

MEETING:	Cabinet
DATE:	Wednesday, 9 September 2015
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Reception Room, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

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

Members in Attendance: Councillors Cherryholme, Griffin, Mitchell, Morgan and Sheard

68. Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

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

69. Leader - Call-in of Cabinet decisions

The Leader reported that no decisions from the previous meeting held on 26th August, 2015 had been called in.

70. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 26th August 2015 (Cab.9.9.2015/3)

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th August, 2015 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

71. Decisions of Cabinet Spokespersons (Cab.9.9.2015/4)

There were no Records of Decisions by Cabinet Spokespersons under delegated powers to report.

72. Petitions received under Standing Order 44 (Cab.9.9.2015/5)

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

73. Corporate Services Spokesperson - Quarter 1 Performance Monitoring Report (April-June) 2015/16 (Cab.9.9.2015/6)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the contents of the Quarter 1 Corporate Plan Performance Report for April-June 2015/16, as detailed in the report now submitted, be noted;
- (ii) that follow-up reports arising from the report be received in the future on:-
 - People using self-directed support and direct payments
 - Business starts
 - Timeliness of resolving complaints; and

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

74. Corporate Services Spokesperson - Corporate Finance Summary for Quarter 1 ending 30th June 2015 (Cab.9.9.2015/7)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the financial performance of the Authority during the quarter ended June 2015, as detailed in the report submitted, be noted;
- (ii) that Executive Directors/Directors (where appropriate) be requested to bring back further reports on how their forecast overspends will be brought back into line with existing budgets and on a recurrent basis;
- (iii) that approval be given to the write off of £1.109m of historic bad debts as set out in Section 6 of the report;
- (iv) that approval be given to the budget virements listed at Appendix 1;
- (v) that approval be given to the transfer of £5.6m New Homes Bonus to strategic reserves;
- (vi) that the potential impact of this quarter monitoring position on the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy as detailed at Section 7, be noted; and
- (vii) that the updated Revenue Reserves position as outlined in Section 8 be noted and the intention to report a fully updated Reserves Strategy to Cabinet following the Chancellor's Autumn Statement in late November.

75. Corporate Services Spokesperson - Capital Programme Update for Quarter 1 Ending 30th June, 2015 (Cab.9.9.2015/8)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the financial performance of the Council's Capital Programme during the quarter ending 30th June, 2015 as detailed in the report now submitted, be noted;
- (ii) that both the 2015/16 and overall five year Capital Programme position be noted;
- (iii) that approval be given to the minor variations to scheme costs within the Programme, highlighted within Appendix A, that are fully funded, totalling £0.310m (paragraph 3.4 and Appendix A refers); and
- (iv) that the role of the new Capital Programme 'Oversight' Board to manage the capital programme more effectively be noted.

76. Corporate Services Spokesperson - Treasury Management Activities and Investment Performance - Quarter 1 ending 30th June 2015 (Cab.9.9.2015/9)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the Treasury Management activities and compliance with the Prudential Indicators undertaken for the quarter ending 30th June, 2015, as detailed in the report submitted, be noted;
- (ii) that the Authority's Capital Programme Funding Position be noted; and
- (iii) that the performance of the Authority's investments for the reported quarter be noted.

77. Corporate Services Spokesperson - Proposed Amendments to Appeals Against Dismissal (Cab.9.9.2015/10)

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL ON 24TH SEPTEMBER, 2015:-

- (i) that with effect from 1st October, 2015, the requirement for appeals against dismissal to be heard by a panel of Elected Members, as set out in the report submitted, be ceased;
- (ii) that with effect from 1st October, 2015, appeals against dismissal from employment should be heard by a panel of officers consisting of the Director of Legal and Governance; the Director of Human Resources, Performance and Communications; together with an Executive Director who has no prior involvement with the appeal be considered; and
- (iii) that appeals against the dismissal of the Chief Executive Officer, Monitoring Officer or Section 151 Officer be dealt with in accordance with The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2015.

78. Corporate Services Spokesperson - Provision of Additional Employee Benefits - Computer, Technology and Mobile Phone Salary Sacrifice Scheme (Cab.9.9.2015/11)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that approval be given to offer the following employee benefits during 2015/16, as described in the report now submitted:-
 - Computer and Technology Salary Sacrifice Scheme
 - Mobile Phones Salary Sacrifice Scheme; and
- (ii) that the Director of Human Resources, Performance and Communications be authorised to select scheme providers and enter into contractual arrangements, within a pre-approved procurement framework.

79. Communities Spokesperson - Customer Services Strategy (Cab.9.9.2015/12)

RESOLVED that approval be given to the Customer Services Strategy, as detailed in the Appendix to the report now submitted.

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Chair