

MEETING:	Full Council
DATE:	Thursday, 31 March 2016
TIME:	10.30 am
VENUE:	Council Chamber, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present

The Mayor (Councillor Mathers)

- Central Ward - Councillors D. Birkinshaw, Bruff and M. Dyson
- Cudworth Ward - Councillors Hayward, Houghton CBE and C. Wraith MBE
- Darfield Ward - Councillors Saunders
- Darton East Ward - Councillors Miller
- Darton West Ward - Councillors Cave and Howard
- Dearne North Ward - Councillors Gardiner, Gollick and Worton
- Dearne South Ward - Councillors Noble and Sixsmith MBE
- Dodworth Ward - Councillors P. Birkinshaw, J. Carr and Riggs
- Hoyland Milton Ward - Councillors Franklin, Shepherd and Stowe
- Kingstone Ward - Councillors Williams
- Monk Bretton Ward - Councillors S. Green, Richardson and Sheard
- North East Ward - Councillors Ennis, Hampson and Higginbottom
- Old Town Ward - Councillors Cherryholme
- Penistone East Ward - Councillors Barnard, Hand-Davis and Wilson
- Penistone West Ward - Councillors Griffin and Unsworth
- Rockingham Ward - Councillors Andrews BEM and Lamb
- Royston Ward - Councillors Cheetham, Clements and Makinson
- St. Helen's Ward - Councillors Leech, Platts and Tattersall
- Stairfoot Ward - Councillors K. Dyson and Johnson
- Wombwell Ward - Councillors Frost and R. Wraith
- Worsbrough Ward - Councillors G. Carr and Pourali

175. Retiring Members

The Mayor reminded Members that this was the last meeting of the Council before the Municipal Election to be held on Thursday 5th May, 2016. It would, therefore, be the last meeting to be attended by several Members prior to their retirement from the Council.

The Leader of the Council, Sir Steve Houghton CBE paid tribute to the following Members for their hard work to the Council and the local community they represented:-

- Councillor Brook
- Councillor Duerden
- Councillor Morgan
- Councillor Worton

The Mayor and Leader of the Council wished the Members well for the future.

The Mayor presented Councillor Worton, the only retiring Member present at the meeting, with a vase.

Councillor Duerden would be presented with a vase and Councillors Brook and Morgan would be presented with an engraved bowl.

The Mayor and Leader of the Council wished the Members well for the future.

The Leaders of the Barnsley Independent Group and Conservative Group added their own thanks to the retiring Members as did several other Members of the Council.

176. Declarations of Personal Interests

Councillor Ennis declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute 177 (167) of the Council Meeting held on the 4th February, 2016 'Notice of Motion – Housing and Planning Bill' as a Member of the Berneslai Homes Board.

177. Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on 4th and 25th February, 2016 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

178. Communications

(a) Secondary School National Offer Day

The Chief Executive was delighted to say that following the results of the National Placement Offer day earlier this month, over 95% of children had secured their first preference place for their choice of secondary school which was a great improvement on last year when the figure was just under 91%.

A large number of applications, 2,400 had been received for transfer to Secondary School and only 28 pupils had not been allocated one of their preferences, however, it was pleasing to note that all had now been allocated a place at a secondary school for September, 2016.

This placed Barnsley fourth within the Yorkshire and Humber region where more than 9 out of 10 children were allocated a place in their first preference school.

This was a fantastic achievement and congratulations were offered to all those involved in the process.

The Mayor and Members of the Council expressed their congratulations to all concerned in the usual manner.

(b) Local Government Awards

The Chief Executive reported that, as most Members were aware, the Local Government Chronicle Awards had been held last month. It was the 20th anniversary year for this premier event of the year in the Local Government calendar and Barnsley had been shortlisted for a total of five awards:

- Campaign of the Year
- Team of the Year
- Driving Growth
- Business Transformation
- Council of the Year

The success in being nominated for these five awards showed that what the Council was doing was amongst the best across the country and being shortlisted in itself could be classed as 'being a winner'.

Particular congratulations were offered to Andrew Ainsworth and the Enterprising Barnsley Team and Martin Beasley and the Driving Growth Team and all of the people involved, some of whom were in the Council Chamber this morning, in the success of being the overall winner for Driving Growth which made all the hard work in participating in these awards so worth while.

The Chief Executive reported that all representatives of the Council were extremely proud to be at the awards ceremony. It had been a fantastic night and it was wonderful to see Barnsley 'on the stage'.

Congratulations were also extended to all those involved with the other category awards, Margaret Essex, Sue Thiedeman and Phil Hollingsworth and their teams who also did a fantastic job.

Special mention was also given to all staff of the Authority and to Members because becoming shortlisted for Council of the year was a really fantastic achievement. It was achieved through innovation, hard work, dedication and lots of planning. It didn't happen overnight and took a huge amount of work to realise those levels of achievement and the Chief Executive was particularly delighted that the Council was shortlisted and that the Council had also won the Driving Growth Award. There was lots to be proud of.

Councillor Miller, Cabinet Spokesperson for Place thanked the Chief Executive for those comments which he asked to be associated with. He commented

that Barnsley Council's Enterprising Barnsley Programme received the top award at the Driving Growth Category of the Competition. The Council had faced stiff competition from other authorities including Glasgow, Birmingham, Plymouth, Leeds and Wakefield. The Driving Growth Award was particularly important to the Council as it continued to develop a thriving, vibrant economy by encouraging more businesses start-ups and creating more jobs.

Winning the Driving Growth Award was fantastic for Barnsley and he asked to place on record his thanks to all involved in this well deserved achievement. He also took the opportunity to remind Members of the hard work of all Partner organisations including the Sheffield City Region who worked with the Council closely. The development of Junction 36 was referred to and to the work of the Enterprising Barnsley Team who were involved in developing this scheme. Councillor Miller encouraged Members to visit the site if at all possible as this demonstrated the commitment of the Council, its workforce and its partners and showed what an excellent place Barnsley was to live and work.

Councillor Miller then then presented Andrew Ainsworth with the LGC Driving Growth Award.

The Mayor and Members of the Council expressed their thanks to all involved in the usual manner.

Councillor Sir Steve Houghton CBE, Leader of the Council, asked to add his congratulations and thanks firstly to officers within the School Admissions Team in ensuring that the vast majority of pupils obtained their first preference at their first choice Secondary School and secondly to all staff and all entrants involved in submitting entries to the Local Government Chronicle Awards. The Council had won one award out of the five entries submitted so there was clearly room for improvement in the eyes of the judges but to get that far out of hundreds of applications and shortlisted was no mean achievement and the Council would obviously keep working on improving services for the people of Barnsley. He felt that all staff deserved recognition for their hard work in incredibly difficult circumstances and there was no Council that went to those awards or anywhere else that faced the kind of challenges that Barnsley had financially, socially and in the current economic climate of the area. For the staff to achieve the recognition they had was absolutely tremendous and on behalf of all Members they should be congratulated and thanked for all that they had done. Particular thanks were, of course, extended to Andrew Ainsworth and the Team in winning the Driving Growth Award as there some 'big' cities had been shortlisted for this award who, compared to Barnsley, had much more resources at their disposal and lots more opportunities and yet Barnsley 'showed them how to do it' and this was really good news.

Councillor Cheetham, Cabinet Spokesperson for People (Achieving Potential) asked to add his congratulations to all involved in the Local Government Chronicle Awards but particularly congratulated officers within the Admission Team for the work they had done on school places this year as this was a fantastically complicated process with lots of heavily legislated criteria to take into account within extremely tight deadlines as well as being very emotive for parents. To have increased the rate of success was remarkable and a testament to the work and efforts of everyone involved.

Councillor Platts, Cabinet Spokesperson for Communities echoed the comments of the Leader and paid tribute to all staff involved and, in particular, stated that the Awards Ceremony had been a ‘nerve wracking’ night. It had been a fantastic achievement to be shortlisted for five awards and amazing to have won the Driving Growth Award.

179. Questions by Elected Members

The Chief Executive reported that she had received no questions from Elected Members in accordance with Standing Order No. 11.

180. Questions relating to Joint Authority, Police and Crime Panel and Combined Authority Business

The Chief Executive reported that she had received no questions from Elected Members in accordance with Standing Order No. 12.

181. South Yorkshire Pensions Authority - 14th January, 2016

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

182. South Yorkshire Pensions Authority - 11th February, 2016

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

183. Police and Crime Panel - 27th January, 2016

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

184. Sheffield City Region Combined Authority - 1st February, 2016

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

185. South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority - 15th February, 2016

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

186. Planning Regulatory Board - 26th January, 2016

Moved by Councillor D. Birkinshaw - Seconded by Councillor R Wraith; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Planning Regulatory Board held on 26th January, 2016 be received.

187. Planning Regulatory Board - 23rd February, 2016

Moved by Councillor D. Birkinshaw - Seconded by Councillor R Wraith; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Planning Regulatory Board held on 23rd February, 2016 be received.

188. General Licensing Regulatory Board - 24th February, 2016

Moved by Councillor C. Wraith, MBE – Seconded by Councillor Tattersall; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the General Licensing Regulatory Board held on the 24th February, 2016 be received.

189. Statutory Licensing Regulatory Board - 24th February, 2016

Moved by Councillor C. Wraith, MBE – Seconded by Councillor Tattersall; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Statutory Licensing Regulatory Board held on the 24th February, 2016 be received.

190. Planning Regulatory Board - 22nd March, 2016

Moved by Councillor D Birkinshaw – Seconded by Councillor R Wraith; and

RESOLVED that the minutes now submitted of the proceedings of the Planning Regulatory Board held on the 22nd March, 2016 be received.

191. General Licensing Panel - 9th February, 2016

Moved by Councillor C. Wraith, MBE – Seconded by Councillor Richardson; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the General Licensing Panel held on 9th February, 2016 be received.

192. Appeals, Awards and Standards - Various

Moved by Councillor Leech – Seconded by Councillor Shepherd; and

RESOLVED that the details of the various Appeals, Awards and Standards Regulatory Board Panels held in the last cycle of meetings together with their decisions be received.

193. Health and Wellbeing Board - 2nd February, 2016

Moved by Councillor Sir Stephen Houghton, CBE – Seconded by Councillor Platts; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Health and Well Being Board held on 2nd February, 2016 be received.

194. Overview and Scrutiny Committee - 9th February, 2016

Moved by Councillor Ennis – Seconded by Councillor Sixsmith; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 9th February, 2016 be received.

195. Safeguarding Scrutiny Committee - 15th March, 2016

Moved by Councillor Worton – Seconded by Councillor C Wraith MBE; and

RESOLVED that the minutes now submitted of the proceedings of the Safeguarding Scrutiny Committee held on 15th March, 2016 be received.

196. Dearne Area Council - 25th January, 2016

Moved by Councillor Noble – Seconded by Councillor Gardiner; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Dearne Area Council held on 25th January, 2016 be received.

197. North Area Council - 1st February, 2016

Moved by Councillor Leech – Seconded by Councillor Platts; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the North Area Council held on 1st February, 2016 be received.

198. Penistone Area Council - 11th February, 2016

Moved by Councillor Barnard – Seconded by Councillor Griffin; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Penistone Area Council held on 11th February, 2016 be received.

199. North East Area Council - 11th February, 2016

Moved by Councillor Hayward – Seconded by Councillor C Wraith MBE; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the North East Area Council held on 11th February, 2016 be received.

200. South Area Council - 19th February, 2016

Moved by Councillor Stowe - Seconded by Councillor Frost; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the South Area Council held on 19th February, 2016 be received.

201. Local Code of Planning Conduct and Guidance (PRB. 24.11.15/7)

Moved by Councillor D Birkinshaw – Seconded by Councillor R Wraith; and

RESOLVED that the Local Code of Planning Conduct and Guidance be approved and adopted.

202. Planning Compliance Policy (PRB. 23.2.16/7)

Moved by Councillor D Birkinshaw – Seconded by Councillor R Wraith; and

RESOLVED that the Planning Compliance Policy be approved.

203. Terms of Reference of General and Statutory Licensing Regulatory Boards - Update (GLB & SLB 24.2.16/3)

Moved by Councillor C Wraith MBE – Seconded by Councillor Tattersall; and

RESOLVED that the Terms of Reference of the General and Statutory Licensing Regulatory Boards be amended as detailed within Appendix 1 to the report.

204. Implementation of the Pay Policy Statement 2016/17 (Cab.27.1.2016/6)

Moved by Councillor Gardiner – Seconded by Councillor Franklin; and

RESOLVED that approval be given to implement the 2016/17 Pay Policy Statement as detailed at Appendix B of the report now submitted with effect from 1st April, 2016.

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

Moved by Councillor Gardiner – Seconded by Councillor Franklin; and

RESOLVED:

- (i) that the revised Policy for the Council's 2015/16 Minimum Revenue Position (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.

206. Cabinet Meeting - 27 January 2016

Moved by Councillor Sir Steve Houghton CBE – Seconded by Councillor Andrews BEM; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the Cabinet Meeting held on 27th January, 2016 be received.

207. Cabinet Meeting - 10 February 2016

Moved by Councillor Sir Steve Houghton CBE – Seconded by Councillor Andrews BEM; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the Cabinet Meeting held on 10th February, 2016 be received with the exception of the following Minutes which were approved by the Council on the 25th February, 2016:

- (a) Minute 197 'Revenue Budget, Capital Programme and Council Tax';
- (b) Minute 198 'Redundancy Compensation and Procedures 2016/17';
- (c) Minute 199 'Treasury Management Policy and Strategy Statement'; and

(d) Minute 200 'Prudential Indicators 2016/17'.

208. Cabinet Meeting - 24 February 2016

Moved by Councillor Sir Steve Houghton CBE – Seconded by Councillor Andrews BEM; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the Cabinet Meeting held on 24th February, 2016 be received.

209. Cabinet Meeting - 9th March, 2016

Moved by Councillor Sir Steve Houghton CBE – Seconded by Councillor Andrews BEM; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the Cabinet Meeting held on 9th March, 2016 be received.

The Mayor extended his best wishes on behalf of Members of the Council to all those seeking re-election at the Municipal Elections on the 5th May.

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Chair