

MEETING:	Cabinet
DATE:	Wednesday, 16 May 2018
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Reception Room, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

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

Members in Attendance: Councillors Franklin, Frost, Lamb, Pourali and Saunders, Daniel Griffin, Johnson, Sheard and Tattersall

243. Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

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

244. Leader - Call-in of Cabinet decisions

The Leader reported that no decisions from the previous meeting held on 18th April, 2018 had been called in.

245. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 18th April 2018 (Cab.16.5.2018/3)

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th April, 2018 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

246. Decisions of Cabinet Spokespersons (Cab.16.5.2018/4)

The Record of Decisions taken by Cabinet Spokespersons under delegated powers during the week ending 27th April, 2018 were noted.

247. Petitions received under Standing Order 44 (Cab.16.5.2018/5)

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 32 signatories, in respect of the volume and speed of traffic through Great Houghton and Cllr Higginbottom's additional request for a pedestrian refuge

Highway Officers met the three Ward Members and Cllr Coates, representing Great Houghton Parish Council, on the 11th December 2017 to discuss the request for a pedestrian refuge on High Street. The process for prioritisation of the available Road Safety funding, using Personal Injury Collision (PIC) data supplied by the Police, was explained. Interrogation of the PIC data determined there was no PIC Cluster site or Cluster length identified through the village, thus, Highways were unable to fund the refuge. Accordingly, it was agreed a budget estimate would be provided to Members to enable them to investigate funding from other sources. A budget estimate of £14,000 for the works and £2,600 for the associated Traffic Regulation Order to

prevent indiscriminate parking was provided on the 16th February 2018. Once Members have identified a budget this work can be prioritised into the Highways work programme.

Deputy Leader

248. Public Health Strategy 2016-18 - Response to the Scrutiny Task and Finish Group (Cab.16.5.2018/6)

RESOLVED that members endorse the responses to each of the recommendations made by Public Health and Core Services as outlined in Section 4 of the report.

Core Services Spokesperson

249. Barnsley Council's Asset Management Strategy - Response to the Scrutiny Task and Finish Group (Cab.16.5.2018/7)

RESOLVED that members endorse the responses to each of the recommendations made by Asset Management and the Place Directorate as outlined in Section 4 of the report.

250. Strategic Risk Register Review - March 2018 (Cab.16.5.2018/8)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that Cabinet confirmed that the high level strategic risks articulated within the Strategic Risk Register fully reflect the current position of the Council: and
- (ii) that Cabinet considers the content of the report and continues to commit to support the Corporate Risk Management process and the embedding of a Risk Management culture within the organisation.

Communities Spokesperson

251. Community Engagement Steering Group - Response to the Scrutiny Task and Finish Group (Cab.16.5.2018/9)

RESOLVED that Members endorse the responses to each of the recommendations made by the Core Services and Communities Directorates as outlined in section 2 of the report.

Place Spokesperson

252. Greater Use of Enforcement Powers to Tackle Problematic Long-Term Empty Properties (Cab.16.5.2018/10)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that in order to more effectively tackle problematic long-term empty properties approval be granted for the use of:
 - Empty Dwelling Management Orders (EDMOs);

- Enforced Sale procedure through the use of delegated powers as mortgagee under the Law of Property Act (1925) and
 - Compulsory Purchase Orders; and
- (ii) that powers under the Acts set out below be delegated to the Service Director, Culture, Housing and Regulation insofar as they relate to tackling long-term empty properties:
- Housing Act 2004 – for Empty Dwelling Management Orders (EDMO)
 - Building Act 1984 – for ruinous and dilapidated buildings
 - Town and Country Planning Act 1990 – for maintenance and amenity of land
 - Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949 – for dealing with rats and mice
 - Environmental Protection Act 1990 (section 215) – for detriment being caused by condition of land and buildings.

The Responsibility for Executive Functions – Officer Delegations to be updated accordingly

253. Report on the Schools Capital Programme 2018/19 (Cab.16.5.2018/11)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the list of schemes, detailed in Appendices B and C of the report, be approved and financed from the 2018/19 Department for Education (DFE) School Condition Allocation;
- (ii) that the Executive Director Place, in consultation with the Place Cabinet Spokesperson, be authorised to vary the programme of works, and to approve additional schemes to meet emerging priorities; and
- (iii) that the financial implications arising from the report be included in the capital programme and released in accordance with the Financial Regulations Code of Practice C5.2(a).

254. Beever Street, Goldthorpe - Re-development (Cab.16.5.2018/12)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that approval be given to the proposal for the Council to build 7x 2-Bed bungalows and 1x 3-bed bungalow on the site of former properties at 1-37 Beever Street due to be demolished over the coming months (agreed as part of Cab.20.4.2018/9). The homes will be HRA properties, managed by Berneslai Homes and let to applicants on the Council's Housing Waiting List; and
- (ii) that approval be given to the proposal for the Council to appoint NPS Construction as part of the Joint Venture SLA as principal contractor to deliver the scheme. NPS Construction will then deliver the scheme, appointing BH CS as a Sub-contractor. The scheme will be funded from the HRA Capital Programme as a total project cost of £1,060,620 (£119,320 of which will be funded via 1-4-1 RTB receipts in line with 'grant' terms).

People (Safeguarding) Spokesperson

255. Proposal to Amend the Current Payment Scheme for Barnsley In-House Foster Carers (Cab.16.5.2018/13)

RESOLVED that approval be given to the proposed changes to the payment of allowances to Local Authority foster carers as summarised below:

- Increase the weekly payment at skills level 1 from £50 to £100
- Reduce the number of skills levels from 5 to 3
- Formalise the age-related skills payments and ensure that they both reflect the additional skills required to provide placements to older children and provide an incentive for carers to consider older children
- Allowances will continue to be paid at the National Minimum Standards rates.

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Chair