part of Yorkshire in Bloom next year. The Gala at Monk Bretton priory was well attended and thanks were expressed to officers and volunteers for making the day a great success.

North East – There are a number of vacancies in the Ward Alliance and it is unlikely that Chris Sykes will be able to attend in the future due to his illness. Efforts are being made to recruit new members. £600 is being spent on the cenotaph in Grimethorpe, which has caused a disagreement with Shafton Parish Council as the memorial is owned by Brierley Town Council.

Royston – The Summer Gala was well attended by over 2000 people. Thanks were expressed to officers and volunteers for their efforts. The Summer Activities programme is underway. Section 106 money has been used to refurbish the play equipment, provide car parking, drainage and fencing at the park. A bid is being put

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together to develop a community orchard. Concerns were expressed regarding the level of grass-cutting and maintenance for 'primary gateways' and roundabouts across the area. Lee Lane in Royston is not a primary gateway but has been maintained by Neighbourhood Services following the death of a pedestrian. The path is only two feet wide and grass is growing across it, which is a health and safety issue.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the notes from the Ward Alliances be received, and
- (ii) That Paul Castle be invited to a future are council meeting to discuss grass-cutting and maintenance across the North East Area Council, particularly those areas not designated as 'gateways'.

13. Report on the use of Area Council Budgets, Devolved Ward Budgets and Ward Alliance Funds

The Area Council Manager introduced this item and highlighted the spend to date. The North East Area Council has a Devolved Ward Budget grant allocation of £81,939.54 for the 2015-2016 financial year. This allocation is made up of a £40,000 allocation for 2015-2016, and a carry forward allocation of £41,939.54 from the 2014-2015 financial year. Members were asked to note the amounts committed to date across their Wards along with the amounts not yet allocated.

A discussion took place around the issue of future funding of community caretakers, particularly in the North East Ward.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the report on the use of Area Council Budgets, Devolved Ward Budgets and Ward Alliance Funds be received and noted, and
- (ii) that future discussions take place to discuss and agree Ward Alliance funding in the future.

14. North East Area Council – Performance Report

The Area Council Manager introduced this item and gave an overview of the performance of the North East Area Council commissioned projects relating to the Environment, Health and Wellbeing and Economic Regeneration priorities.

A discussion took place about the prevalence of fly-tipping in the area. It was highlighted that a recent case which went to court resulted in a conditional discharge, which was very disappointing given the time and effort taken to bring the case to court. It was reported that fly-tipping is to be investigated by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee shortly.

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RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the performance report be noted.

15. Luncheon Club Initiative

The Chair introduced this item, highlighting that the contract ends in August. It seems that luncheon clubs are successful in some areas but not in others and does not represent value for money. Disappointment was expressed that a performance report had not been produced to aid decision-making around future commissioning. It was felt that coffee mornings/afternoon teas could be funded to replace luncheon clubs in areas where this was more appropriate.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the Luncheon Club contract will not be renewed when it ends in August and a letter will be sent to the Provider concerned.

16. North East Area Council Future Commissions

The Area Council Manager updated Members on the proposed future commissions for the North East Area Council.

Fit Reds

Following the success of the Fit Reds healthy lifestyle programme for men 35 and over which had been piloted through the Ward Alliances in Royston and Cudworth, the Health and Wellbeing Working Group recommended the commission of a Fit Reds programme for men and women across the four Wards of the North East Area Council, as agreed at the meeting of the North East Area Council on June 11th, 2015.

Fit Me

'Fit Me' is a 9 week course offering a supportive yet challenging environment for women to set and achieve their own personal wellbeing goals. PSS UK would like to deliver the Fit Me programme across the North East, using community venues and with 10 – 20 participants attending each course.

Shopability

The Shopability project proposal to help elderly and vulnerable residents has been considered by the Health and Wellbeing Working Group. The project would include a befriending service, personal shopping, home shopping, community care service, home from hospital service and coffee mornings.

Environmental Enforcement

The waiver for the North East Area Council Environmental Enforcement contract with Kingdom Security for a further period of nine months (August 2015 – March 2016), at a total cost of £44,732, has been signed off. In order to ensure economies of scale are realized it was felt that it might be appropriate to carry out a full re-tender of the service from April 2016 onwards, working in partnership with the other Area

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Councils. This would ensure Contract Procedure rules and European Guidelines are followed and would also allow for a year on year contract to be awarded to the successful provider.

Concerns were expressed that this type of open tender process might lead to a national provider coming forward for the contract, which could mean that quality of service could be compromised due to lower cost and at the detriment of local providers. It was explained that the contract is weighted towards social value in order to encourage local businesses to come forward. Whilst it was acknowledged that economies of scale could be realised through working in partnership with the other Area Councils, it was felt that a full re-tender of the Environmental Enforcement contract was not appropriate for the North East Area Council.

RESOLVED: -

- (i) That 5 x 'Fit Red' programmes at a cost of £3,931 per programme, with the total cost of the contract at £19,655, will be commissioned. 2 will be delivered in 2015 -2016, and 3 in 2016 – 2017.
- (ii) That 10 x 'Fit Me' programmes, at a cost of £1,160 per programme, with the total cost of the contract at £11,600, should be commissioned. 4 will be delivered in 2015 - 2016 and 6 in 2016 – 2017.
- (iii) That a 6 month pilot project for Shopability, at a cost of £7,824, be commissioned
- (iv) That authorisation be given to the Executive Director Communities to complete the necessary paperwork in order to waive the relevant contract procedure rules to allow the 'Fit Reds', the 'Fit Me' and the 'Shopability' contracts to be awarded, with contract values of £19,665, £11,600 and £7,824 respectively.
- (v) That a full re-tender of the Environmental Enforcement service from April 2016 onwards, is NOT undertaken.

17. Love Where You Live

A presentation was given which depicted the activities undertaken by the North Area Council in conjunction with communities in the period from March to date. Activities included environmental clean-ups, bulb planting and individual ward events such as galas.

The Area Council Manager highlighted the phenomenal amount of volunteering which had taken place, led by Elected Members as Community Champions. Thanks were also expressed to officers from the North East Area Council team for their on-going input into the success of the Area Council.

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RESOLVED:

- (i) That the update on community activities be received and noted.

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MEETING:	Penistone Area Council
DATE:	Thursday, 3 September 2015
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Meeting Room, Penistone Town Hall

MINUTES

Present Councillors Barnard (Chair), Griffin, Hand-Davis, Unsworth and Wilson.

11 **Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests.**

Councillor Hand-Davis declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute number 16 in so far as his family were users of DIAL's services.

12 **Minutes of the Penistone Area Council meeting held on 18th June, 2015. (Pac.03.09.2015/2)**

Members received the minutes from the previous meeting, of Penistone Area Council held on 18th June, 2015.

With reference to the minutes from the Ward Alliance, held on 21st May, 2015, Members questioned whether a response to the Millhouse traffic survey had been received from officers. It was noted that only a brief response was requested, nothing had yet been provided and it was agreed that this would be requested again.

Members went on to discuss the 'squareabout' and any issues raised by residents about its operation. It was agreed that a separate discussion be held on this at a later date.

RESOLVED:-

- i)** that the minutes of the meeting held on 18th June, 2015 be approved as a true and correct record;
- ii)** that a response to the Millhouse traffic survey is again requested;
- iii)** that Members meet to discuss the 'squareabout' and any associated issues.

13 **Notes from the Penistone East and West Ward Alliance held on 2nd July, 2015. (Pac.03.09.2015/3)**

The meeting received the notes from Penistone East and West Ward Alliance, held on 2nd July, 2015.

An update was provided on the refurbishment of the public toilets in Penistone, and it was noted that this was yet to be completed.

RESOLVED that the notes from Penistone East and West Ward Alliance held on 2nd July, 2015 be received.

**14 Report on the use of Devolved Ward Budgets and Ward Alliance Funds.
(Pac.03.09.2015/4)**

The Area Council Manager spoke to the report, highlighting the amounts of expenditure of Devolved Ward Budgets and Ward Alliance Funds to date. Members noted that a combined total of £12,925.11 of Devolved Ward Budgets remained for the two wards. An updated figure of £40,361 was noted as remaining for the Ward Alliance Funds.

RESOLVED that the report on the Devolved Ward Budgets and Ward Alliance Funds be noted.

**15 Penistone Area Council commissioning, procurement and funding update.
(Pac.03.09.2015/5)**

The item was introduced by the Area Council Manager. The meeting noted the apologies from Tom Handley of Growforest, and it was acknowledged that he was due to attend the Ward Alliance meeting.

Members heard how the necessary documentation to implement a waiver to contract procedure rules had been completed, in order to extend the Countryside Skills commission without the need for retendering. The necessary contract outputs for this had also been agreed.

A meeting had been arranged on 24th September, 2015 for the Area Manager and Tom Handley to discuss the 'lessons learned' following the completion of the first year of the contract. Outputs to date for the contract were considered, with the majority in line with that agreed, and with no areas of concern.

Members noted that 13 new learners had joined the current cohort with 8 remaining on the programme to date, all of which were preparing for the level 1 qualification in dry stone walling. 8 learners from the previous cohort had attained a Lantra level 1 qualification in dry stone walling, with a further learner preparing for level 2.

Members heard how learners from the programme had recently come 1st and 2nd in the Yorkshire Drystone Walling Guild competition.

The meeting noted that the exercise to procure a Clean and Tidy service had recently concluded. Four organisations had submitted tenders, with Barnsley MBC (Environment and Transportation) being identified as a preferred provider. Necessary service level agreement documentation was therefore being prepared, and it was expected that the service would commence on 1st October, 2015.

With regards to the Working Together Fund, it was noted that only one bid had been agreed, and therefore a panel would be convened to consider the application. Members suggested that further applications were expected following meetings of the Parish Councils in September.

Attention was drawn to the financial position of the Area Council, noting that £80,956 remained unallocated for 2015/16 and £125,401 for 2016/17.

RESOLVED:-

- i) that the progress of the Countryside Skills Training commission be noted;
- ii) that the progress of the Clean and Tidy commission be noted;
- iii) that the current financial situation of the Area Council be noted.

16 Penistone Area Council Priorities. (Pac.03.09.2015/6)

The meeting noted the agreed priorities of the Area Council, which had been reconsidered at the previous meeting, alongside recently produced statistics about the area. It was noted that subsequently there had been further statistical information provided, and the Ward Alliance had also discussed the priorities for the area.

Following this, a suggestion had been made that the current priority of 'Access to Healthcare Services', be widened to become 'to Improve and Maintain Health and Wellbeing'. This was unanimously agreed.

Cllr Hand-Davis put forward the proposal to consider funding an advice and guidance service, following his discussions and experience of DIAL Barnsley. The meeting discussed how this may be taken forward, perhaps using the Devolved Ward Budget to fund a pilot. It was agreed that the Area Manager pursue this with colleagues from DIAL.

Members noted a piece of work currently being undertaken to consider the work commissioned by Area Councils and Ward Alliances, to map its contribution to priorities in the area. It was noted that this would also help identify and target gaps in provision

RESOLVED that the priority of 'to Improve and Maintain Health and Wellbeing' be adopted in place of 'Access to Healthcare Services'.

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MEETING:	South Area Council
DATE:	Friday, 4 September 2015
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Meeting Room, The Hoyland Centre

MINUTES

Present Councillors Stowe (Chair), Andrews BEM, Franklin, Frost, Lamb, Saunders, Shepherd and R. Wraith.

10 **Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests.**

Councillor Shepherd declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute 16 in his capacity as a board member of Forge Community Partnership, and Councillor Andrews declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute 16 in his capacity as Chair of South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority.

11 **Minutes of the meeting of South Area Council held on 26th June, 2015. (Sac.04.09.2015/2)**

Members considered the minutes of the previous meeting of South Area Council held on 26th June, 2015.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of South Area Council held on 26th June, 2015 be approved as a true and correct record.

12 **Notes of the Ward Alliances. (Sac.04.09.2015/3)**

The meeting received the notes from the Hoyland Milton and Rockingham Ward Alliance, held on 13th July, 2015; Wombwell Ward Alliance, held on 14th July, 2015; and Darfield Ward Alliance, held on 16th July, 2015.

RESOLVED that the notes of the Ward Alliances be received.

13 **Report on the use of Devolved Ward Budgets and Ward Alliance Funds. (Sac.04.09.2015/4)**

Members received the report detailing Devolved Ward Budget and Ward Alliance Fund expenditure from the start of the financial year to date.

As many Wards were underspent, Members were urged to accelerate project development to ensure monies are allocated to meaningful projects and the impact seen in the community accordingly.

RESOLVED that the report on the use of Devolved Ward Budgets and Ward Alliance Funds be noted.

14 **South Area Council Performance Management Report. (Sac.04.09.2015/5)**

The item was introduced by the Area Council Manager, who drew attention to part A of the report, which provided an overview of performance.

With reference to the 'Improving our Local Environment' priority, Members noted that the figures represented the first year of delivery. It was noted that there had been 942 litter picks, the majority of which had included significant amounts of volunteering, as did many of the 362 environmental projects completed. 626 Fixed Penalty Notices for littering had been issued, and 39 for dog fouling, with 150 PCN notices for parking violations.

The Area Manager made Members aware of the ongoing dialogue between senior officers and staff at Kingdom Security to ensure that parking enforcement was delivered in the most efficient way, without duplication. Officers agreed to ensure that the Cabinet Spokesperson for Place was aware of the discussions taking place.

It was noted that, whilst the numbers of notices issued were not broken down per Ward, patrolling hours for each Ward were available. It was noted that the majority of notices issued were based on intelligence provided, and all Members were encouraged to continue to provide this.

With regards to the 'Access to Local Information and Advice' priority, Members noted that £613,846 of benefits had been gained to date as a result of advice given, and 836 people had received advice. The meeting heard how those accessing the service were often either elderly, or those in work. £660,416 of debt was now being successfully managed through financial settlements, and significant numbers of clients had been referred to the Credit Union, and other sources of help and support. 19 cases of homelessness had also been averted

It was noted that the service had recently had some positive exposure in the Barnsley Chronicle.

Members discussed the positive impact the project had on the Mental Health of clients and, although the extent of this could not currently be measured, a piece of work was being undertaken to map the impact of Area Councils on Public Health outcomes.

It was noted that 94% of the Area Council budget had been spent in the local economy, a figure which compared favourably with other Council departments, and with other Area Councils.

Members noted that 68 additional volunteers had been engaged, but it was stressed that this figure was not representative, as many residents had given their time for one-off projects and therefore may have not been counted. A discussion took place about the merits of recording volunteer hours, and it was noted that this would take place in the future.

The Area Manager then drew Members' attention to part B of the report which provided more detail about the performance of each contract.

With regards to the One Stop Shop project, the project had been very successful and client satisfaction had been extremely high. It was noted that the use of local venues had been highlighted as a factor contributing to its success. Members heard how

links with food banks were now being developed to help identify those most in need of assistance.

Referring to the Tidy Team, the Area Manager made the meeting aware that two apprentices had now passed their NVQs, and the team had now recruited two more apprentices. The team had been involved in all the summer galas, generating interest and promoting volunteering opportunities.

Members heard how take up of the business courses had been disappointing, despite them being free of charge, and being held in local venues at appropriate times. In order to fill places and maximise the impact, the courses had therefore subsequently been offered to the general public, being publicised widely through the Neighbourhood Networks.

The meeting were updated on the Summer Holiday Internship. 43 young people had taken part in the programme, and feedback was extremely positive. A celebration event had been arranged to take place on 23rd September, 2015.

Members questioned the types of young people accessing the course and it was acknowledged that a variety attended, including many that the schools identified would be more likely to benefit from such a scheme.

RESOLVED that the content of the Performance Report be noted.

15 South Area Council Environmental Enforcement contract. (Sac.04.09.2015/6)

Members were reminded of various discussions at previous meetings of the Area Council on this subject.

The meeting was made aware that necessary paperwork had been completed to waive contract procedure rules to extend the contract with Kingdom Security until 31st March, 2016.

However, should the Area Council wish provide an environmental enforcement service, this would need to be retendered, with a view to starting on 1st April, 2016 to ensure a seamless service.

Members discussed the proposal, noting the success of the commission and the high priority given to the environment in recent consultations. A decision was therefore made to continue the service, at the current level.

As a number of Area Councils wished to procure a similar service, the procurement exercise would be for a contract with a single provider but divided into 'lots' per Area Council. The 'lots' would also be able to be renewed on an annual basis, subject to the continued need for the service, satisfactory performance and funding being available.

RESOLVED:-

i) that the information relating to the continued provision of an Environmental Enforcement Service be noted;

ii) that approval be given to retender for an Environmental Enforcement Service at a cost of £135,092 per annum, with a view to the service commencing on 1st April, 2016, and continuation of the service being dependant on satisfactory performance, a continued need for the service, and the availability of Area Council finance.

16 South Area Council future commissions for 2015/16 and 2016/17. (Sac.04.09.2015/7)

The Area Manager introduced the item, which had been deferred at the last meeting. Members noted the current commissions, and committed expenditure. It was acknowledged that £106,080 remained unallocated in the current financial year, in addition to £400,000 for 2016/17.

A number of potential development ideas were discussed. These included the provision of universal youth activities locally; extending the Fire Cadets programme; commissioning an extension to the One Stop Shop to provide careers advice; undertaking additional environmental maintenance work to replace that lost due to central reprioritisation to gateway areas; piloting a scheme to provide small household jobs on a subscription basis through an extension to the Tidy Team; hosting a conference to identify gaps in health and wellbeing provision in the area; and developing a support pack for veterans returning to the area, amongst others.

The merits of each were discussed, and the following were suggested as areas for the Area Team to progress, with a view to considering proposals in more detail at a future meeting:-

- 1) To re-commission the Summer Holiday Internship for 2016;
- 2) To hold a small, focused health conference to consider provision in the area and identify any gaps;
- 3) To support the production of a support pack for veterans returning to the area, should other grant finance not be forthcoming;
- 4) To extend youth provision in the area, potentially funding an extension to the Fire and Rescue Service Cadet scheme;
- 5) To re-commission the One Stop Shop;
- 6) To provide signage to highlight that areas were maintained by volunteers, and to alert residents that fixed penalty notices had been issued in that area.

RESOLVED that the proposals above be developed with a view to more in depth discussion at a future meeting of South Area Council.

17 South Area Council Community Magazine. (Sac.04.09.2015/8)

Members were reminded of previous discussion and agreement at South Area Council to produce and distribute a Community Magazine. The Area Council Manager referred to the report circulated, which included a list of suggested names for the publication.

After some discussion it was agreed to call the magazine #LoveBarnsley with a subtitle of 'Brought to you by South Area Council' and that the front cover detailing the towns and villages in the area.

The meeting discussed a proposed outline for the magazine, which included a Welcome from the Area Chair; details of the work of the Tidy Team, Environmental Enforcement, Advice, and Internship contracts; and information on the work of the Ward Alliances. The outline was supported, with a suggestion that the piece on the Advice Sessions ought to include further information on the Credit Union, following a recommendation from the Scrutiny Committee that this ought to be more widely promoted.

Members discussed the possibility of convening an editorial group with representation from each Ward. However, after discussion it was agreed for the Area Team to produce a draft magazine on which all Members could comment prior to publication.

RESOLVED:-

- i) that '#LoveBarnsley – Brought to you by South Area Council', be approved as the name for the Community Magazine;
- ii) that the proposed content for the first edition of the magazine be approved;
- iii) that the Area Team produces a draft of the magazine for South Area Council Members to comment on prior to publication.

18 South Area Council working effectively with Ward Alliances. (Sac.04.09.2015/9)

Due to lack of time, it was agreed to discuss the item at a later date.

RESOLVED that the item be deferred to a future meeting.

Chair

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MEETING:	Central Area Council
DATE:	Monday, 7 September 2015
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Reception Room, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present Councillors D. Green (Chair), P. Birkinshaw, Bruff, G. Carr, J. Carr, Johnson, Mathers, Pourali, Riggs and Williams

8. Declaration of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests.

9. Minutes of the Previous Meeting of Central Area Council held on 6th July, 2015 (Cen.07.09.2015/2)

The meeting received the minutes from the previous meeting of Central Area Council held on 6th July, 2015.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Central Area Council held on 6th July, 2015 be approved as a true and correct record.

10. Service to improve the health and wellbeing of children & young people aged 8-12 years - presentation from YMCA

Members received a presentation from Andrea Batty and Christie Macfarlane from YMCA about the programme being delivered to improve the health and wellbeing of children and young people aged 8-12 years in the Central Area.

The meeting heard of the variety of activities undertaken, which offered new experiences, promoted the development of new skills, and helped to build the confidence of young people. This included Minecraft Club, outdoor experiences, environmental projects, dance workshops, sport, team games, and free play amongst other things.

Members heard how the project had been shaped through consultation with young people to ensure delivery was best suited to their needs.

The meeting heard how the project had recruited and trained a number of young volunteers and peer supporters, who had been integral to the success of the project. Members also heard how 90 young people had also successfully completed the IKIC award as part of their engagement with the project.

Members questioned the backgrounds of children engaged by the project and which ward they were from. It was noted that, due to the existing networks of the YMCA, young people from a variety of backgrounds engaged with the project and from across the Central Area.

Questions were raised about which activities and venues were used, and it was noted that certain areas had historically not been best served in terms of provision, which in part was due the lack of appropriate venues. Members were made aware that the contract was extremely flexible, this allowed the team to respond to any concerns and to comments from young people, moving location and varying activities to suit.

Thanks were given by Central Area Council members for the hard work of YMCA staff and the positive impact the project had made.

11. Central Area Council Framework for Monitoring Progress and Challenging Performance (Cen.07.09.2015/4)

The item was introduced by the Area Council Manager, who referred to the report circulated. The report proposed that the reporting cycle of contracts be aligned so that each contract would report on a quarterly basis, aligned to the standard quarters in the financial year. A cumulative report would then be brought to the next Area Council meeting after the end of the quarter.

The meeting considered the proposed process to be used for the 'Check and Challenge' exercises, with that relating to the Targeted Youth Support Service to be concluded around November, 2015 and Neighbourhood Services in September, 2015. Members expressed concern as to whether deadlines for providing information would be adhered to, and it was agreed that if they were not, this could then be escalated.

To progress a 'Check and Challenge' exercise relating to schools, it was suggested that the Cabinet Spokesperson for People be invited to a future meeting of the Area Council.

With regards to considering fly tipping, Members heard how the Scrutiny Commission would be considering this topic. The meeting also discussed whether Police response times may be an area for further consideration. The Area Chair agreed to raise this with colleagues to ascertain whether this was an issue specific to the area or experienced elsewhere in the borough before progressing.

With any 'Check and Challenge' exercise being undertaken, it was agreed that the relevant Cabinet spokesperson ought to be made aware.

RESOLVED:-

- i)** that the proposed changes in performance reporting against contracts, service level agreements, Working Together Fund projects, and other programmes be approved;
- ii)** that the process to be used for 'Check and Challenge' exercises be noted; and
- iii)** that the scope of the 'Check and Challenge' exercise for the Targeted Youth Support Service and Neighbourhood Services be approved.
- iv)** that to progress a 'Check and Challenge' exercise relating to schools, the Cabinet Spokesperson for People be invited to a future meeting of the Area Council.

12. Central Council Priorities, Current Financial Position for 2015/2016 and Proposals for 2016/2017 (Cen.07.09.2015/5)

The item was introduced by the Area Council Manager who drew attention to the progress made against each of the priorities of the Area Council.

With regards to Improving the Health and Wellbeing of Children and Young People, it was noted that discussions were taking place with relevant officers regarding health information for the area. Once the information is received it was suggested that it may be appropriate to invite the Health and Wellbeing Manager to attend a meeting of Central Area Council to discuss where resources could be most effectively used to address health related issues.

Members noted that the contract with Kingdom Security had successfully been extended until 31st March, 2016, and the Private Sector Housing Management SLA was now well underway.

The meeting noted that only £65,000 of the Core Assets contract had been spent. After the Target Youth Support Service summer programme, approximately £126,000 remained still allocated to this priority. Members noted that, with income from fixed penalty notices, this resulted in £104,473 remaining unallocated in the current financial year, and £354,683 in 2016/17.

Members discussed a proposal, circulated under appendix 2 of the report, to address the Health and Wellbeing of Young People aged 13-19. It was noted that a working group had been convened to consider the best way forward. A number of steps were proposed, which would hopefully lead to provision being delivered from early January, 2016.

The proposal contained five steps:-

1 – to establish a stakeholder group to identify needs and develop a framework for the young people's programme. The membership of the group was discussed, including the merits of including someone to represent churches in the area. Whilst Members did not wish to support any religion over another, it was recognised that many youth clubs and groups are organised through local churches.

2 – to hold a stakeholder/provider workshop session. The session would help foster collaboration and innovation, identify and make plans to address local challenges and encourage a joint way forward to deliver the programme.

3 – inviting proposals to meeting the identified need. Organisations would be invited to put forward proposals with timescales for delivery and associated costings.

4 – agreeing successful proposals. A number of options were discussed, which included holding a participatory budgeting exercise, and convening a small evaluation panel. The meeting discussed this issue in some depth and it was suggested that one member from each Ward Alliance, with knowledge or experience in this area, be invited to take part in an evaluation panel. It was acknowledged that this could be an Elected Member or Community Representative. The panel would

then make recommendations, which could be brought back to the Area Council for final approval, or this could be delegated to an officer.

Members noted that, following the meeting of the stakeholder group and the workshop, a report with further detail would be submitted to next meeting of the Area Council

5 – programme implementation and performance management. It was suggested that projects would run between January, 2016 and 31st March, 2017 and that performance and financial information would be reported on a quarterly basis.

The meeting went on to consider the current commissions and proposals to extend provision, ensuring continuity wherever possible. This included the following proposals which had been developed following procurement advice from NPS:-
To extend the contract with RVS to 31st March, 2017 by seeking a waiver to contract procedure rules, at a cost of approximately £80,000;
To extend the contract with YMCA to 31st March, 2017 by seeking a waiver to contract procedure rules, at a costs of approximately £75,000;
To re-commission the project to 'Create a cleaner and greener environment in partnership with local people' for one year with the possibility of extending for a further year at an annual cost of approximately £85,000;
To re-commission the Environmental Enforcement service for one year with the possibility of extending for a further year at an annual cost of approximately £55,000;
To extend the service level agreement with BMBC Housing for the Private Sector Rented Housing Management and Enforcement service to 31st March, 2017 by seeking a waiver to contract procedure rules, at a cost of approximately £13,000.

The meeting discussed each of the proposed actions and all were supported. However, it was noted that other Area Councils were seeking to re-commission an Environmental Enforcement Service, and therefore this would go out to tender as a single combined commission, with individual 'lots'. Members were keen to see that the contract remained distinct, and managed by the Area Council, rather than centrally.

RESOLVED:-

- i)** that the update on progressing the delivery against Central Area Council priorities be noted;
- ii)** that the proposal for developing and agreeing projects to improve the health and wellbeing for young people aged 13-19 years be supported, including the establishment of an evaluation panel consisting of one representative from each Ward Alliance;
- iii)** that the current and projected financial position for 2015/16 and 2016/17 be noted;
- iv)** that the proposed way forward for each of the current Central Area Council contracts be supported, and that further detailed proposals be brought to a future meeting of the Area Council for approval.

13. Notes of the Ward Alliances (Cen.07.09.2015/6)

The meeting received the notes of the meetings of the Ward Alliances within the Central Area held in June and July, 2015.

RESOLVED that the notes and feedback from the Ward Alliances be received.

**14. Report on the Use of the Devolved Ward Budgets and Ward Alliance Funds
(Cen.07.09.2015/7)**

The meeting received a report detailing expenditure from the Devolved Ward Budget and Ward Alliance Funds for the year to 12th August, 2015. It was noted that significant amounts of finance remained unallocated, and Members were urged to accelerate project development to make use of finance where possible.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

Chair

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Item 32



MEETING:	Cabinet
DATE:	Wednesday, 29 July 2015
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Reception Room, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present Councillors Andrews BEM (Chair), Bruff, Cherryholme, Gardiner, Howard, Miller and Platts

Members in Attendance: Councillors K. Dyson, Franklin, Mitchell, Morgan and Wilson

43. Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

There were no declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest.

44. Leader - Call-in of Cabinet decisions

The Leader reported that no decisions from the previous meeting held on 3rd June, 2015 had been called-in.

45. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 15th July, 2015 (Cab.29.7.2015/3)

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd June, 2015 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

46. Decisions of Cabinet Spokespersons (Cab.29.7.2015/4)

The Record of Decisions taken by Cabinet Spokespersons under delegated powers during the week ending 17th July, 2015 were noted.

47. Petitions received under Standing Order 44 (Cab.29.7.2015/5)

RESOLVED that the report notifying the receipt of the following petitions be noted and the recommended actions for responding to them be endorsed:-

- (a) Containing the signatures of 116 signatories, in respect of a request, on behalf of the Redbrook Tenants and Residents Association, for a feasibility study to be done to identify any options to ease the bend at the entrance/junction of Barugh Green Road and Claycliffe Avenue.

The Head of Highways, Engineering and Transportation will carry out a desk top outline feasibility study and provide feedback to the lead petitioner and Darton West Ward Councillors in due course.

The study will consider:-

- Existing layout.
- Personal injury collision data.

- Public utility service information.
- Estimated construction costs.
- Land issues/ownership.

48. Proposal to Increase Member Representation on the Member Development Working Party (Cab.29.7.2015/6)

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL ON 24TH SEPTEMBER, 2015:-

- (i) that approval be given to increase representation on the Member Development Working Party from 7 to 10 members; and
- (ii) that the additional members include the Cabinet Support Member without Portfolio and two of the new members elected in 2014 and/or 2015, to be selected at the Council meeting on 24th September, 2015.

49. Tendering of Substance Misuse, Harm Reduction, Treatment and Recovery Service for Barnsley from 1st April, 2016 (Cab.29.7.2015/7)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that authority be given for officers within Barnsley MBC to approach the market to inform the commissioning and procurement of a substance misuse service for adults and families in Barnsley from April 2016;
- (ii) that authority be given for the Director of Public Health and Executive Director, Communities to accept the highest scoring tender, in accordance with the evaluation criteria, and to report on the outcome to the Cabinet Members with responsibility for Public Health and Communities;
- (iii) that delegated authority be given for the Director of Public Health and Executive Director, Communities to award the contract for the substance misuse service following a competitive process; and
- (iv) that it be noted that substance misuse services for children and young people need to be integrated to targeted youth support services in addition to the wider treatment system for adults and families. Young people who present with substance misuse often experience a range of risk-taking behaviours which should be addressed in a holistic way in accordance with evidence of what works. Although part of the broader substance misuse procurement project, the young people's service will be arranged through a discrete contract to commence 1st April, 2016 in order to maximise synergy with the adult treatment system while maintaining the necessary focus on young people's issues.

50. Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 - Prevent Duties and The Implications For Barnsley Council (Cab.29.7.2015/8)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the provisions set out in the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 and the statutory Prevent duties placed on the Council from 1st July, 2015, as detailed in the report now submitted, be noted;
- (ii) that the establishment of a Grade 10 0.5 FTE time limited Prevent coordinator post to March 2016 to ensure the Council is able to respond to requirements of the Act and to integrate the statutory duties into mainstream practice, be approved;
- (iii) that the Council assumes responsibility for the Prevent partnership with effect from 1st July, 2015 and uses the next three months to September 2015 to ensure a smooth transition and hand over from South Yorkshire Police;
- (iv) that a governance review be undertaken to ensure the Prevent Partnership structure has reporting lines and assurance arrangements in place with the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) and Safeguarding Boards; and
- (v) that training requirements as a product of the Act, be scoped out and a suitable workforce development programme be developed for roll out across the Authority.

51. Update on the Community Shop Development as part of the 'Food Ladder' Approach to Address Poverty (Cab.29.7.2015/9)

This item was withdrawn.

52. Response to Scrutiny Task and Finish Group - Work Readiness (Cab.29.7.2015/10)

RESOLVED that the conclusions, suggestions and recommendations contained in the response to the Scrutiny Task and Finish Group on 'Work Readiness', as set out in Section 6 of the report now submitted, be approved to achieve the following outcomes:-

- Members and Schools Senior Leadership Teams are briefed about the legislation and guidance pertaining to this area of work and have a clear picture of the support available to young people to help them prepare for the world of work – by September 2015;
- This briefing is cascaded to all key staff and stakeholders – by October 2015;
- A good practice guide is collated and shared detailing successful strategies to engage parents and promote work readiness – by December 2015;

- The I Know I Can (IKIC) Offer is reviewed and revised detailing the support available to schools with regard to data, events, activities and support materials – by December 2015; and
- A baseline of the numbers of current work placements in the Council and in local businesses is established and a 10% target set to increase this number - by March 2016.

53. Exclusion of the Press and Public (Cab.29.7.2015/11)

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>
54	Paragraph 3

54. Sale of Land at Burleigh Street and Sale of Burleigh Street East Car Park, Barnsley to Park Grove Surgery (Cab.29.7.2015/12)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the Director of Finance, Assets and Information Services be authorised to sell the land and car park on Burleigh Street, Barnsley to Park Grove Doctors Surgery, as shown at Appendix B of the report now submitted;
- (ii) that it be noted that the proposals have the full support of NHS England and the finished development will not only provide state of the art medical facilities but a community hub for patients in central Barnsley;
- (iii) that the Service Director Assets be authorised to finalise the heads of terms and contract details for the proposed disposal; and
- (iv) that the Director of Legal and Governance be authorised to complete the sale of the sites to Park Grove Doctors Surgery, subject to the necessary planning consents being achieved prior to complete of the sale.

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Chair

Item 33



MEETING:	Cabinet
DATE:	Wednesday, 26 August 2015
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Reception Room, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present Councillors Houghton CBE (Chair), Andrews BEM, Dures (for Bruff), Cherryholme (for Cheetham), Franklin (for Gardiner), Howard, Miller and Platts

Members in Attendance: Councillors Griffin, Mitchell, Morgan and Sheard

55. Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

Councillor Houghton declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No. 66 in his capacity as Chair of the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority (CA) in view of the funding provided by the Combined Authority for works at Junction 36.

56. Leader - Call-in of Cabinet decisions

The Leader reported that no decisions from the previous meeting held on 29th July, 2015 had been called in.

57. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 29th July, 2015 (Cab.26.8.2015/3)

The minutes of the meeting held on 29th July, 2015 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

58. Decisions of Cabinet Spokespersons (Cab.26.8.2015/4)

The Record of Decisions taken by Cabinet Spokespersons under delegated powers during the week ending 7th August, 2015 were noted.

59. Petitions received under Standing Order 44 (Cab.26.8.2015/5)

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

60. Cabinet Spokesperson without Portfolio - Appointment to Outside Bodies - Shaw Lands Trust (Cab.26.8.2015/6)

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL ON 24TH SEPTEMBER, 2015 that approval be given to the appointment of two representatives as Trustees to the Shaw Lands Trust for a three year term

61. Corporate Services Spokesperson - Health, Safety and Emergency Resilience Annual Report 2014-15 (Cab.26.8.2015/7)

RESOLVED that the Authority's Health, Safety and Emergency Resilience performance for 2014/15, as detailed in the report now submitted, be noted and continuous efforts be made to improve upon performance in this area.

62. Corporate Services Spokesperson - Quarterly Analysis of Selective Voluntary Early Retirement and Voluntary Severance April - June, 2015 (Cab.26.8.2015/8)

RESOLVED that the Selective Voluntary Early Retirement and Voluntary Severances which have taken place in the period 1st April to 30th June, 2015, as detailed in the report now submitted, be noted.

63. Place Spokesperson - Establishment of a Development Trust for Barnsley Museums (Cab.26.8.2015/9)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that approval be given to proceed with the establishment of a Development Trust for Barnsley Museums as a vehicle for fundraising, as described in the report now submitted; and
- (ii) that a further report regarding options for wider governance of Barnsley Museums linked to implementation of Future Council be brought to a Cabinet meeting at a later date.

64. Exclusion of 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>
65	Paragraph 3
66	Paragraph 3
67	Paragraph 3

65. Place Spokesperson - Better Barnsley - Delivery of New Retail and Leisure Facilities (Cab.26.8.2015/11)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that progress on the delivery of the Better Barnsley Scheme, as described in the report now submitted, be noted;
- (ii) that agreement be given to the strategy of procuring a Development Management Company to secure private sector investment to deliver new retail and leisure units in the Better Barnsley Scheme;
- (iii) that approval be given to release funding previously set aside in the Jobs and Business Growth Plan to fund the costs associated with the engagement of a Development Manager;

- (iv) that a further report be presented in due course on the wider Better Barnsley Scheme to highlight the current financial position of the Scheme linked to the Council's ongoing Corporate Reserves Strategy;
- (v) that the Executive Director of Place and Director of Finance, Assets and Information Services in consultation with the Cabinet Spokesperson for Place and the Cabinet Spokesperson for Corporate Services be authorised to finalise the necessary scheme design to allow for the development and launch of the procurement process; and
- (vi) that the Director of Legal and Governance be authorised to complete any necessary contract documentation relating to the requirements of the procurement of the Development Management Company and the resulting funding partner.

66. Place Spokesperson - Strategic Growth Clusters - M1 Junction 36 Phase 1 Hoyland (Cab.26.8.2015/12)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the Authority accept £17.1m of Sheffield City Region Investment Fund (SCRIF) finance for the delivery of the infrastructure improvements, as set out in the report now submitted;
- (ii) that the principles of the Combined Authority SCRIF Grant funding agreement be agreed and accepted, and final approval be delegated to the Executive Director of Place and the Director of Legal and Governance, in consultation with the Place Spokesperson, to ensure the final document minimises risks to the Council;
- (iii) that agreement be given to the principle of entering into development agreements with relevant private developers in relation to work packages 2, 3 and 4, as set out in the report, in order to minimise the financial risks to the Council;
- (iv) that authorisation be given to conclude the approval and funding process with Sheffield City Region Combined Authority (SCR CA), accept tenders, appoint a contractor and implement Work Package 1, subject to the costs being contained within the SCR CA funding agreement and the contribution from Highways England for the additional slip road works;
- (v) that the Director of Legal and Governance be authorised to complete any necessary contract documentation relating to the requirements of each work package and enter into any necessary contracts with the successful tenderer;
- (vi) that the Executive Director of Place be authorised, in consultation with the Place Spokesperson, to apply for any necessary consents, licence arrangements, footpath diversions, traffic regulation orders and closure orders arising from the four work packages; and

- (vii) that, in accordance with paragraph 2.3 (b)(i) of the Council's Contract Procedure Rules (In-House Providers), the Business Park service contract be awarded to NPS Barnsley, under the Joint Venture Service Level Agreement to check and challenge on the private sector work packages 2, 3 and 4.

**67. Deputy Leader - Commissioning of 0-19 Healthy Children Programme
(Cab.26.8.2015/13)**

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that approval be given to the proposed 0-19 Healthy Child Programme service model and expenditure, as set out in the report now submitted;
- (ii) that approval be given for the open tender process now proposed; and
- (iii) that a further report on the outcome of the procurement process be submitted to Cabinet so it can approve the decision to award the contract to the preferred bidder.

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Chair

Item 34



MEETING:	Cabinet
DATE:	Wednesday, 9 September 2015
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Reception Room, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present Councillors Houghton CBE (Chair), Andrews BEM, Bruff, Cheetham, Franklin (for Gardiner), Howard, Miller and Platts

Members in Attendance: Councillors Cherryholme, Griffin, Mitchell, Morgan and Sheard

68. Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

There were no declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests.

69. Leader - Call-in of Cabinet decisions

The Leader reported that no decisions from the previous meeting held on 26th August, 2015 had been called in.

70. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 26th August 2015 (Cab.9.9.2015/3)

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th August, 2015 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

71. Decisions of Cabinet Spokespersons (Cab.9.9.2015/4)

There were no Records of Decisions by Cabinet Spokespersons under delegated powers to report.

72. Petitions received under Standing Order 44 (Cab.9.9.2015/5)

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

73. Corporate Services Spokesperson - Quarter 1 Performance Monitoring Report (April-June) 2015/16 (Cab.9.9.2015/6)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the contents of the Quarter 1 Corporate Plan Performance Report for April-June 2015/16, as detailed in the report now submitted, be noted;
- (ii) that follow-up reports arising from the report be received in the future on:-
 - People using self-directed support and direct payments
 - Business starts
 - Timeliness of resolving complaints; and

- (iii) that the report be presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to inform and support their ongoing work programme.

74. Corporate Services Spokesperson - Corporate Finance Summary for Quarter 1 ending 30th June 2015 (Cab.9.9.2015/7)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the financial performance of the Authority during the quarter ended June 2015, as detailed in the report submitted, be noted;
- (ii) that Executive Directors/Directors (where appropriate) be requested to bring back further reports on how their forecast overspends will be brought back into line with existing budgets and on a recurrent basis;
- (iii) that approval be given to the write off of £1.109m of historic bad debts as set out in Section 6 of the report;
- (iv) that approval be given to the budget virements listed at Appendix 1;
- (v) that approval be given to the transfer of £5.6m New Homes Bonus to strategic reserves;
- (vi) that the potential impact of this quarter monitoring position on the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy as detailed at Section 7, be noted; and
- (vii) that the updated Revenue Reserves position as outlined in Section 8 be noted and the intention to report a fully updated Reserves Strategy to Cabinet following the Chancellor's Autumn Statement in late November.

75. Corporate Services Spokesperson - Capital Programme Update for Quarter 1 Ending 30th June, 2015 (Cab.9.9.2015/8)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the financial performance of the Council's Capital Programme during the quarter ending 30th June, 2015 as detailed in the report now submitted, be noted;
- (ii) that both the 2015/16 and overall five year Capital Programme position be noted;
- (iii) that approval be given to the minor variations to scheme costs within the Programme, highlighted within Appendix A, that are fully funded, totalling £0.310m (paragraph 3.4 and Appendix A refers); and
- (iv) that the role of the new Capital Programme 'Oversight' Board to manage the capital programme more effectively be noted.

76. Corporate Services Spokesperson - Treasury Management Activities and Investment Performance - Quarter 1 ending 30th June 2015 (Cab.9.9.2015/9)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the Treasury Management activities and compliance with the Prudential Indicators undertaken for the quarter ending 30th June, 2015, as detailed in the report submitted, be noted;
- (ii) that the Authority's Capital Programme Funding Position be noted; and
- (iii) that the performance of the Authority's investments for the reported quarter be noted.

77. Corporate Services Spokesperson - Proposed Amendments to Appeals Against Dismissal (Cab.9.9.2015/10)

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL ON 24TH SEPTEMBER, 2015:-

- (i) that with effect from 1st October, 2015, the requirement for appeals against dismissal to be heard by a panel of Elected Members, as set out in the report submitted, be ceased;
- (ii) that with effect from 1st October, 2015, appeals against dismissal from employment should be heard by a panel of officers consisting of the Director of Legal and Governance; the Director of Human Resources, Performance and Communications; together with an Executive Director who has no prior involvement with the appeal be considered; and
- (iii) that appeals against the dismissal of the Chief Executive Officer, Monitoring Officer or Section 151 Officer be dealt with in accordance with The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2015.

78. Corporate Services Spokesperson - Provision of Additional Employee Benefits - Computer, Technology and Mobile Phone Salary Sacrifice Scheme (Cab.9.9.2015/11)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that approval be given to offer the following employee benefits during 2015/16, as described in the report now submitted:-
 - Computer and Technology Salary Sacrifice Scheme
 - Mobile Phones Salary Sacrifice Scheme; and
- (ii) that the Director of Human Resources, Performance and Communications be authorised to select scheme providers and enter into contractual arrangements, within a pre-approved procurement framework.

79. Communities Spokesperson - Customer Services Strategy (Cab.9.9.2015/12)

RESOLVED that approval be given to the Customer Services Strategy, as detailed in the Appendix to the report now submitted.

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Chair

Declarations of Interest contained within the Minute Book

The following Members declared an interest in the minutes indicated:-

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Minute No.</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Interest</u>
<u>South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority</u>			
Cllr Andrews	21	Safer Stronger Communities Reserve (SSCR) Round 2, in relation to a bid which had been submitted by Groundwork in South Yorkshire	Non-Pecuniary – Member of Groundwork Dearne Valley Board of Directors
<u>Regulatory Boards</u>			
<u>Planning</u>			
Cllr Hand-Davis	15(i)	Planning Application No 2014/1240 – Erection of 4 no. detached dwellings with associated access, parking and landscaping at Land off Huthwaite Lane, Thurgoland.	Non-Pecuniary – Local Ward Member
<u>Health & Well Being Board</u>			
Cllr Platts	8	Healthwatch Annual Report insofar as it related to the Barnsley Hospital Trust	Non-Pecuniary – Partnership Governor Barnsley Hospital Trust
<u>Area Councils</u>			
<u>Penistone</u>			
Cllr Hand-Davis	16	Penistone Area Council Priorities insofar as it related to DIAL's Services	Non-Pecuniary – family are users of DIAL's Services
<u>South</u>			
Shepherd	16	South Area Council future commissions for 2015/16 and 2016/17 in relation to the Tidy Team which was a Forge Community Partnership project	Non-Pecuniary – Board Member of Forge Community Partnership
Andrews	16	South Area Council future commissions for 2015/16 and 2016/17 in relation to the Fire and Rescue Service Cadet Scheme	Non-Pecuniary – Chair of South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority

<u>Cabinet</u>			
Cllr Houghton	66	Strategic Growth Clusters - M1 Junction 36 Phase 1 Hoyland	Non-Pecuniary – in view of the funding provided by the Combined Authority for works at Junction 36 as a representative on Groundwork Dearne Valley Board of Directors