

<b>MEETING:</b>	Cabinet
<b>DATE:</b>	Wednesday, 8 February 2017
<b>TIME:</b>	10.00 am
<b>VENUE:</b>	Reception Room, Barnsley Town Hall

## MINUTES

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

**Members in Attendance:** Councillors Cherryholme, Franklin, Frost, David Griffin, Saunders and Sheard

### 178. Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

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

### 179. Leader - Call-in of Cabinet decisions

The Leader reported that no decisions from the previous meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 had been called in.

### 180. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 25th January, 2017 (Cab.8.2.2017/3)

The minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

### 181. Minutes of the BDR Joint Waste Board held on 30th September, 2016 (Cab.8.2.2017/4)

The minutes of the BDR Joint Waste Board meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 were noted.

### 182. Decisions of Cabinet Spokespersons (Cab.8.2.2017/5)

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

### 183. Petitions received under Standing Order 44 (Cab.8.2.2017/6)

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

### Corporate Services Spokesperson

### 184. Service and Financial Planning 2017/18 - Revenue Budget, Capital Programme and Council Tax (Cab.8.2.2017/7)

**RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL ON 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY, 2017:-**

- (i) that the report of the Director of Finance, Assets and Information Services under Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003 at Section 1 be noted and that the 2017/18 budget proposals be agreed on the basis that the Chief Executive and Senior Management Team (SMT), in consultation with Cabinet Spokespersons, submit for early consideration detailed proposals from the ongoing activity in order that the potential budget gaps in 2018/19 and the longer term be closed;
- (ii) that the Overview of Financial Planning for 2020 report and forecast budget positions for 2017/18 to 2019/20 contained in Section 2 be noted and monitored as part of the arrangements for the delivery of the Future Council 2020;
- (iii) that the budget proposals for all services for 2017/18 – 2019/20, as detailed in Sections 4 and 5 of the report submitted, be approved, subject to the submission of detailed implementation reports, as appropriate;
- (iv) that the 2020 Directorate spending plans outlined in Section 6 be noted;
- (v) that the proposed savings in 2018/19 and 2019/20 be agreed subject to further consideration in future budget processes taking account of any further Equality Impact Assessments;
- (vi) that the total additional specific funded capital investment of £23.1m as outlined at Section 7 be included within the capital programme and released subject to further detailed reports on the proposals for its use;
- (vii) that the future Council Investment requirements as outlined in Table 1 at Section 7 be agreed to progress to full business cases and be considered by Cabinet on a case by case basis. At this stage approval up to the resources currently available of £31.7m be considered;
- (viii) that the fees and charges set out in Appendix 1 of Section 8 of the report be approved from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2017 or later in 2017/18 as applicable;
- (ix) that Section 10 (Position on Reserves, Provisions and Balances) be noted;
- (x) that the Aggregated Equality Impact Assessment at Section 11 of the proposals be noted and the proposed mitigation actions in the report be approved;
- (xi) that the cash limited budgets for each service with overall net expenditure for 2017/18 of £166.201m, as detailed at Section 4, be approved;
- (xii) that the Chief Executive and SMT, in consultation with the Cabinet Spokespersons as appropriate, be required to submit reports into Cabinet as a matter of urgency, in relation to the detailed General Fund Revenue Budget for 2017/18 including recommendations on any action further to that set out above required to achieve an appropriately balanced budget for that financial year;
- (xiii) that the Chief Executive and SMT be responsible for managing their respective budgets including ensuring the implementation of savings proposals;

- (xiv) that the Chief Executive and SMT, in consultation with the appropriate Cabinet Spokesperson, be required to submit regular reports as necessary on the implementation of proposals into Cabinet as a matter of urgency to resolve any outstanding issues in relation to their budgets and deal with any consequential effects;
- (xv) that the Authority's SMT be charged with ensuring that the budget remains in balance and report regularly into Cabinet on budget/savings monitoring including any action required;
- (xvi) that Cabinet be authorised to make any necessary technical adjustments to form the 2017/18 budget; and
- (xvii) that appropriate consultation on the agreed budget proposals takes place with the Trade Unions and representatives of Non-Domestic Ratepayers and that the views of consultees be considered by Cabinet and the Council.

**(B) Council Tax 2017/18**

**RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL ON 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY, 2017:-**

- (i) that the contents of Section 9 of the report (2017/18 Council Tax calculation) of the Director of Finance, Assets and Information Services now submitted, be noted;
- (ii) that the Council Tax Collection Fund net surplus as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 relating to BMBC of £1.615M be used to reduce the 2017/18 Council Tax requirement, in line with statute;
- (iii) that the 2017/18 Band D Council Tax increase for Barnsley MBC's services be set at 4.9% (1.9% for Barnsley MBC services and an additional 3% for the Chancellor's Adult Social Care levy);
- (iv) that the Band D Council Tax for Barnsley MBC's areas be determined following confirmation of the South Yorkshire Police Authority and South Yorkshire Fire Authority precepts for 2017/18; and
- (v) that the Band D Council Tax for areas of the Borough with Parish/Town Councils be determined following confirmation of individual parish precepts for 2017/18.

**185. 2017/18 Treasury Management Policy and Strategy Statement (Cab.8.2.2017/8)**

**RECOMMENDED TO FULL COUNCIL ON 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY, 2017:-**

- (i) that the main Treasury Management Policies, as outlined in the Treasury Policy Statement at Annex A of the report now submitted, be noted; and
- (ii) that the Treasury Management Strategy Statement for 2017/18, as detailed at Annex B of the report, be approved, including:-

- The revised Minimum Revenue Position (MRP) Statement at Appendix E; and
- The Annual Investment Strategy for 2017/18 at Section 4 of the Treasury Management Strategy Statement.

**186. Prudential Indicators 2017/18 (Cab.8.2.2017/9)**

**RECOMMENDED TO FULL COUNCIL ON 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY, 2017:-**

- that the Prudential Indicators for the financial year 2017/18 to 2019/20, as set out at Appendix B of the report now submitted, be approved; and
- that further monitoring reports be submitted on the indicators during the year as necessary.

**187. Redundancy Compensation and Procedures 2017/18 (Cab.8.2.2017/10)**

**RECOMMENDED TO FULL COUNCIL ON 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY, 2017:-**

- that for the purpose of the 2017/18 budget procedures, payments in accordance with the Discretionary Compensation Regulations 2006 be up to a maximum of 30 weeks actual pay based on the Statutory Redundancy Scheme; and
- that any employee (excluding Teachers) declared redundant be afforded the maximum of 12 weeks' notice of termination of employment.

**188. Census 2021 - Trialling of Questions in Barnsley (Cab.8.2.2017/11)**

**RESOLVED** that the mandatory Census Test be supported and residents be encouraged to complete the Census Test questionnaire and return it to the Office for National Statistics (ONS).

**Place Spokesperson**

**189. Sports Facilities and Playing Pitch Strategy (Cab.8.2.2017/12)**

**RESOLVED:-**

- that the Playing Pitch and Sports Facility Strategy 2016-2019 be adopted; and
- that the Strategy be updated every 3-5 years to comply with Planning Policy reviews.

**People (Achieving Potential) Spokesperson**

## **190. Proposed School Term and Holiday Dates 2018-19 (Cab.8.2.2017/13)**

### **RESOLVED:-**

- (i) that the continuation of the current 'traditional' pattern of school term and holiday dates of a long summer be adopted for the academic year 2018-2019, as detailed at Option 2 in Appendix 2 of the report now submitted; and
- (ii) that the balanced view of parents/carers regarding the change to the long summer break be noted and the Executive Director People challenge schools to consider alternative approaches to address issues of attendance, attainment and behaviour, if the traditional school holiday pattern is to be retained.

### **Communities Spokesperson**

## **191. Unauthorised and Illegal Encampment Protocol (Cab.8.2.2017/14)**

**RESOLVED** that the Unauthorised and Illegal Encampment Protocol, detailed at Appendix 1 of the report now submitted, be approved.

## **192. 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>
193	Paragraph 3

### **Corporate Services Spokesperson**

## **193. Building Schools for the Future Re-Financing Position (Cab.8.2.2017/16)**

### **RESOLVED:-**

- (i) that the terms for refinancing the Phase 2 PFI Project Agreement in respect of the Building Schools for the Future Programme, as outlined in paragraph 3.3 of the report now submitted, be noted and approved;
- (ii) that the Change in Law terms as outlined at paragraphs 3.7 – 3.16 of the report submitted be noted and approved;
- (iii) that the Directors of Finance, Assets and Information Services and Legal and Governance, or their authorised representatives, be authorised to finalise the Project Documents and any ancillary documents to ensure that financial close on the refinancing and the amendment to the Change in Law risk be reached on behalf of the Council;

- (iv) that the Director of Legal and Governance or his representative be authorised to execute the Project Documents and any ancillary documents to which the Council is a party for the purposes set out at (iii) above;
- (v) that Cabinet receive further updates on the refinancing/amendment to the Change in Law risk, where necessary; and
- (vi) that Cabinet receive reports on the Phase 1 PFI project agreement and Phase 3 PFI project agreement refinancings in due course.

(Note:

- (a) In accordance with Part 2, Paragraph 5(6) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee had given approval for the above item to be considered at a private meeting of Cabinet where it had not been possible to give 28 days' notice; and
- (b) In accordance with the Call-in procedures set out in the Council's Constitution the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee had been consulted and given his agreement to the request to waive the Call-in provision in respect of this matter on urgency grounds).

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Chair