

<b>MEETING:</b>	Cabinet
<b>DATE:</b>	Wednesday, 6 September 2017
<b>TIME:</b>	10.00 am
<b>VENUE:</b>	Reception Room, Barnsley Town Hall

## MINUTES

**Present** Councillors Andrews BEM, Bruff, Cheetham, Gardiner, Howard, Miller and Platts

**Members in Attendance:** Councillors Franklin, D. Griffin, Pourali, Saunders, Sheard

### 57. Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

Councillor Franklin declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 69 in his capacity as a member of the Milton Hall Group.

Councillor Pourali declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 74 in her capacity as a Berneslai Homes Board Member.

### 58. Leader - Call-in of Cabinet decisions

The Leader reported that no decisions from the previous meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 had been called in.

### 59. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 26th July, 2017 (Cab.6.9.2017/3)

The minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

### 60. Decisions of Cabinet Spokespersons (Cab.6.9.2017/4)

The Record of Decisions taken by Cabinet Spokespersons under delegated powers during the weeks ending 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 were noted.

### 61. Petitions received under Standing Order 44 (Cab.6.9.2017/5)

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

#### Deputy Leader for Leader

### 62. Arrangements for Discharging the Statutory Role of Director of Children's Services - Test of Assurance (Cab.6.9.2017/6)

**RESOLVED** that the findings and recommendations that emerged from the Peer Led Test of Assurance, concerning the Borough's arrangements for complying with the statutory guidance on the roles and responsibilities of the Director of Children's Services (DCS), as summarised in paragraphs 4.2 and 5.2 of the report now submitted, be approved.

## **Core Services Spokesperson**

### **63. Corporate Performance Report - Quarter 1 Ending 30th June, 2017 (Cab.6.9.2017/7)**

#### **RESOLVED:-**

- (i) that the Corporate Plan Performance Report for Quarter 1 (April to June 2017), as detailed in the report now submitted, be noted;
- (ii) that follow-up reports arising from the Quarter 1 report be received on:-
  - Areas for Improvement:  
Berneslai Homes voids  
Assistive Living Technology
  - Areas of Achievement:  
Better Homes Barnsley
- (iii) that the report be shared with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to inform and support their ongoing work programme.

### **64. Corporate Finance Performance, Quarter 1 ending 30th June, 2017 (Cab.6.9.2017/8)**

#### **RESOLVED:-**

- (i) that the Corporate Finance Performance Report for the quarter ending 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2017, as set out in the report now submitted, be noted;
- (ii) 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;
- (iii) that the writing off for accounting purposes of £0.673m of historical bad debts (general fund) as detailed at paragraph 6.3, be approved;
- (iv) that the writing off for accounting purposes of £0.123m of tenant arrears (Housing Revenue Accounts) as shown at paragraph 6.4, be approved;
- (v) that the budget virements as set out in Appendix 1 of the report be approved;
- (vi) that the potential impact of the Quarter 1 monitoring position on the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy as detailed in paragraph 7 be noted;
- (vii) that the use of the remaining Invest to Grow Fund (£0.068m) be approved for improving the Council's Cyber Security. The total cost will be £0.287m and the balance will be funded via capital receipts and service savings; and
- (viii) that an update be received on the Council Reserves Strategy as part of the 2018/19 Budget Process to commence in late September.

**65. Capital Programme Performance, Quarter 1 ending 30th June, 2017  
(Cab.6.9.2017/9)**

**RESOLVED:-**

- (i) that the Capital Programme Performance Report for the quarter ending 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2017, as detailed in the report now submitted, be noted;
- (ii) that the 2017/18 and overall five year Capital Programme positions be noted;
- (iii) that the 2017/18 scheme slippage totalling -£2.823m and scheme re-phasing totalling -£3.045m (as detailed in paragraphs 4.4, 4.5 and Appendix B of the report submitted) be approved;
- (iv) that the total net decrease in scheme costs in 2017/18 of £2.784m (as noted in paragraph 4.6 and Appendix B of the report refer) be approved;
- (v) that the net increase in scheme costs in future years totalling £2.356m (as set out in paragraph 4.7 and Appendix B of the report) be approved; and
- (vi) that the new proposed scheme totalling £0.287m (as described in paragraph 5.2 of the report) be approved.

**66. Treasury Management Activities, Quarter 1 ending 30th June, 2017  
(Cab.6.9.2017/10)**

**RESOLVED:-**

- (i) that the Treasury Management Activities undertaken for the period ending 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 and compliance with the Prudential Indicators, as set out in the report now submitted, be noted;
- (ii) that the Authority's latest borrowing position be noted; and
- (iii) that Authority's latest investment portfolio and performance for the quarter be noted.

**67. Equality Scheme 2015-18 Annual Update (August 2017) (Cab.6.9.2017/11)**

**RESOLVED:-**

- (i) that the Equality Scheme 2015-18 Annual Report for the period July 2016 to July 2017 be approved;
- (ii) that the progress made towards the equality objectives be noted; and
- (iii) that the key achievements and challenges identified in the Annual Report and support to the priorities for the year ahead be noted.

**68. Health, Safety and Emergency Resilience Report 2016/2017 (Cab.6.9.2017/12)**

**RESOLVED** that the Authority's Health, Safety and Emergency Resilience performance for 2016/17 and the continuous efforts made to improve upon performance in this area, as set out in the report submitted, be noted.

**69. Community Asset Transfer; Milton Hall, Fitzwilliam Street, Elsecar (Cab.6.9.2017/13)**

**RESOLVED:-**

- (i) that the Community Asset Transfer of Milton Hall, Fitzwilliam Street, Elsecar, Barnsley to the Milton Hall Group based on the finalised business case to develop and expand the existing community facility at Milton Hall, as set out in the report now submitted, be approved;
- (ii) that the Service Director Assets be authorised to finalise heads of terms for a 25 year lease to the Milton Hall Group for a nominal rental to develop and expand the existing community facility at Milton Hall; and
- (iii) that the Executive Director Core Services be authorised to complete the lease to the Milton Hall Group.

**People (Safeguarding) Spokesperson**

**70. Annual Report of the Placement and Sufficiency Board for Children in Care 2016/17 (Cab.6.9.2017/14)**

**RESOLVED** that the information and data contained within the first Annual Report of the recently established Placement and Sufficiency Board for Children in Care, be noted.

**People (Achieving Potential) Spokesperson**

**71. School Place Planning: Expansion of Penistone Grammar School (Cab.6.9.2017/15)**

**RESOLVED:-**

- (i) that the Statutory Notice to be published to enlarge Penistone Grammar School by 250 places with effect from September 2018 be noted; and
- (ii) that approval be given to fund the estimated £2.011m capital cost of the extension, as detailed in paragraph 7.1.

**72. Early Education: Review of Nursery Admissions Policy (Cab.6.9.2017/16)**

**RESOLVED** that the revised Admission to Nursery Policy, as detailed in the report now submitted, be approved.

## **Place Spokesperson**

### **73. Glassworks - Further Investment in Town Centre (Cab.6.9.2017/17)**

The Place Spokesperson explained that it had previously been expected that it would be required to re-phase the basement works required following the demolition of the multi-storey car park from Phase 2 to Phase 1 of the project. However, this was not currently thought to be necessary.

#### **RESOLVED:-**

- (i) that an additional investment in the Glassworks Phase 1 scheme of £8.3m as a result of an increase in the size of the scheme together with the accelerated works programme, as set out in the report now submitted, be approved;
- (ii) that a number of movements of individual work packages between the two phases, as highlighted in paragraphs 5.6 to 5.8 of the report, be agreed;
- (iii) that the alignment of resources (£5.1m) previously set aside for the wider Public Realm Works into the overall Glassworks scheme budget, as highlighted in paragraph 5.9, be approved;
- (iv) that the option appraisal work undertaken on the future delivery and governance of the Glassworks project be noted;
- (v) note the use of a design and build form of contract for the construction of Phase 2, as set out in paragraphs 5.1 to 5.5 of the report, as approved under officer delegated powers;
- (vi) that the on-site project management and cost consultancy arrangements for the construction of Phase 2, as set out in sections 5.10 to 5.12 of the report, be approved; and
- (vii) that the revised Glassworks governance arrangements, as set out in sections 5.13 to 5.17 of the report, be approved.

### **74. Review of the Lettings Policy in response to changes in Universal Credit affecting the 18 to under 22 age group (Cab.6.9.2017/18)**

#### **RECOMMENDED TO FULL COUNCIL ON 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2017:-**

- (i) that the proposed amendments to the Council's Lettings Policy and Code of Guidance, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report now submitted, be agreed;
- (ii) that the Council works with Berneslai Homes and other agencies to provide advice and to support those applicants adversely affected by the legislative changes; and
- (iii) that a review of how the housing needs of those individuals affected by the amendments to the Lettings Policy be undertaken as part of the Housing Allocations and Community Safety Service Review; the proposals/actions to be presented to Cabinet over the coming months.

**75. Visitor Economy Strategy (Cab.6.9.2017/19)**

**RESOLVED:-**

- (i) that the Council adopts the Visitor Economy Strategy for Barnsley 2017-2020, as set out in Appendix 2 of the report now submitted; and
- (ii) that the Strategy’s action plan priorities are implemented to realise the benefits associated with Visitor Economy Development.

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Chair