

<b>MEETING:</b>	Full Council
<b>DATE:</b>	Thursday, 1 December 2016
<b>TIME:</b>	10.30 am
<b>VENUE:</b>	Council Chamber, Barnsley Town Hall

## MINUTES

### Present

The Mayor (Councillor Burgess)

- Central Ward - Councillors D. Birkinshaw, Bruff and M. Dyson
- Cudworth Ward - Councillors Hayward, Houghton CBE and C. Wraith MBE
- Darfield Ward - Councillors Markham and Saunders
- Darton East Ward - Councillors Charlesworth, Miller and Spence
- Darton West Ward - Councillors Howard
- Dearne North Ward - Councillors Gardiner and Phillips
- Dearne South Ward - Councillors C. Johnson, Noble and Sixsmith MBE
- Dodworth Ward - Councillors J. Carr and Riggs
- Hoyland Milton Ward - Councillors Franklin, Shepherd and Stowe
- Kingstone Ward - Councillors D. Green and Williams
- Monk Bretton Ward - Councillors S. Green, Richardson and Sheard
- North East Ward - Councillors Ennis and Hampson
- Old Town Ward - Councillors Lofts
- Penistone East Ward - Councillors Barnard, Hand-Davis and Wilson
- Penistone West Ward - Councillors Millner and Unsworth
- Rockingham Ward - Councillors Andrews BEM, Dures and Lamb
- Royston Ward - Councillors Cheetham, Clements and Makinson
- St. Helen's Ward - Councillors Leech, Platts and Tattersall
- Stairfoot Ward - Councillors K. Dyson, W. Johnson and Mathers
- Wombwell Ward - Councillors Frost, Daniel Griffin and R. Wraith
- Worsbrough Ward - Councillors G. Carr and Clarke

### MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mayor commented that many Members may have been watching the video that was playing in the Reception Room immediately prior to the meeting this morning and she wished to invite Councillor Miller, Cabinet Spokesperson for Place to comment on the rationale for that video.

Councillor Miller commented that the film had been made by the Museums Association as part of a case study on the 'Museum Changes Lives' theme. Four film case studies had been made across the United Kingdom, one in Scotland, one in Northern Ireland, one in Wales and one in England. Of all the museums in the whole of England, Barnsley Museums had been selected as the best and was chosen to be the focus of this excellent case study.

Councillor Miller hoped Members had enjoyed the film this morning which could be found on the Barnsley Museums YouTube link or on the Museums Association website. He asked to express his thanks to all the staff within the Culture Team for their excellent work in getting Barnsley recognised at a national level.

If any Members wished to receive their own copy of the film they should contact Ms S Thiedeman, Head of Culture and Visitor Economy.

The Mayor felt that all those Members who had seen the film or who had visited one of the Council's Museums would be proud of the work that had taken place within the Museums Service over the last few years. It was really good news that the Service was now being recognised nationally.

The Mayor and Members of the Council expressed their congratulations to all concerned in the usual manner.

## **128. Declarations of Interests**

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

## **129. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

## **130. Communications**

- (a) Customer Services Excellence Accreditation – Planning and Building Control Service

The Chief Executive was pleased to report that the Planning and Building Control Service had not only retained their Customer Service Excellence Accreditation but were also awarded the Compliance Plus Standard which demonstrated excellence in the following four categories:

- Putting the customer at the heart of service delivery;
- Management and protection of customer information;
- Improving the customer journey; and
- Development and learning from best practice

Achieving this accreditation provided the Council with a commercial advantage, particularly for the Building Control Service which was in direct competition with the private sector.

Representing the Service and in attendance at the meeting this morning was Mr P Clifford (Directorate Business Change Manager) and Mr M Caddick (Development Officer).

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

(b) Housing Zone Designation

The Chief Executive reported that due to the hard work and perseverance of the Strategic Housing Team, the Government had designated Hoyland and Wombwell as a Housing Zone, one of only three housing zones in the Sheffield City Region. This designation recognised the Council's strong record of working with developers to bring forward new housing growth, raised the profile of the area and put Barnsley in a strong position to bid for infrastructure and housing funding from the Sheffield City Region and the Homes and Communities Agency.

Mr R Burnham, Head of Housing and Energy was present in the Council Chamber this morning and congratulations were extended to him and to Ms S Cartwright (Group Leader, Housing Growth) and the Team for their hard work.

The Mayor and Members of the Council expressed their thanks to all involved in the usual manner.

(c) Families First Quality Award

The Chief Executive was pleased to inform Members that the Barnsley Families Information Service had recently achieved the Families First Quality Award provided by the Family and Childcare Trust. By achieving the Award, Barnsley Families Information Service had demonstrated a level of quality in successfully engaging parents, carers and children to access a wide range of services, support and advice.

The assessor had said that 'Barnsley Families Information Service is a team of well qualified and experienced information officers who provide high quality information and guidance to families across Barnsley. A proactive approach to working with other services within the local authority supports seamless transitions to wider children's services to meet the diverse needs of families'.

The work of the Team demonstrated the importance of early help and was something that needed to be built up across all services within the Council in order to ensure the delivery of a quality service.

Congratulations were extended to the Team and to Mrs C Gilmore (Early Start and Families Strategy and Service Manager) and to Mrs M Eastwood (Families Information Service Manager) who were in the Council Chamber this morning.

The Mayor and Members of the Council expressed their congratulations to all concerned in the usual manner.

(d) Investors in People Gold

The Chief Executive referred to an award given to the whole of the organisation and to the fact that Barnsley MBC was one of only eight authorities in the North of England to achieve this level of award.

In 2013, the Council had achieved Investors in People Bronze, Silver in 2015 and in the three years getting Bronze, had achieved Gold. Staff had delivered this both for the Council and for its customers.

Transformation in the organisation at a time of austerity had been outstanding. Change, improvement, transformation all at a considerably lower cost and level of resource.

The assessors had informed her that the strength and scale of change since the last review was remarkable and was reflected by a sense of higher morale, motivation and optimism than ever before. The feedback also highlighted that there was a collective feeling of looking forward, drive and passion. The Council was a high performing organisation with a committed workforce with lots to be proud of.

The Chief Executive wanted to thank everyone who had worked on this with the Team for their hard work and support. There were too many people to thank personally, however, particular mention should be given to Mrs A Glew (Organisation Development Manager) and Mr A Longley (Organisation and Member Development Officer) and to the Change Enablers (a cross section of officers drawn from various departments across the authority) who had been instrumental in obtaining the evidence to support the process, some of who were in the Council Chamber this morning.

The Mayor and Members of the Council expressed their congratulations on this achievement in the usual manner.

### **131. Questions by Elected Members**

The Chief Executive reported that she had received the following question from Councillor G Carr in accordance with Standing Order No. 11.

*'How many children with Special Educational Needs in the Barnsley area are not receiving any education because of the lack of an appropriate setting?*

*Is there a legal time scale that should be complied with to ensure that some provision is being provided?*

*How many children are achieving education out of area/district and is there a limit on mileage that a child is expected to travel?'*

Councillor Cheetham, Cabinet Spokesperson for People (Achieving Potential) responded by thanking Councillor Carr for the question. He stated that children not receiving an education was a short term issue whilst alternative appropriate settings

were sought. Currently there were 10 pupils who were not in full time education. More specifically, 6 of the 10 children were in receipt of EOTAS (Education other than at School) whilst an alternative school placement was sought, some were on the roll of a school but not attending, some had been offered a place at a school but the offer had not been accepted by the family or the pupil and some were in need of bespoke individualised programmes due to their need. Some of these pupils had only just been issued with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) and, therefore, the Local Authority had not determined the most appropriate provision. Some pupils were also awaiting the outcome of further assessment. All of the pupils were closely monitored by the Local Authority in order to determine how best to meet their needs and secure the appropriate provision.

In the event of a pupil being out of school the Local Authority was required to provide alternative provision until full time appropriate arrangements could be made. This could be via EOTAS, alternative placements, or other arrangements where pupils were too ill to access education in a setting. The Local Authority had 15 days to provide suitable education although it had to be acknowledged that this was not always achievable due to the complexity of the cases involved and the level of need required.

There were currently 88 pupils placed outside the Borough in Independent and non-maintained schools. There was not a limit on mileage, but the guidance stated that travel up to an hour for a secondary aged pupil should be applied. The Local Authority also had to consider that where pupils had a further distance to travel, this may be due to the most suitable and appropriate provision for the pupils needs being met at a school that was further away. It would be inappropriate to have a 'black and white' approach to this as educational provision had to be the best fit for the individual child's needs. Parents were always consulted regarding school places and had to be in agreement to their children and young people travelling.

It was part of the Special Educational Needs Strategy to develop local provision and reduce the use of out of borough placements, however, for children with highly complex needs, there would always be some need to source specialist provision out of Borough.

Councillor G Carr declined to ask a supplementary question.

### **132. Questions relating to Joint Authority, Police and Crime Panel and Combined Authority Business**

The Chief Executive reported that she had received no questions from Elected Members in accordance with Standing Order No. 12.

### **133. Police and Crime Panel - 9th June 2016**

In response to comments made by Councillor J Carr in relation to issues raised at the Panel meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 with regard to a possible inquiry into Orgreave, Councillor Sir Steve Houghton CBE, Leader of the Council, stated that it was his intention to submit a motion on this matter to the next meeting of the Council. This would enable the matter to be discussed in detail by all Members of the Council.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes be noted.

**134. Police and Crime Panel - 8th July 2016**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes be noted.

**135. Sheffield City Region Combined Authority - 12th September 2016**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes be noted.

**136. Sheffield City Region Combined Authority - 24th October 2016**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes be noted.

**137. South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority - 19th September 2016**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes be noted.

**138. South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority - 17th October 2016**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes be noted.

**139. South Yorkshire Pensions Authority - 6th October 2016**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes be noted.

**140. Planning Regulatory Board - 27th September 2016**

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 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 be received.

**141. Planning Regulatory Board - 25th October 2016**

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 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 be received.

**142. General Licensing Regulatory Board - 26th October 2016**

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 meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 be received.

**143. Statutory Licensing Regulatory Board - 26th October 2016**

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 Statutory Licensing Regulatory Board meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 be received.

**144. General Licensing Panel - Various**

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

**RESOLVED** that the details of the various General Licensing Regulatory Board Panels held in the last cycle of meetings together with their decisions be received.

**145. Appeals, Awards and Standards - Various**

Moved by Councillor Shepherd – Seconded by Councillor Makinson; 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.

**146. Health and Wellbeing Board - 4th October 2016**

Moved by Councillor Sir Stephen 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 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 be received.

**147. Overview and Scrutiny Committee - 4th October 2016**

Moved by Councillor Ennis – Seconded by Councillor W Johnson; and

**RESOLVED** that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 4th October, 2016 be received.

**148. Overview and Scrutiny Committee - 8th November 2016**

Moved by Councillor Ennis – Seconded by Councillor W Johnson; and

**RESOLVED** that the minutes now submitted of the proceedings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 be received.

**149. Central Area Council - 19th September 2016**

Moved by Councillor D Green – Seconded by Councillor Riggs; and

**RESOLVED** that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Central Area Council held on 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 be received.

**150. Dearne Area Council - 19th September 2016**

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

**RESOLVED** that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Dearne Area Council held on 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 be received.

**151. North Area Council - 19th September 2016**

Moved by Councillor Leech – Seconded by Councillor Howard; and

**RESOLVED** that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the North Area Council held on 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 be received.

**152. North East Area Council - 29th September 2016**

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 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 be received.

**153. Penistone Area Council - 6th October 2016**

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 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 be received.

**154. Central Area Council - 17th October 2016**

Moved by Councillor D Green – Seconded by Councillor Riggs; and

**RESOLVED** that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Central Area Council held on 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 be received.

**155. Appointment Panel - Executive Director (Communities) - 2nd November 2016**

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 Appointment Panel – Executive Director (Communities) held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2016 be received.

Mrs W Lowder, who was present in the Council Chamber this morning, was congratulated on her appointment.

**156. Cabinet - 21st September 2016**

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 Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2016 be received.

**157. Cabinet - 5 October 2016**

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 Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 be received.

**158. Cabinet - 19th October 2016**

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 Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 be received.

**159. Cabinet - 2nd November 2016**

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 Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2016 be received.

In closing the meeting the Mayor, Councillor Burges, reminded Members that this was the last meeting of the Council of the year and she asked to place on record her best wishes to all Members, officers and their families for the Festive Season and the New Year.

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Chair