

MEETING:	Full Council
DATE:	Thursday, 28 September 2017
TIME:	10.30 am
VENUE:	Council Chamber, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present

	The Mayor (Councillor Ennis)
Central Ward	- Councillors D. Birkinshaw, Bruff and M. Dyson
Cudworth Ward	- Councillors Hayward and C. Wraith MBE
Darfield Ward	- Councillors Coates, Markham and Saunders
Darton East Ward	- Councillors Miller and Spence
Darton West Ward	- Councillors Burgess, Cave and Howard
Dearne North Ward	- Councillors Gardiner, Gollick and Phillips
Dearne South Ward	- Councillors C. Johnson and Noble
Dodworth Ward	- Councillors P. Birkinshaw and Riggs
Hoyland Milton Ward	- Councillors Franklin and Shepherd
Kingstone Ward	- Councillors Mitchell and Williams
Monk Bretton Ward	- Councillors Richardson and Sheard
North East Ward	- Councillors Hampson and Higginbottom
Old Town Ward	- Councillors Cherryholme and Lofts
Penistone East Ward	- Councillors Barnard and Hand-Davis
Penistone West Ward	- Councillors David Griffin, Millner and Unsworth
Rockingham Ward	- Councillors Andrews BEM, Dures and Lamb
Royston Ward	- Councillors Cheetham, Clements and Makinson
St. Helen's Ward	- Councillors Platts and Tattersall
Stairfoot Ward	- Councillors K. Dyson, W. Johnson and Mathers
Wombwell Ward	- Councillors R. Wraith
Worsbrough Ward	- Councillors G. Carr, Clarke and Pourali

95. Declarations of Interests

Councillors Markham, Pourali and Unsworth declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No 124 'Proposed Changes to the Financial contributions Policy for Adult Social Care Services: Stakeholder Consultation' in view of them being Members of the Berneslai Homes Board.

96. Suspension of Standing Orders

Moved by Councillor Andrews BEM – Seconded by Councillor Gardiner; and

RESOLVED that Standing Order 13 (5) of the Council be suspended in respect of Minute 97 only insofar as it relates to restrictions on Members speaking more than once.

97. External Annual Governance Report - Presentation

Ms A Warner C Partridge, representing KPMG, the Authority's External Auditor made a presentation on the External Audit Annual Governance Report 2016/17.

The following points were noted:

- An unqualified opinion was to be given on the financial Statements, on the Use of Resources and Whole of Government Accounts
- The Accounts and working papers had been produced to high standard and the Local Authority Finance Team had dealt with the audit queries efficiently and professionally
- The following audit risks had been identified for 2016/17 all of which had been mitigated:
 - The change in pension liabilities due to the Local Government Pension Scheme triannual valuation
 - The Valuation of the waste management PFI
- No specific Value for Money risks for 2016/17 had been identified
- The following audit adjustments had been identified as part of the External Audit Work all of which had been adjusted in the final version of the accounts:
 - The production of Group Accounts
 - Minor presentational adjustments in relation to notes to the accounts
- Four recommendations had been raised in the year:
 - To improve notification of HR/Payroll of leavers to reduce overpayments
 - To turn on the system log to record amendments made to the production client in SAP
 - To improve notification of IT of leaves in order to reduce risk of inappropriate access to application
 - To review access to the Council Tax system to confirm all staff with access were appropriate
- The Annual Governance Statement complied with CIPFA guidance and was consistent with other information the Council published

The Cabinet Spokesperson Core Services and Members of the Council asked to place on record their thanks and appreciation for the work of the External Auditors and for the way in which the audit had been conducted. They also recorded their

thanks for the work of those staff within the Finance Directorate and within Internal Audit, who had contributed to the Annual Governance Report.

98. Audit Committee Minutes - 22nd September, 2017

Moved by Councillor Clements – Seconded by Councillor Barnard; and

RESOLVED that the minutes now submitted of the proceedings of the Audit Committee held on the 22nd September, 2017 be received.

99. External Audit Annual Governance Report 2016/17

Moved by Councillor Gardiner – Seconded by Councillor Franklin; and

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the External Auditor's Annual Governance Report 2016/17 be approved;
- (ii) That the findings on the effectiveness of the Council's internal controls and the conclusions on the Council's arrangements for securing Value for Money be noted; and
- (iii) That the findings from the audit work in relation to the 2016/17 financial statements be noted and accordingly, the final accounts 2016/17 be approved.

100. Final Annual Governance Statement 2016/17

Moved by Councillor Andrews BEM – Seconded by Councillor Gardiner; and

RESOLVED that the Annual Governance Statement 2016/17 be approved and adopted.

101. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 27th July, 2017 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

102. Communications

The Executive Director Core Services, in the absence of the Chief Executive, reported on the following Communications received.

(a) Josie Thirkell OBE

The Executive Director Core Services reported with great sadness on the death of Josie Thirkell on the 27th August, 2017.

Although hailing from the North East Josie spent much of her successful career in Barnsley.

Josie had been a dedicated public servant, being the Head Teacher at Springwell School which provided special education for children with emotional,

social and behavioural difficulties. Subsequently she had been appointed as Chief Executive Officer of Wellspring Academy Trust and more recently she served as the Chair of Barnsley College and Chair of Barnsley Museums and Heritage Trust.

Josie had been forthright and down to earth and had a great sense of humour; she had been passionate about education culture and heritage and was a great advocate for Barnsley.

She had been awarded the OBE from HRH Prince Charles in February this year for her commitment to education and young people. She would be dearly missed by all who knew her.

Councillor Miller, Cabinet Spokesperson for Place, highlighted that he got to know Josie very well whilst she was Chair of the Barnsley Museums and Heritage Trust, a role she was ideally suited to as she had a special way with people, being both passionate and persuasive about education, culture and heritage and the way in which these things could make a real difference to people's lives

The Mayor and Members of the Council noted, with regret, the receipt of this news and they expressed their condolence to Ms Thirkell's family at their sad loss.

(b) Berneslai Homes

The Executive Director Core Services reported that the Council may wish to congratulate Berneslai Homes on being voted No.1 Landlord for the Year in this year's 24 Housing list of the top 50 social landlords. Berneslai Homes led by Helen Jaggar, Chief Executive, who was unable to be in attendance today due to annual leave, was represented by Paul Hayes, Chair of Berneslai Homes, and Stephen Davies.

Berneslai Homes had achieved this success in recent years despite the challenging local environment. It had collected over 98.5% of the Council's rental income and brought in substantial additional benefits helping to sustain tenancies for those most in need within the Borough.

Councillor Miller, Cabinet Spokesperson for Place, added his thanks to Berneslai Homes for supporting the Council to achieve its strategic objectives, moving services to be more digitally friendly, including self-service lettings, whilst also tackling the shortage of homes by building and acquiring 320 new homes for the Council with a further 200 homes planned.

The Mayor and Members of the Council congratulated Berneslai homes and its staff at this success and expressed their thanks to all involved in the usual manner.

(c) Tobacco Control (CLear Assessment)

The Executive Director Core Services reported that the Council had been peer assessed by a team of national experts on its approach to tobacco control. The

assessment was based on robust evidence and focussed on how the Council challenged itself, its leadership and its results

From the first assessment in 2013 the total points available had increased from 40% to 70%. The feedback from the assessors had been excellent. They described Barnsley's strengths as the political and public health leadership, the targeted action plan and the shared ambition to make smoking invisible and create a smoke free generation.

Every member of the Barnsley Tobacco Alliance should be congratulated on this achievement and particular thanks were extended to Diane Lee, Kaye Mann and Gilly Brenner from Public Health, Paul Micklethwaite from the Place Directorate, Richard Jenkins and Bob Kirton from Barnsley Hospital and Councillors Andrews BEM, Platts and Tattersall.

Councillor Andrews BEM, Chair of the Tobacco Alliance, outlined the pioneering work which was being undertaken and commented that officers had shown outstanding commitment to supporting the work of the Alliance, particularly those involved in parks, protecting children travelling in cars, and in the Town Hall Square. He asked to place on record his thanks for the enthusiastic support of Members of the Council to create a smoke free generation.

The Mayor and Members of the Council expressed their congratulations on this achievement in the usual manner.

(d) Sandford Awards

The Executive Director Core Services was delighted to inform Members that the Museums Learning Team had been awarded the prestigious Sandford Award for its work at the Cooper Gallery, which added to the awards already gained for Experience Barnsley and Cannon Hall.

The Sandford Award was an independently judged, quality assured assessment of education programmes at heritage sites, museums, archives and collections across the British Isles. The Awards focussed on formal, curriculum-linked education opportunities offered to schools by heritage sites, although recognition was also made of formal learning such as family programmes.

The Award brought a number of benefits including:

- A 'kite mark' for high quality education provision which was recognised by schools and other education institutions across the United Kingdom
- The opportunity to use the Award to attract new visitors
- National recognition amongst the heritage sector

The Manager, Jemma Conway, who was present in the Council Chamber this morning, and her team were all to be congratulated on achieving this outstanding mark of quality for the service.

Councillor Miller, Cabinet Spokesperson for Place thanked the Learning Team for this achievement and for the recognition this had brought to the Service and for Barnsley. He particularly expressed his thanks to Jemma Conway and her team for all they hard work in achieving this success, explaining that last year

over 11,000 school children took part in learning activities across the Culture Service, almost double the number from two years ago. He highlighted that the Museum Learning Team offers learning experiences of the highest possible quality and the Sanford Award for the Cooper Gallery is recognition of that fact.

The Mayor and Members of the Council expressed their congratulations on these achievements in the usual manner.

(e) British Safety Council International Safety Award 2017 and RoSPA Order of Distinction Award 2017

The Executive Director Core Services informed Members of the Council of an award received for the Core Services Directorate. He reported that the British Safety Council and the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) awards were awarded annually to organisations that had attained consistently high health and safety standards. To be eligible the Council needed to have achieved a better than national average accident level and demonstrably robust management practices for health and safety.

To achieve the Awards the Council had provided a wealth of supporting documentation to prove its commitment to health and safety. This included an outline of the health and safety policy and management organisation for health and safety.

Simon Dobby, Head of Corporate Health Safety and Emergency Resilience was present in the Council Chamber this morning.

Councillor Gardiner, Cabinet Member for Core Services added his congratulations and commented that achievement of the awards reflected the Council's strong commitment to the health and safety of its employees.

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

(f) #EverybodyThink Campaign

The Executive Director Core Services reported that the Communications and Marketing Team had been awarded 'Social Media Campaign of the Year' for the #EverybodyThink Campaign to tackle fly tipping at the UK Public Sector Communications Awards earlier this month.

The awards celebrated and rewarded excellent communication strategies and campaigns by local and national governments, emergency services and not-for-profit bodies across the UK.

The Campaign, which had been launched in December last year resulted in a 15% reduction in fly tipping in its first 7 months, compared to the same time last year.

The Campaign was part of a long term strategy by the Council to change behaviour and improve the local environment for residents and visitors to Barnsley.

The Council was working really hard to deliver excellent campaigns with reducing funding and this was a great example of the many different Council Services coming together to really get to the heart of the problem and make a positive difference to Barnsley.

Councillor G Carr, Chair of the Task and Finish Group which looked at this issue added her thanks to both Members of the Council and Officers for their commitment to this campaign.

Councillor Platts, Cabinet Spokesperson for Communities, reported that in terms of enforcement, joint working with the Police using evidence from CCTV cameras, had been used to bring perpetrators to justice, highlighting that a particularly prolific fly-tipper had now received a custodial sentence.

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

(g) Barnsley in Bloom

The Executive Director Core Services was pleased to report that the work of the parks service, volunteers and local groups had produced a staggering 23 awards in this year's Yorkshire in Bloom competition.

These included category winner award for Carlton Marsh Nature Reserve and a special mention for Oxspring Primary School, which received a discretionary award for 'Outstanding Small Community'.

The results followed a visit from the Yorkshire in Bloom judges earlier in the year where they assessed a number of green spaces, squares and gardens across Barnsley.

This year saw an increase in the number of green spaces taking part and this was thanks to the Parks Team who helped and encouraged them along the way.

Councillor Platts, Cabinet Spokesperson for Communities commented on the brilliant results which improved year on year and which was as a direct result of the dedication and hard work of groups of volunteers supported by the Parks Team. She made particular reference to the success of Carlton Marsh which had been awarded the first Platinum Award within Barnsley. She expressed her thanks to all volunteers and to the members of the Parks team for all their hard work and dedication in achieving such outstanding results.

Councillor Barnard made particular mention of the success of Oxspring Primary School in being given the discretionary award for 'Outstanding Small Community' and expressed thanks to all involved in helping to achieve this success.

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

103. Questions by Elected Members

The Executive Director Core Services, in the absence of the Chief Executive, reported that he had received no questions from Elected Members in accordance with Standing Order No. 11.

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

The Executive Director Core Services, in the absence of the Chief Executive reported that he had received no questions from Elected Members in accordance with Standing Order No. 12.

105. Police and Crime Panel - 7th July, 2017

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

106. Sheffield City Region Combined Authority - 17th July, 2017

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

107. South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority - 24th July, 2017

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

108. Planning Regulatory Board - 25th July, 2017

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 the 25th July, 2017 be received.

109. Planning Regulatory Board - 5th September, 2017

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 the 5th September, 2017 be received.

110. General Licensing Regulatory Board - 6th September, 2017

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

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the General Licensing Regulatory Board held on the 6th September, 2017 be received.

111. Statutory Licensing Regulatory Board - 6th September, 2017

Moved by Councillor C Wraith MBE - Seconded by Councillor Shepherd; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Statutory Licensing Regulatory Board held on the 6th September, 2017 be received.

112. General Licensing Panel - Various

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

RESOLVED that the details of the various General Licensing Regulatory Board Panels held in the last cycle of meetings together with their decisions be received.

113. Statutory Licensing Regulatory Board Sub Committee - 14th August, 2017

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

RESOLVED that the details of the Statutory Licensing Regulatory Board Sub Committee held on the 14th August, 2017 together with its decision be received.

114. Appeals, Awards and Standards - Various

Moved by Councillor Shepherd – Seconded by Councillor Makinson; 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.

115. Health and Wellbeing Board - 8th August, 2017

Moved by Councillor Andrews BEM – 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 the 8th August, 2017 be received.

116. Overview and Scrutiny Committee - 12th July, 2017

Moved by Councillor W Johnson – Seconded by the Mayor (Councillor Ennis); and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on the 12th July, 2017 be received.

117. Overview and Scrutiny Committee - 12th September, 2017

Moved by Councillor W Johnson – Seconded by the Mayor (Councillor Ennis); and

RESOLVED that the minutes now submitted of the proceedings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on the 12th September, 2017 be received.

118. Central Area Council - 3rd July, 2017

Moved by Councillor Riggs - Seconded by Councillor Williams; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Central Area Council held on the 3rd July, 2017 be received.

119. North Area Council - 17th July, 2017

Moved by Councillor Cherryholme – Seconded by Councillor Platts; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the North Area Council held on the 17th July, 2017 be received.

120. Dearne Area Council - 24th July, 2017

Moved by Councillor Noble – Seconded by Councillor C Johnson; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Dearne Area Council held on the 24th July, 2017 be received.

121. North East Area Council - 27th July, 2017

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 the 27th July, 2017 be received.

122. Penistone Area Council - 3rd August, 2017

Moved by Councillor Barnard – Seconded by Councillor Hand-Davis; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Penistone Area Council held on the 3rd August, 2017 be received.

123. South Area Council - 1st September, 2017

Moved by Councillor Franklin - Seconded by Councillor Shepherd; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the South Area Council held on the 1st September, 2017 be received.

124. Proposed Changes to the Financial Contributions Policy for Adult Social Care Services: Stakeholder Consultation (Cab.26.7.2017/9)

Moved by Councillor Bruff – Seconded by Councillor Saunders; and

RESOLVED

- (i) that the changes outlined in the proposed Financial Contributions Policy for Adult Social Care Services, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report now submitted, be approved for adoption; and
- (ii) that the proposed changes be implemented with effect from 2nd October, 2017.

125. 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)

Moved by Councillor Miller – Seconded by Councillor Gardiner; and

RESOLVED

- (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.

126. Cabinet Meeting - 26th July, 2017

Moved by Councillor Andrews BEM – Seconded by Councillor Gardiner; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the Cabinet Meeting held on the 26th July, 2017 be received.

127. Cabinet Meeting - 6th September , 2017

Moved by Councillor Andrews BEM – Seconded by Councillor Gardiner; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the Cabinet Meeting held on the 6th September, 2017 be received.

128. MacMillan Coffee Morning

The Mayor reminded Members of the Council of the Coffee Morning to be held in the Town Hall between 10.00 am and 12 noon on Friday 29th September, 2017 as part of the World’s Biggest Coffee Morning in support of MacMillan Cancer Support. All Members were invited to attend.

As part of the event, the Mayor and Mayoress were to hold and judge a ‘Great Barnsley Bake Off’. Anyone wishing to enter this ‘bake off’ should submit their entry by no later than 10.30am on the morning of the event. An award was to be given to the ‘star’ baker.

129. Mayor's Acknowledgement

The Mayor asked to place on record his thanks an appreciation to all Members and Officers who had sent cards of condolence following his recent family bereavement.

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Chair