

MEETING:	Cabinet
DATE:	Wednesday, 7 March 2018
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Reception Room, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

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

Members in Attendance: Councillors Franklin, Lamb, Pourali, Saunders, Sheard and Shepherd

202. Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

Councillor Roya Pourali declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 214 in her capacity as a Berneslai Homes Board Member.

203. Leader - Call-in of Cabinet decisions

The Leader reported that no decisions from the previous meeting held on 21st February, 2018 had been called in.

204. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 21st February 2018 (Cab.7.3.2018/3)

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st February, 2018 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

205. Decisions of Cabinet Spokespersons (Cab.7.3.2018/4)

The Record of Decisions taken by Cabinet Spokespersons under delegated powers during the weeks ending 23rd February and 2nd March, 2018 were noted.

206. Petitions received under Standing Order 44 (Cab.7.3.2018/5)

RESOLVED that the report notifying the receipt of the following petition be noted and the recommended actions for responding to it be endorsed:-

- (a) Containing the signatures of 28 signatories, in respect of concerns regarding the development of Mapplewell Park area.

Following discussions with Elected Members and Parks Services, it was decided the most cost-effective way of improving the park was using Section 106 monies to landscape the old tennis court area, which has fallen into disrepair and to address health and safety concerns, and provide a brand new tennis court on the site of the disused bowling green.

The local Friends group, The Mapplewell and Staincross Environment and Recreation Group, have long supported the provision of a new tennis court, and are, by and large, supportive of this proposed scheme.

Bringing the area back into use for recreation of whatever type is likely to lead to an increase in noise levels. The area has been a public park for many years before falling into disrepair, before, during and after the building of the estate at Park Close. Reinstating the original tennis courts would also increase noise levels.

The retention of the ball-stop fence will prevent potential damage to property by balls being retrieved by climbing over garden borders.

The petition requests a buffer zone where grass be allowed to grow long to deter youths from playing football in the area. This seems unnecessary as there is a purpose built football pitch, plus MUGA, elsewhere in the park. Buffer zones periodically need cutting and this will make it difficult to keep the area well-maintained.

The petition requests some of the tarmac surfacing to be used as a children's cycle track. The problem with this is the already poor state of the tarmac, which is unsuitable and the subsequent difficulty of maintaining a cycle track.

The new tennis court is located away from residents' gardens and will be enclosed by 3m high fencing. The reason the disused bowling green was chosen was because this location means the scheme can be completed within the allocated budget. The old green provides an accessible, suitably well-drained and level base which already has some access paths in place. An increase in anti-social behaviour is not anticipated; indeed, it is hoped that there will be a reduction in this when this part of the park is brought back into use and is more attractive to responsible parks users.

Deputy Leader

207. Director of Public Health Annual Report 2017 (Cab.7.3.2018/6)

RESOLVED that the contents of the Director of Public Health Annual Report for 2017, as set out in the report now submitted, be noted.

Core Services Spokesperson

208. Corporate Plan Performance Report - Quarter 3 Ending 31st December, 2017 (Cab.7.3.2018/7)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the Corporate Plan Performance Report for Quarter 3 (October to December 2017), as detailed in the report now submitted, be noted;
- (ii) that the follow-up reports arising from the Quarter 3 report on:-

Areas for Improvement:

- Quality of Barnsley Schools
- Apprenticeship Levy

Areas of Achievement:

- Quality of Principal Highway Network; and

- (iii) that the report be shared with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to inform and support their ongoing work programme.

**209. Corporate Financial Performance, Quarter 3 ending 31st December, 2017
(Cab.7.3.2018/8)**

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that Executive Directors/Directors (where appropriate) provide detailed plans on how their forecast overspends will be brought back into line with existing budgets on a recurrent basis;
- (ii) that approval be given to the write off of £0.888m historic debt, as detailed at Section 6.3 of the report;
- (iii) that approval be given to the budget virements listed at Appendix 1 of the report submitted;
- (iv) that the potential impact of the Quarter 3 monitoring position on the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) at Section 7 be noted; and
- (v) that an update be received on the Council Reserves Strategy as part of the 2018/19 Budget Process.

**210. Capital Programme Performance, Quarter 3 ending 31st December, 2017
(Cab.7.3.2018/9)**

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the 2017/18 and overall five year Capital Programme positions, as detailed in the report now submitted, be noted;
- (ii) that approval be given to the 2017/18 scheme slippage totalling -£16.829m and scheme re-phasing totalling -£0.406m (paragraphs 4.4, 4.5 and Appendix B of the report refer);
- (iii) that approval be given to the total net decrease in scheme costs in 2017/18 of £1.018m (as detailed in paragraph 4.6 and Appendix B); and
- (iv) that the net decrease in scheme costs in future years totalling £0.231m (as set out in paragraph 4.7 and Appendix B), be noted.

211. Treasury Management Activities and Investment Performance, Quarter 3 ending 31st December, 2017 (Cab.7.3.2018/10)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the Treasury Management activities undertaken during the quarter ending 31st December, 2017 and compliance with the Prudential and Treasury Indicators, as detailed in the report now submitted, be noted;
- (ii) that the Authority's latest borrowing position, as set out in Section 5 of the report, be noted;
- (iii) that the Authority's latest investment portfolio and performance for the quarter, as described in Section 6 of the report, be noted; and
- (iv) that the Authority's latest outturn position against the approved Treasury Management budget, as referred to in Section 8, be noted.

212. 2018/19 Pay Policy (Cab.7.3.2018/11)

RECOMMENDATION TO FULL COUNCIL ON 29TH MARCH 2018

That approval be given to the implementation of the 2018/19 Pay Policy Statement, contained at Appendix 1 of the report now submitted, with effect from 1st April, 2018.

213. Gender Pay Gap Reporting 2017 (Cab.7.3.2018/12)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the results of the Gender Pay Gap Report, as outlined in Appendix A of the report now submitted, be noted;
- (ii) that endorsement be given to the commitment to reducing the Council's Gender Pay Gap and the action plan at Appendix B of the report be noted;
- (iii) that it be noted that the mandatory Gender Pay Gap reporting replace the Equal Pay Review undertaken in previous years; and
- (iv) that the new Gender Pay Gap Reporting Policy as detailed in Appendix C of the report be noted.

214. Affordable Housing Framework 2016- 2019 – Land Disposal, Catherines Walk, Athersley South (Cab.21.2.2018/13)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that objections received to the proposals to dispose of an area of public open space at Catherines Walk, Athersley South, be overruled and the objectors informed accordingly; and
- (ii) that the Service Director Assets and the Executive Director Core Services be authorised to finalise the terms and complete the disposal of the land to the

Leeds and Yorkshire Housing Association as outlined in the previously approved Cabinet report (ref: Cab.21.2.2018/10).

Place Spokesperson

215. Improving the Paper and Card Collection Service (Cab.7.3.2018/14)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the proposed changes to discontinue collecting paper separately in the white paper recycling sack, as set out in the report now submitted, be approved;
- (ii) that the proposed changes to collect all paper and cardboard together in the blue bin be approved; and
- (iii) that approval be given to advertising the proposed service changes in the local media.

216. Maximising Free Parking Post Multi-Storey Demolition (Cab.7.3.2018/15)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that to ensure sufficient parking capacity for all car park users, authorisation be given for the Head of Highways, Engineering and Transportation and the Executive Director Core Services to make and implement the amendments to Off-Street Parking Place Order, Town Centre Parking Place and CPZ Orders; facilitating the creation of new parking zones and maximising parking capacity efficiency, as detailed in the report now submitted;
- (ii) that additional funding for signage, public and staff communications, as detailed in the report, be approved;
- (iii) that authorisation be given to enter into an agreement with the Brooke Group to undertake the management of Gateway Plaza car parks; and
- (iv) that further exploration of the repurposing of the Old Needle Exchange on John Street to increase John Street car park's capacity be approved.

Following the conclusion of this item, the meeting paid tribute to the excellent work which had been done by staff during the snowy weather in the previous week to minimise the disruption caused to the borough.

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Chair