

# **BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **CABINET**

**3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2015**

1. **Present:** Councillors Houghton (Chairman), Bruff, Cheetham, Gardiner, Miller and Platts.

Councillors Cherryholme, Dures, Franklin and Mitchell were also in attendance.

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

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

3. **Leader of the Council - Call-In of Cabinet Decisions**

The Leader reported that no decisions from the previous meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2015 had been called-in.

4. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2015 (Cab.3.6.2015/3)**

The minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2015 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

5. **Decisions of Cabinet Spokespersons (Cab.3.6.2015/4)**

The Record of Decisions taken by Cabinet Spokespersons under delegated powers during the week ending 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2015 were noted.

6. **Petitions Received Under Standing Order 44 (Cab.3.6.2015/5)**

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

7. **Leader – Scheme of Members' Allowances 2015/16 – Report of Independent Remuneration Panel (Cab.3.6.2015/6.1)**

### **RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL ON 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2015:-**

- (i) that the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel on their review of the Council's Scheme of Allowances, attached to the report now submitted, be noted;
- (ii) that the indexation formula within the Scheme of Allowances, linked to changes in officer remuneration, be retained and applied with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2015; and
- (iii) that the Member Development Working Party be requested to give consideration to the potential to create a link between remuneration, in particular in respect of the Basic Allowance, and participation in the Member Development Programme.

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8. **Leader – The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 – Amendments to Standing Orders and Appointment to Independent Person (Cab.3.6.2015/6.2)**

**RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL ON 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2015:-**

- (i) that the Council make the appropriate amendments to its mandatory Standing Orders for Staffing to reflect the requirements of the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) Regulations 2015;
- (ii) that appropriate amendments be made to the Council's Constitution to establish an Advisory Committee to make recommendations to any Disciplinary Panel convened in accordance with the Constitution to consider disciplinary action against the Head of Paid Service, Section 151 Officer and Monitoring Officer; and
- (iii) that applications be sought from suitably qualified persons to be appointed as additional "Independent Persons" under the Localism Act 2011 to sit on the relevant Advisory Committee.

9. **Cabinet Spokesperson Without Portfolio – Outside Body Representation – Changes to Ex-Officio Appointments, May 2015 (Cab.3.6.2015/7)**

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

10. **Corporate Services Spokesperson – Corporate Plan 2015-2018 (Cab.3.6.2015/8.1)**

**RESOLVED:-**

- (i) that approval be given to the Council's Corporate Plan 2015-18, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report now submitted;
- (ii) that approval be given for the three corporate priorities and twelve outcomes, supported by the previously agreed (Cab.15.1.2014/6) ten Future Council characteristics which will continue to be developed, improved and embedded across the organisation; and
- (iii) that the quarterly Corporate Plan performance reports be provided to Cabinet to ensure that the Council's progress and delivery be effectively managed and challenged, successes and achievements be celebrated and areas for improvement be identified and reviewed.

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11. **Corporate Services Spokesperson – Quarter 4 2014/15 Performance Report (Cab.3.6.2015/8.2)**

**RESOLVED:-**

- (i) that the position set out in the report in relation to the delivery of the Corporate Plan outcomes and the issues raised by Members be noted;
- (ii) that the programme of follow-up reports which will be submitted throughout 2015/16 be agreed; and
- (iii) that the report be presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to inform and support their ongoing work programme.

12. **Corporate Services Spokesperson – Corporate Finance Summary 2014/15 (Cab.3.6.2015/8.3)**

**RESOLVED:-**

- (i) that the 2014/15 draft revenue final accounts position, as detailed in the report now submitted, be noted;
- (ii) that the service operational under-spend of £0.039m be transferred into the Authority's strategic reserves;
- (iii) that the additional 'one off' resources received during the year and savings on capital financing costs totalling £0.5m be transferred into the Authority's strategic reserves;
- (iv) that the Authority's reserve strategy, which had previously committed all available resources for 2014/15 and 2015/16, be reviewed;
- (v) that agreement be given to earmark the carry forward revenue resources, as identified in Section 9 and Appendices A and B, subject to further reports being submitted for individual approvals where necessary;
- (vi) that a provision of £1.752m for bad debts be agreed for carry forward in 2015/16 and the prudent approach taken to calculating this amount be noted;
- (vii) that it be noted that the major ongoing variations set out in the report have already been taken into account in establishing the reduced 2015-17 resource envelopes for the Business Units that make up the new Future Council structure; and
- (viii) that the Director of Finance, Assets and Information Services submits a further report on the overall outturn position if any significant adjustments arise following external audit scrutiny.

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13. **Corporate Services Spokesperson – Capital Final Accounts Summary 2014/15 (Cab.3.6.2015/8.4)**

**RESOLVED:-**

- (i) that the final position in relation to capital expenditure and resources for 2014/15, as detailed in the report now submitted, be noted; and
- (ii) that a review of the current capital programme priorities together with a process review be undertaken and reported back into Cabinet.

14. **Corporate Services Spokesperson – Housing Revenue Account – Provisional Revenue Final Accounts 2014/15 (Cab.3.6.2015/8.5)**

**RESOLVED:-**

- (i) that the 2014/15 provisional revenue final accounts, as detailed in the report now submitted, be noted;
- (ii) that the Director of Finance, Assets and Information Services submits a further report on the overall outturn position if there are significant adjustments to the accounts arising from external audit or other factors;
- (iii) that that the earmarked items within the working balance, as set out at Appendix C of the report, be approved;
- (iv) that the reduction of £0.292m in the management fee for Berneslai Homes Ltd be agreed subject to the Council's Nominated Representative being satisfied with the performance of the ALMO during 2014/15; and
- (v) that the HRA Reserve Strategy that is currently being developed be submitted to Cabinet as a separate report in early autumn.

15. **Corporate Services Spokesperson – Annual Report on Treasury Management and Leasing Activities and Actual Prudential Indicators 2014/15 (Cab.3.6.2015/8.6)**

**RESOLVED:-**

- (i) that the treasury management and leasing activities undertaken for the period 2014/15, as detailed in the report now submitted, be noted;
- (ii) that approval be given to the actual 2014/15 Prudential Indicators within the report; and
- (iii) that a review of the current treasury management activities (including the basis for setting Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP, PFI, re-financing) be undertaken and reported back into Cabinet.

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16. **Corporate Services Spokesperson – Quarterly Analysis of Selective Voluntary Early Retirement and Voluntary Severance January – March, 2015 (Cab.3.6.2015/8.7)**

**RESOLVED** that the Selective Voluntary Early Retirement and Voluntary Severances which have taken place in the period January – March, 2015, as detailed in the report now submitted, be noted.

17. **Corporate Services Spokesperson – Managing Attendance Policy (Cab.3.6.2015/8.8)**

**RESOLVED** that approval be given to the implementation of the revised Managing Attendance Policy and Guidance, as set out in the report submitted, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015.

18. **People (Safeguarding) Spokesperson – Barnsley Placement and Sufficiency Strategy for Children in Care: Progress Report (Cab.3.6.2015/9)**

**RESOLVED:-**

- (i) that the progress made together with the action taken to ensure compliance with the sufficiency duty for children in care, as detailed in the report submitted, be noted; and
- (ii) that it be noted that the service is on track to meet the cost targets, approved by Cabinet, for 2014/15, when originally considering the Strategy and Action Plan at its meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2014.

19. **Communities Spokesperson – Cost Pressures Incurred through the Needs of Homeless Young People Aged 16-18 (Cab.3.6.2015/10)**

**RESOLVED** that the actions endorsed by the Senior Management Team with regards to addressing the needs of young homeless people aged 16-18 in Barnsley, as follows, be noted:-

- (i) that the Communities Directorate and People Directorate will work together to ensure that the statutory requirements of both areas are met by the development of a Corporate Homelessness Strategy which will include a chapter on 16-18 youth homelessness;
- (ii) that both Directorates will work together to ensure that the re-commissioning of accommodation meets the needs of this group of young people in the most effective and economic way possible;
- (iii) that the Communities Directorate and People Directorate work together to deliver the pathway for young homeless people, focusing on prevention and reunification with their families and supported accommodation to help the small group of high need young people achieve positive citizenship;

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- (iv) that the cost pressures for accommodating young homeless people in the Borough, be included in and monitored via the Placement and Sufficiency Strategy reporting process;
- (v) that sufficient supported accommodation provision for this group is considered as part of controlling the cost pressures incurred by this small but high cost cohort;
- (vi) that any re-commissioned accommodation must maintain a standard that can ensure a safe environment for this cohort; and
- (vii) that the housing needs of this group of young people are considered within the Housing Strategy and associated needs assessments.

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Chairman