

MEETING:	Cabinet
DATE:	Wednesday, 15 June 2016
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Reception Room, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present Councillors Houghton CBE (Chair), Bruff, Cheetham, Franklin, David Griffin, Miller and Platts

Members in Attendance: Councillors Cherryholme, Lamb, Mitchell, Saunders and Sheard

10. Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

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

11. Leader - Call-in of Cabinet decisions

The Leader reported that no decisions from the previous meeting held on 1st June, 2016 had been called in.

12. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 1st June, 2016 (Cab.15.6.2016/3)

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st June, 2016 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

13. Decisions of Cabinet Spokespersons (Cab.15.6.2016/4)

It was noted that no Record of Decisions had been taken by Cabinet Spokespersons under delegated powers.

14. Petitions received under Standing Order 44 (Cab.15.6.2016/5)

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

Cabinet Spokesperson without Portfolio

15. Outside Body Representations - Changes to Ex-Officio Appointments (Cab.15.6.2016/6)

RESOLVED that the changes to ex-officio appointments to outside bodies, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report now submitted, be noted.

Corporate Services Spokesperson

16. Performance Monitoring Report for Quarter 4 2015/16 (Cab.15.6.2016/7)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the delivery of the Corporate Plan priorities and outcomes for Quarter 4, as detailed in the performance report now submitted, be noted;
- (ii) that follow-up reports arising from the Quarter 4 performance be received for:-
 - Healthy life expectancy for women
 - Under 18 years of age conceptions
 - Percentage of assessments for children's social care carried out within 45 days of referral
 - Rising number of looked after children
 - Homelessness prevention
 - Adult social care; and
- (iii) that the Quarter 4 performance report be presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to inform and support their ongoing work programme.

17. Corporate Finance Summary 2015/16 (Cab.15.6.2016/8)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the 2015/16 draft revenue final accounts position, as detailed in the report now submitted, be noted;
- (ii) that the service operational overspend of £3.387m be a call on the Authority's strategic reserves;
- (iii) that the additional net 'one off' resources received during the year and savings on capital financing costs of £16.799m be transferred into the Authority's strategic reserves;
- (iv) that the total strategic reserves available for investment/budget support be noted as now standing at £26.9m subject to a review of all balances and reserves following the closure of the accounts;
- (v) that the setting aside of £3m of the total strategic reserves balance to provide an Invest to Improve fund be approved, with expenditure from that fund to be authorised in line with normal governance arrangements, and to be monitored by the Invest to Improve Board when established;
- (vi) that agreement be given to earmark the carry forward revenue resources as identified in Sections 1 to 8 and Appendices A and B of the report, subject to further reports being submitted for individual approvals where necessary;

- (vii) that a review of the reasoning behind the operational overspend be undertaken in the context of the 2016/17 budget and the plans currently being drawn up for our 2020 Council;
- (viii) that approval be given to write off historic bad debt totalling £2.042m as detailed in Section 8 of the report; and
- (ix) that the Director of Finance, Assets and Information Services be requested to submit a further report on the overall outturn position if any significant adjustments arise following external audit scrutiny.

18. Housing Revenue Account - Final Accounts 2015/16 (Cab.15.6.2016/9)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the final Housing Revenue Accounts for 2015/16, as detailed in the report now submitted, be noted;
- (ii) that the Director of Finance, Assets and Information Services be requested to submit a further report on the overall outturn position if there are significant adjustments to the accounts arising from External Audit or other factors; and
- (iii) that any unallocated working balance be earmarked to fund the Government's 'sale of higher value properties' levy.

19. Capital Programme Performance - Year Ending 31st March, 2016 (Cab.15.6.2016/10)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the final position of the 2015/16 Capital Programme, as detailed in the report now submitted, be noted;
- (ii) that the updated 2016/17 Capital Programme position for Quarter 1 be noted; and
- (iii) that the Bin Replacement Programme scheme as outlined in paragraph 3.10, to be funded from prudential borrowing, be approved.

20. Treasury Management Position 2015/16 (Cab.15.6.2016/11)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the treasury management and leasing activities undertaken in 2015/16, as described in the report submitted, be noted; and
- (ii) that the actual 2015/16 Prudential Indicators detailed within the report be approved.

Place Spokesperson

21. Vulnerable and Older People's Housing Needs Assessment (Cab.15.6.2016/12)

RESOLVED that the Vulnerable and Older People's Housing Needs Assessment, as detailed in the Appendices, be approved.

Communities Spokesperson

22. Customer Services Annual Report 2015/16 (Cab.15.6.2016/13)

RESOLVED that the Annual Customer Feedback Report relating to complaints, compliments and comments for the period 2015/16, as detailed in the Appendix to the report now submitted, be noted.

People (Safeguarding) Spokesperson

23. Safeguarding Scrutiny Committee - Review of Arrangements (Cab.15.6.2016/14)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the review of the Safeguarding Scrutiny Committee and the arrangements outlined in the report submitted, be approved; and
- (ii) that the work programme of the former Safeguarding Scrutiny Committee be subsumed into that of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, but with a separate stream of work to be considered on the dates originally scheduled for the Safeguarding Scrutiny Committee.

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Chair