

MEETING:	Cabinet
DATE:	Wednesday, 10 February 2016
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Reception Room, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

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

Members in Attendance: Councillors Franklin, Griffin, Mitchell, Morgan and Shepherd

187. Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

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

188. Leader - Call-in of Cabinet decisions

The Leader reported that no decisions from the previous meeting held on 27th January, 2016 had been called in.

189. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 27th January, 2016 (Cab.10.2.2016/3)

The minutes of the meeting held on 27th January, 2016 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

190. Decisions of Cabinet Spokespersons (Cab.10.2.2016/4)

The Record of Decisions taken by Cabinet Spokespersons under delegated powers during the week ending 29th January, 2016 were noted.

191. Petitions received under Standing Order 44 (Cab.10.2.2016/5)

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

- (a) Containing 166 signatures of people from the Royston area, in respect of a request for the installation of Pelican Crossings and Speed Cameras on Midland Road, Royston due to road safety concerns.

It is recommended that the Service Director, Environment and Transport write to the lead petitioner to discuss the concerns of the petitioners, clarify their precise requests regarding locations for the pelican crossings and speed cameras. Subsequently carry out an investigation and produce a report which addresses the concerns raised.

The report will consider factors such as:-

- Traffic flows

- Traffic composition
- Road use, site characteristics
- Surrounding environment
- Collision history.

Feedback will be provided to the lead petitioner and the Royston Ward Members in due course.

- (b) Containing 35 signatures, in respect of a request for Residential Parking Permits for the Residents of Cresswell Street, Pogmoor.

It is recommended that the Service Director, Environment and Transport write to the lead petitioner to explain that as part of the 2011/12 budget review the funding for residents only parking schemes was withdrawn. The provision of residents' only parking is not a statutory duty that the Council has to provide. Therefore it will not be possible to agree to this request.

Cabinet Support Member for People (Achieving Potential) Spokesperson

192. Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools in Barnsley 2017/18 (Cab.10.2.2016/6)

RESOLVED that the proposed admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled primary and secondary schools for the 2017-2018 school year, as detailed in the report now submitted, be approved.

193. Coordinated Scheme for Admissions to Local Authority maintained Primary and Secondary Schools 2017/18 (Cab.10.2.2016/7)

RESOLVED that the proposed scheme for co-ordinating the admission arrangements for primary and secondary schools for the 2017-2018 school year, as detailed in the report now submitted, be approved.

People (Safeguarding) Spokesperson

194. Cabinet Takeover

The People (Safeguarding) Spokesperson referred to arrangements for the National Takeover Challenge for young people including those in care, and that accordingly Lorraine Simpson and Patryk Pawlewicz were attending this meeting. Lorraine and Patryk would assist in presenting items at Minutes 195 and 196 respectively.

RESOLVED that Lorraine and Patryk be welcomed to the meeting.

195. Review of the Council's Pledge to Children in Care (Cab.10.2.2016/8)

RESOLVED that the revised Barnsley 'Pledge' to children in care and care leavers, attached at Appendix 1 of the report now submitted, be approved.

196. Information Sharing Arrangements for Supporting Young People Leaving Care and At Risk of Homelessness (Cab.10.2.2016/9)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the proposal to review accommodation provision for young people aged 16, including care leavers, as part of demonstrating the Authority's commitment towards taking action to meet the various needs of service users be noted and supported; and
- (ii) that a follow-up report on the outcomes of the review and proposed recommendations, including the effectiveness of the Market Position Statement, be submitted for consideration in due course.

Corporate Services Spokesperson

197. Service and Financial Planning 2016/17 - Revenue Budget, Capital Programme and Council Tax (Cab.10.2.2016/10)

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL ON 25TH FEBRUARY, 2016:-

- (i) that the budget proposals for all services in 2016/17, as detailed in Sections 4 and 5 of the report of the Director of Finance, Assets and Information Services now submitted, be approved;
- (ii) that the following specific items incorporated within Section 2i of the report (Medium Term Financial Forecast) including for 2016/17 be noted:-
 - (a) Provision for an average 1.2% pay award in 2016/17;
 - (b) Provision for inflation in relation to external providers;
 - (c) An adjustment of £500,000 to reflect the provision required for the anticipated revenue costs of existing and new borrowing;
 - (d) The savings previously agreed as part of the 2 year Plan (minute 148 of Council on 26th February 2015).
- (iii) that the total additional funded 2016/17 capital investment of £3.348m (£9.099m is already approved) as outlined at Section 6 of the report be included within the capital programme and funding be released subject to further detailed reports on the proposals for its use;
- (iv) that the detailed proposals for increases in fees and charges as set out in Section 7 of the report be agreed;
- (v) that the position on Reserves, Provisions and Balances as set out in Section 9 of the report be noted and the proposal to use £5m of available resources to increase the Minimum Working Balance to £15m be agreed, and the remaining £10m be earmarked for future pressures/investments;
- (vi) that the report of the Director of Finance, Assets and Information Services, under Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003, at Section 1 of the report be noted and the 2016/17 budget proposals be agreed on the basis that the Chief Executive, in liaison with the Director of Finance, Assets and Information Services and in consultation with the Senior Management Team (SMT), submits for early consideration a four year revenue and capital plan from the

ongoing activity in order that the potential budget gaps in 2017/18 and the longer term be closed;

- (vii) that the Council be recommended to approve cash limited budgets for each service with overall net expenditure for 2016/17 of £168.282m (see Section 4);
- (viii) that the Budget Overview report (Section 2) and forecast budget positions for 2016/17 to 2020/21 contained in Section 2i of the report (Medium Term Financial Forecast) be noted and monitored as part of the arrangements for the delivery of the Future Council;
- (ix) that the Director of Finance, Assets and Information Services, in liaison with the Chief Executive and SMT as appropriate, be required to submit reports into Cabinet, as a matter of urgency, in relation to the detailed General Fund Revenue Budget for 2016/17, including recommendations on any action further to that set out above required to achieve an appropriately balanced budget for that financial year;
- (x) that the Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Assets and Information Services and SMT be responsible for managing within their respective budgets including ensuring the implementation of savings proposals;
- (xi) that the Authority's Senior Management Team be charged with ensuring that the budget remains in balance and report regularly into Cabinet on budget/savings monitoring including any action required;
- (xii) that the Cabinet be authorised to make any necessary technical adjustments to form the 2016/17 budget;
- (xiii) that appropriate consultation on the agreed budget proposals takes place with the Trade Unions and representatives of Non Domestic Ratepayers and that the views of consultees be considered by Cabinet and the Council; and
- (xiv) that the budget papers be submitted for the consideration of the whole Council.

(B) Council Tax 2015/16

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL ON 25TH FEBRUARY, 2016:-

- (i) that the contents of Section 8 of the report (2016/17 Council Tax calculation) of the Director of Finance, Assets and Information Services now submitted, be noted;
- (ii) that the Council Tax Collection Fund net surplus as at 31st March 2015 relating to BMBC of £1.615M be used to reduce the 2016/17 Council Tax requirement, in line with statute;
- (iii) that the 2016/17 Band D Council Tax increase for Barnsley MBC's services be set at 3.9% (1.9% for Barnsley MBC services and an additional 2% for the Chancellor's Adult Social Care levy);

- (iv) that the Band D Council Tax for Barnsley MBC's areas be determined following confirmation of the South Yorkshire Police Authority and South Yorkshire Fire Authority precepts for 2016/17; and
- (v) that the Band D Council Tax for areas of the Borough with Parish/Town Councils be determined following confirmation of individual parish precepts for 2016/17.

(C) Fees and Charges 2016/17

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL ON 25TH FEBRUARY, 2016:-

- (i) that the fees and charges set out in Appendix 1 of Section 7 of the report be approved from 1st April 2016 or later in 2016/18 as applicable; and
- (ii) that additional reports be submitted throughout the course of the year, as and when future amendments to existing fees and charges have been finalised as part of the development of Business Unit plans.

198. Redundancy Compensation and Procedures 2016/17 (Cab.10.2.2016/11)

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL ON 25TH FEBRUARY, 2016:-

- (i) that for the purpose of the 2016/2017 budgetary procedures, payments in accordance with the Discretionary Compensation Regulations 2006 be up to a maximum of 30 weeks actual pay based on the Statutory Redundancy Scheme; and
- (ii) that any employee (excluding Teachers) declared redundant be afforded the maximum of 12 weeks notice of termination of employment.

199. 2016/17 Treasury Management Policy and Strategy Statement (Cab.10.2.2016/12)

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL ON 25TH FEBRUARY, 2016:-

- (i) that the main treasury management policies, as outlined in the Treasury Policy Statement (Annex A of the report now submitted), be noted;
- (ii) that the attached Treasury Management Strategy Statement for 2016/17 (Annex B of the report) be approved, including:-
 - a) The revised Minimum Revenue Provision (MPR) Statement at Appendix E, and
 - b) The Annual Investment Strategy for 2016/17.

200. Prudential Indicators 2016/17 (Cab.10.2.2016/13)

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL ON 25TH FEBRUARY, 2016:-

- (i) that approval be given to the Prudential Indicators, set out at Appendix B of the report now submitted, for the financial year 2016/17 to 2018/19; and
- (ii) that further monitoring reports be submitted on the indicators during the year as necessary.

201. Strategic Risk Register (Cab.10.2.2016/14)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the significant risks detailed in the report now submitted, be noted;
- (ii) that the high level strategic risks articulated within the Strategic Risk Register, set out at Section 5.2 of the report now submitted, fully reflect the current position of the Council be confirmed; and
- (iii) that the content of the report be noted and Cabinet reaffirm its continued commitment to support the Corporate Risk Management process and the embedding of a Risk Management culture within the organisation.

202. Quarterly Analysis of Selective Voluntary Early Retirement and Voluntary Severance October - December 2015 (Cab.10.2.2016/15)

RESOLVED that the Quarterly Analysis of Selective Voluntary Early Retirement and Voluntary Severance from October to December 2015, as detailed in the report now submitted, be noted.

203. Implementation of a Revised Expense Claims Procedure (Cab.10.2.2016/16)

RESOLVED that the revised Expense Claims Procedure, as detailed in the report now submitted, be approved for implementation from 1st April, 2016.

Communities Spokesperson

204. Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) Consultation Feedback (Cab.10.2.2016/17)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the introduction and implementation of the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) in the proposed designated areas, set out in the report now submitted, and within the terms proposed, effective from 1st March, 2016 be approved;
- (ii) that the principles and approach proposed in the enforcement plan ensuring resilience in the administration of the order be endorsed;
- (iii) that a formal evaluation and review of the effectiveness of the Public Spaces Protection Order be conducted during 2016/2017; and
- (iv) that approval be given for the Director of Communities to authorise appropriate personnel to enforce the order after implementation, with these levels of resources to be maintained until after the conclusion of the review after 12 weeks operation.

205. Anti-Poverty Delivery Plan (Cab.10.2.2016/18)

RESOLVED that the Anti-Poverty Action Plan, set out in Appendix 1 of the report now submitted, be approved.

206. Early Help Peer Review (Cab.10.2.2016/19)

RESOLVED that the outcomes of the Barnsley Early Help Peer Review and the steps to be taken to instigate further improvement, as detailed in the report now submitted, be noted.

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Chair