

MEETING:	Cabinet
DATE:	Wednesday, 24 February 2016
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Reception Room, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

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

Members in Attendance: Councillors Cherryholme, Franklin, Mitchell, Sheard and Shepherd

207. Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

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

208. Leader - Call-in of Cabinet decisions

The Leader reported that no decisions from the previous meeting held on 10th February, 2016 had been called in.

209. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 10th February, 2016 (Cab.24.2.2016/3)

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th February, 2016 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

210. Decisions of Cabinet Spokespersons (Cab.24.2.2016/4)

The Record of Decisions taken by Cabinet Spokespersons under delegated powers during the week ending 12th February, 2016 were noted.

211. Petitions received under Standing Order 44 (Cab.24.2.2016/5)

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

Corporate Services Spokesperson

212. Corporate Plan Performance Report Quarter 3 (September - December) 2015/16 (Cab.24.2.2016/6)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the comments of Members on the contents of the Corporate Plan Performance Report for Quarter 3 (September to December) 2015/16 now submitted be noted together with action to take forward the delivery of the Corporate Plan priorities and challenges;
- (ii) that Cabinet receives follow-up reports arising from the Quarter 3 report on:-
 - Improving Employment Opportunities for those who are most vulnerable (Learning Disabilities)

- Permanent admissions to care for over 65s
 - Barnsley Safeguarding and Looked After Children – Continuous Service Improvement Plan
 - Better Care Fund; and
- (iii) that the report be presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to inform and support their ongoing work programme.

**213. Capital Programme Performance - Quarter Ending 31st December, 2015
(Cab.24.2.2016/7)**

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the 2015/16 and overall five year Capital Programme positions as described in the Capital Programme Performance for Quarter 3 ending 31st December, 2015 now submitted, be noted;
- (ii) that approval be given to the 2015/16 scheme slippage totalling -£10.207m and scheme re-phasing totalling -£0.686m (paragraphs 4.4 and 4.5 and Appendix B of the report submitted);
- (iii) that the reduction in scheme costs in 2015/16 of -£0.353m, the reduction in scheme costs in future years of -£0.311m (paragraphs 4.6 and 4.7 and Appendix B of the report) and the adjustments to the Capital Programme plans to reflect this change be approved;
- (iv) that approval be given to the uncommitted resources currently identified during the quarter totalling £0.138m (as set out in paragraph 4.8) be retained corporately for consideration as part of the overall Reserves Strategy; and
- (v) that the Academy Infrastructure IT project as outlined at paragraph 4.9 to be funded from the Information Services' 2015/16 revenue budget be approved.

**214. Corporate Financial Performance - Quarter Ending 31st December, 2015
(Cab.24.2.2016/8)**

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that, where appropriate, the Executive Directors/Directors bring back further reports on how their forecast overspends will be brought back into line with existing budgets on a recurrent basis;
- (ii) that approval be given to write off £1.341m of historical bad debts as shown at paragraph 6;
- (iii) that approval be given for the budget virements at Appendix 1 of the report now submitted;
- (iv) that the potential impact of the December monitoring position on the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) at paragraph 7 of the report be noted; and

- (v) that the updated Revenue Reserves position as outlined at paragraph 8 of the report and the intention to report a fully updated Reserves Strategy to Cabinet as part of a revised Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) be noted.

215. Treasury Management Activities and Investment Performance - Quarter Ending 31st December, 2015 (Cab.24.2.2016/9)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the Treasury Management activities undertaken and compliance with the Prudential Indicators during the quarter ending 31st December, 2015 as set out in the report now 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.

216. Review of Policy for Minimum Revenue Position (Cab.24.2.2016/10)

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL ON 31ST MARCH, 2016:-

- (i) that the revised Policy for the Council's 2015/16 Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) now submitted be approved noting that the MRP for 2016/17 was agreed by Cabinet as part of approving the overall 2016/17 Treasury Management Strategy; and
- (ii) that the Council review the MRP on an annual basis to take account of the Council's changing requirements, particularly in relation to its financial position.

.....
Chair