

MEETING:	Full Council
DATE:	Thursday, 27 September 2018
TIME:	10.30 am
VENUE:	Council Chamber, Barnsley Town Hall

AGENDA

1. Declarations of Interests

To receive any declarations of interest of a pecuniary or non-pecuniary nature from Members in respect of the items on this agenda (other than those already recorded within the minutes contained within the Minute Book).

2. Minutes (*Pages 7 - 18*)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 26th July, 2018.

3. Communications

To consider any communications to be submitted by the Mayor or the Chief Executive.

4. Questions by Elected Members

To consider any questions which may have been received from Elected Members and which are asked pursuant to Standing Order No. 11.

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

Minutes of the South Yorkshire Pensions Authority, South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority, Sheffield City Region Combined Authority, and Police and Crime Panel

Any Member of the Council shall have the opportunity to comment on any matters referred to in the following minutes.

The relevant representatives shall then be given the opportunity to respond to any comments made by Members on those minutes.

6. Police and Crime Panel - 2nd July, 2018 (*Pages 19 - 28*)

7. South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority (Draft) - 23rd July, 2018 (*Pages 29 - 44*)

8. Sheffield City Region Combined Authority (Draft) - 30th July, 2018 (*Pages 45 - 50*)

Minutes of the Regulatory Boards

9. Planning Regulatory Board - 24th July, 2018 (*Pages 51 - 54*)

10. Planning Regulatory Board - 4th September, 2018 *(Pages 55 - 58)*
11. General Licensing Panel - Various *(Pages 59 - 60)*
12. Appeals, Awards and Standards - Various *(Pages 61 - 62)*

Minutes of the Scrutiny Committees

13. Overview and Scrutiny Committee - 10th July, 2018 *(Pages 63 - 66)*

Minutes of the Area Councils

14. Central Area Council - 2nd July, 2018 *(Pages 67 - 72)*
15. North Area Council - 16th July, 2018 *(Pages 73 - 78)*
16. Penistone Area Council - 19th July, 2018 *(Pages 79 - 84)*
17. North East Area Council - 26th July, 2018 *(Pages 85 - 90)*
18. Dearne Area Council - 30th July, 2018 *(Pages 91 - 94)*
19. South Area Council - 31st August, 2018 *(Pages 95 - 100)*
20. Appointments to Regulatory Boards and Outside Bodies

To consider the following appointments to Regulatory Boards and Outside Bodies:

Planning Regulatory Board

Proposed – Councillor Stowe to fill an existing vacancy

General Licensing Regulatory Board

Proposed – Councillor Kitching to replace Councillor Stowe

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education

Proposed – 1 vacancy

Friends of Locke Park

Proposed – Councillors Murray and Williams

Barbers Relief in Need Charity

Proposed – 1 vacancy (Darton Ward Member)

Shaw Lands Trust

Proposed - 1 vacancy

21. Appointment of Independent Persons Localism Act 2011 (*Pages 101 - 102*)

The Executive Director Core Services will submit a report seeking the confirmation of the recent appointment of two Independent Persons to assist the Monitoring Officer in dealing with Ethical Standards complaints as required by the relevant provisions of the Localism Act 2011.

Recommendations to Council

All reports detailed below are subject to Cabinet recommendation and are available to download from the Council's website. The Cabinet Spokesperson for the Service in question will respond to any comments or amendments concerning these minutes.

22. Annual Report of the Corporate Parenting Panel 2017/18 (Cab.5.9.2018/8) (*Pages 103 - 144*)

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:

- (i) that the Annual Report of the Barnsley Corporate Parenting Panel for 2017-18, as detailed in the report now submitted, be noted; and
- (ii) that the progress and achievements made by the Corporate Parenting Panel in supporting children and young people in care, together with care leavers, be noted.

23. Selective Voluntary Early Retirement and Voluntary Severance Schemes (Cab.19.9.2018/7) (*Pages 145 - 158*)

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL that amendments to the Selective Voluntary Early Retirement and Voluntary Severance Schemes be approved with effect from 5th September, 2018.

24. Changes to the Council's Lettings Policy 2018 (Cab.19.9.2018/8) (*Pages 159 - 172*)

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL that the recommendations made as a result of the review of the Lettings Policy for 2018 be approved and the proposed changes to the Policy, as detailed in the report now submitted, be implemented.

Minutes of the Cabinet Meetings

25. Cabinet Meeting - 11th July, 2018 (*Pages 173 - 176*)

26. Cabinet Meeting - 25th July, 2018 (*Pages 177 - 182*)

27. Cabinet Meeting - 5th September, 2018 (*Pages 183 - 188*)

(NB. No Cabinet decisions have been called in from these meetings)

28. Exclusion of the Public and Press

To consider if the public and press should be excluded from this meeting during the consideration of the following items because of the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by the specified paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), subject to the public interest test.

29. The Glassworks Development (Cab.19.9.2018/14) (*Pages 189 - 214*)

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:

- (i) that the progress made to date in the delivery of Phase 1 of the Glass Works development, as detailed in Section 4 of the report now submitted, be noted;
- (ii) that recommendation be given to Full Council approval to proceed with the construction of the Glass Works scheme and the wider town centre redevelopment at a total estimated cost of £178.1m including; completion of the Phase 1 construction, construction of the Phase 2 retail and leisure element, town centre public realm works and construction of the Mark Gate Bridge (referred to in Section 5 of the report);
- (iii) that the £11.3m of pre-opening costs be that will be incurred prior to the development becoming fully operational (as detailed in Section 5 of the report) be noted;
- (iv) that recommendation be given to Full Council approval of the remaining £115.7m resources required to complete the wider scheme (noting that £73.8m has previously been approved via separate reports), to be funded via a combination of borrowing and reserves previously set aside (as referred to in Section 6 of the report);
- (v) that the projected ongoing costs of managing and operating the Glass Works together with the annual income yields which are projected to be delivered (as set out in Section 8 of the report) be noted;
- (vi) that the estimated additional business rate income from the Glass Works of £0.8m which will serve to reduce the estimated annual cost of funding the overall scheme be noted. This income has been reflected in the Council's updated Medium Term Financial Strategy (as detailed in Section 9 of the report);
- (vii) that a provision of £2.6m be recommended to be set aside within the Medium Term Financial Strategy to fund the ongoing annual net costs to the Council of owning and operating the development (as noted in Section 13 of the report);
- (viii) that the Glass Works Board led by the Executive Director Place in conjunction with the Executive Director Core Services be tasked to continue to stringently review all costs and income projections associated with the development to ensure value for money continues to be achieved;
- (ix) that a further report be prepared on the final Phase 2 construction price

prior to formally entering into a contract with the preferred bidder;

- (x) that authority be delegated to the Executive Director Core Services to extend the current Pre-Construction Services Agreement with the short listed bidders up to an estimated cost of £0.680m, with this cost being contained within the total approval requested at recommendation (ii) above;
- (xi) that authority be delegated to the Executive Director Core Services to enter into a contract with Yorkshire Water for the diversion of sewers necessary for the progression of the Glass Works Phase 2 scheme; and
- (xii) that the development of a Glass Works asset management strategy be noted and the outcome of which will be the subject of a future report.

Reason restricted:

Paragraph (3) Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)

- 30.** Disposal of Trust Land Containing Park House Residence and former Brierley Town Council Maintenance Depot at Grimethorpe Welfare Park, Grimethorpe (Cab.19.9.2018/16) (*Pages 215 - 222*)

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:

- (i) that subject to the statutory procedures under the Charities Act 2011 being complied with, the Council in its capacity as Trustee of the Grimethorpe Miners Welfare Scheme, approve the sale of a section of the land at Grimethorpe Welfare Park, shown edged black on the attached plan to the report submitted;
- (ii) that the Corporate Asset Manager on behalf of the Council as Trustee dispose of the land in question, as directed by the independent surveyor acting for the Council as Trustee, to achieve best value in accordance with the Charities Act 2011;
- (iii) that the Executive Director Core Services be given delegated authority to address any representations made by the general public to the proposal on behalf of the Council as Trustee and to conclude the necessary legal documentation relating to the disposal of the land in question; and
- (iv) that the Executive Director Core Services be given delegated authority to deal with the net proceeds in accordance with the Trust Deed and agreed with CISWO and Charity Commission.

Reason restricted:

Paragraph (3) Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)

Diana Terris

Diana Terris
Chief Executive

Wednesday, 19 September 2018

MEETING:	Full Council
DATE:	Thursday, 26 July 2018
TIME:	10.30 am
VENUE:	Council Chamber, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present

The Mayor (Councillor S. Green)

- Central Ward - Councillors D. Birkinshaw, Bruff and M. Dyson
- Cudworth Ward - Councillors Hayward, Houghton CBE and C. Wraith MBE
- Darfield Ward - Councillors Coates and Markham
- Darton East Ward - Councillors Charlesworth and Miller
- Darton West Ward - Councillors Burgess, Cave and Howard
- Dearne North Ward - Councillors Gardiner, Gollick and Phillips
- Dearne South Ward - Councillors C. Johnson and Sixsmith MBE
- Dodworth Ward - Councillors Riggs and Wright
- Hoyland Milton Ward - Councillors Franklin, Shepherd and Stowe
- Kingstone Ward - Councillors Mitchell and Williams
- Monk Bretton Ward - Councillors Richardson and Sheard
- North East Ward - Councillors Ennis OBE, Hampson and Higginbottom
- Old Town Ward - Councillors Lofts and Pickering
- Penistone East Ward - Councillors Barnard, Hand-Davis and Wilson
- Penistone West Ward - Councillors David Griffin, Kitching and Millner
- Rockingham Ward - Councillors Andrews BEM, Lamb and Sumner
- Royston Ward - Councillors Cheetham, Clements and Makinson
- St. Helen's Ward - Councillors Leech and Tattersall
- Stairfoot Ward - Councillors Bowler, K. Dyson and W. Johnson
- Wombwell Ward - Councillors Frost and R. Wraith
- Worsbrough Ward - Councillors G. Carr, Clarke and Pourali

58. Mayor's Announcements

(a) Councillor J Ennis OBE

The Mayor expressed his congratulations to Councillor J Ennis in being awarded the OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours for Parliamentary and Political Services.

Members of the Council expressed their own congratulations in the usual manner.

(b) Councillor Daniel Griffin

The Mayor and Members of the Council expressed their congratulations to Councillor Daniel Griffin and his wife following the birth of their third child.

59. Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest from members in respect of items on the agenda.

60. Suspension of Standing Orders

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

RESOLVED that Standing Order 13(5) of the Council be suspended in respect of Minute 61 only insofar as it relates to restrictions on Members speaking more than once.

61. External Annual Governance Report - Presentation

Ms A Warner, representing KPMG, the Authority's External Auditor, made her final presentation on the External Annual Governance Report 2017/18 as it was noted that KPMG would no longer be the Council's Auditors from 2018/19.

Ms Warner outlined the roles and responsibilities of the External Auditor with specific reference to the work undertaken in relation to the Financial Statements, Use of Resources and Whole of Government Accounts.

The following points were noted:

- An unqualified opinion was to be given on the Financial Statements, on the Use of Resources and the Whole of Government Accounts
- The Accounts and Working Papers had been produced to a high standard and the Local Authority Finance Team had dealt with the audit queries efficiently and professionally
- The following risks had been identified for 2017/18 all of which had been mitigated
 - The Valuation of the Local Government Pension Scheme pension assets and liabilities
 - The Valuation of Property, Plant and Equipment
- One Value for Money Risk had been identified in relation to the Delivery of Budgets but this risk and also been mitigated
- In relation to Audit Adjustments:

- The following had been identified as part of the External Audit work all of which had been adjusted in the final version of the accounts:
 - An amendment to accounting treatment of early payment of pension deficit
 - Minor presentational adjustments in relation to notes to the accounts
- There was one unadjusted audit difference identified in relation to the increase in valuation of pension assets arising from applying more timely assumptions for the return on investment. The External Auditor had not required an adjustment in relation to this balance and this related largely to the timing of the accounts which had been reduced by two months compared to previous years
- Three recommendations had been raised in the year:
 - To improve SAP IT controls
 - To ensure robust governance controls were in place in relation to the Glassworks project and to ensure that these were maintained
 - To ensure the receipt of related party declaration forms from all Councillors
- The Annual Governance Statement complied with CIPFA guidance and was consistent with other information the Council published

Councillor Richardson (Chair of Audit), Councillor Gardiner (Cabinet Spokesperson for Core Services and Councillor Sir Steve Houghton CBE (Leader of the Council) all 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 both this year and in the 6 years previously. They also recorded their thanks for the work of the Service Director Finance, for staff within the Finance Directorate and within Internal Audit, for SMT and all other staff who had contributed to the Annual Governance Report and ensuring that the Council received an unqualified opinion. It was pleasing to note that the Authority was managing its finances correctly.

62. Audit Committee Minutes - 20th July, 2018

Moved by Councillor Richardson – Seconded by Councillor Barnard; and

RESOLVED that the minutes now submitted of the proceedings of the Audit Committee held on the 20th July, 2018 be received.

63. External Audit Annual Governance Report 2017/18

Moved by Councillor Gardiner – Seconded by Councillor Franklin; and

RESOLVED

- (i) That the External Auditor’s Annual Governance Report 2017/18 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 2017/18 financial statements be noted and accordingly, the final accounts 2017/18 (as appended to the Annual Governance report now submitted) be approved.

64. Final Annual Governance Statement 2017/18

Moved by Councillor Gardiner – Seconded by Councillor Franklin; and

RESOLVED that the final Annual Governance Statement 2017/18 be approved and adopted.

65. Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on the 18th May, 2018 (Annual Council) and the 24th May (Ordinary meeting) were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

66. Communications

Materials Recycling World - National Recycling Awards

The Chief Executive was delighted to inform Members that the Council had been winners in the MRW National Recycling Awards. This was a fantastic achievement for Barnsley and involved a private/public partnership arrangement. This demonstrated once again how good the Authority was in getting achievement and success out of its partnership working arrangements and also highlighted the importance of recycling to the Council and to its residents

Councillor Miller (Cabinet Spokesperson for Place) reported that the Environment and Transport Commercial Support Services in partnership with FCC environment and Cycle Penistone were rescuing bikes that were otherwise destined for scrap. They were refurbishing them so that they could be re-used through the sale or hire at an affordable price. This enabled a wider demographic to enjoy the benefits of cycling.

The project turned waste into employment, health and visitor opportunities; with positions created at FCC and Cycle Penistone with bikes for sale or hire at Penistone and Elsecar.

The Rescued and Reused Bikes project had achieved:

- Gold in the IESE Awards for Transformation in Environmental Services
- Highly Commended at the LGC Awards for Partnership Working
- Finalist in the Lets Recycle Awards for Excellence in Partnership Working

and finally

- Winners in the MRW National Recycling Awards for Public/Private Partnership Working

The judges at the MRW National Recycling Awards had said that the scheme won 'for its use of second hand products that lead to a rise in social interaction and shoed health benefits'.

Councillor Miller asked to Council to appreciate the hard work undertaken in both Penistone and Elsecar in achieving this award.

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

67. Questions by Elected Members

The Chief Executive reported that she had received the following question from Councillor Kitching in accordance with Standing Order No. 11:-

'HomeStart South Yorkshire ceased providing support services to vulnerable families on May 31st.

At the previous Council meeting held on May 24th, you told us that plans for filling this gap in service were still in development.

Can you please outline exactly what equivalent provision is now in place across the Borough for families who formerly relied on HomeStart?'

Councillor Bruff (Cabinet Spokesperson for People (Safeguarding)) thanked Councillor Kitching for the question and reported that families which may have previously accessed the support of HomeStart could access their local Family Centre which supported families with children aged 0-19 years (25 years if the young person was disabled). Family Centres provided assistance and advice to children, young people and families through groups, activities and, where appropriate, through one to one Family Support in community venues and in the home. Information on services for families across Barnsley and in local communities was also available through the Families Information Services contact details for which were readily available and could be provided upon request.

More specifically, in relation to the Independent Visitor Scheme, the responsibility for this had recently transferred into the Early Start, prevention and Sufficiency Service. This Service sat within the Early Intervention and prevention arm of Targeted Youth Support. Work had commenced in relation to the scheme's co-ordination and current service users and volunteers would be contacted over the summer. A full programme of support would be in place for volunteers and young people would be supported to continue to access the service or encouraged to where they did not currently do so.

Councillor Bruff then referred to another small contract (which she had referred to at the last Council meeting) and took the opportunity to update Members on the current position with regard to this. The Central Area Council had a contract to deliver a home visiting service to families living in private rented accommodation within the Central Area Council area. The contract was due to last until 30th September, 2018. An update report about HomeStart's financial insolvency was provided and discussed at the Central Area Council meeting held on the 2nd July, 2018 where it was noted that discussions had taken place with HomeStart before the insolvency date to ensure that families had been contacted and, where necessary, were linked back to other statutory and voluntary organisations. Discussions had also taken place regarding the importance of continuing the Central Area HomeStart Family Support Group held at the Hope House Church on a regular weekly basis and an amount of funding was set aside to support the continuation of this group with interim support being provided by the Central Area Team in liaison with HomeStart volunteers.

The full details of the Central Area Council's Procurement and Update report could be found on the Council's website or via the ModGov App for the meeting held on the 2nd July, 2018.

Councillor Kitching, in thanking Councillor Bruff for the response asked, as a supplementary question 'How many families are going to be affected by this and what the increased demand would be for the Family Centres.

Councillor Bruff responded by stating that she did not have this information with her at the meeting but would ensure that a written response would be provided for Councillor Kitching.

68. 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.

69. Police and Crime Panel (Annual Meeting) - 4th June, 2018

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

70. Police and Crime Panel - 2nd July, 2018

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

71. South Yorkshire Pensions Authority (Annual) (Draft) - 7th June, 2018

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

72. South Yorkshire Pensions Authority (Ordinary) (Draft) - 7th June, 2018

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

73. Sheffield City Region Combined Authority (Draft) - 11th June, 2018

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

74. South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority (Annual) (Draft) - 25th June, 2018

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

75. South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority (Ordinary) (Draft) - 25th June, 2018

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

76. Planning Regulatory Board - 22nd May, 2018

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 22nd May, 2018 be received.

77. Audit Committee - 6th June, 2018

Moved by Councillor Richardson - Seconded by Councillor Barnard; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Audit Committee held on the 6th June, 2018 be received.

78. Planning Regulatory Board - 26th June, 2018

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 26th June, 2018 be received.

79. Audit Committee (Special Meeting) - 2nd July, 2018

Moved by Councillor Richardson - Seconded by Councillor Barnard; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Audit Committee (Special Meeting) held on the 2nd July, 2018 be received.

80. General Licensing Panel - Various

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

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

81. 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.

82. Health and Wellbeing Board - 5th June, 2018

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

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Health and Well Being Board held on the 5th June, 2018 be received.

83. Overview and Scrutiny Committee - 5th June, 2018

Moved by Councillor Ennis OBE – Seconded by Councillor W Johnson; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on the 5th June, 2018 be received.

84. Overview and Scrutiny Committee - 19th June, 2018

Moved by Councillor Ennis OBE – Seconded by Councillor W Johnson; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Safeguarding Scrutiny Committee held on the 19th June, 2018 be received.

85. Central Area Council - 14th May, 2018

Moved by Councillor Riggs - Seconded by Councillor Pourali; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Central Area Council held on the 14th May, 2018 be received.

86. Dearne Area Council - 14th May, 2018

Moved by Councillor Gardiner – Seconded by Councillor Sixsmith MBE; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Dearne Area Council held on the 14th May, 2018 be received.

87. North Area Council - 14th May, 2018

Moved by Councillor Leech – Seconded by Councillor Tattersall; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the North Area Council held on the 14th May, 2018 be received.

88. North East Area Council - 31st May, 2018

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 31st May, 2018 be received.

89. Penistone Area Council - 7th June, 2018

Moved by Councillor Barnard – Seconded by Councillor Millner; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Penistone Area Council held on the 7th June, 2018 be received.

90. South Area Council - 15th June, 2018

Moved by Councillor Stowe - 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 15th June, 2018 be received.

91. Appointments to Regulatory Boards and Outside Bodies

Moved by Councillor Howard – Seconded by Councillor Makinson; and

RESOLVED that the following Members be appointed to the Regulatory Boards and Outside Bodies indicated:

Planning Regulatory Board

Councillor Kitching

General Licensing Regulatory Board

Councillor Newing

Statutory Licensing Regulatory Board

Councillor Newing

Appeals, Awards and Standards

Councillor Newing

Sheffield City Region Combined Authority Scrutiny Committee and Audit and Standards Committee

Councillor Richardson to fill the existing vacancy together with the following substitute Members: Councillors Clements, Lofts and Tattersall

Schools Forum

Cabinet Support Member for People (Achieving Potential)

Shaw Lands Trust

Councillor Williams

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education

Vacancy (one Elected Member)

Corporate Parenting Panel

Councillors Lofts and Burgess to replace Councillors Shepherd and Williams

Adoption Panel

Councillor Lofts

Councillor Newing was welcomed by the Mayor and all Elected Members to this, her first Council Meeting, following her election to the Council on the 12th July, 2018.

92. Minor Amendments to the Council's Constitution

The report of the Executive Director Core Services proposing certain amendments to the Council's Constitution was:

Moved by Councillor Howard – Seconded by Councillor Makinson; and

RESOLVED that the amendments to the Constitution contained within Section 4 of the report now submitted, be approved.

93. Council Nominations To The Berneslai Homes Board (Cab.2.7.2018/6)

Moved by Councillor Howard – Seconded by Councillor Makinson and;

RESOLVED that approval be given to the nomination of Councillors Coates and Pourali to the Berneslai Homes Board.

94. Registration of Members Interests/Code of Conduct – Response to Audit Report (Cab.11.7.2018/7)

Moved by Councillor Howard – Seconded by Councillor Makinson; and

RESOLVED:

- (i) that the recommendations arising from the Internal Audit review of the Registration of Member Interests be noted;
- (ii) that the revised Member Code of Conduct, amended in the light of the review as outlined in Section 4 of the report and attached at Appendix 1, be approved; and
- (iii) that forms for the Registration of Gifts and Hospitality and for the Declaration of Relationships, as set out at Appendices 2 and 3 respectively, be approved.

95. Cabinet Meeting - 16th May, 2018

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

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the Cabinet Meeting held on THE 16TH May, 2018 be received.

96. Cabinet Meeting - 30th May, 2018

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

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the Cabinet Meeting held on the 30th May, 2018 be received.

97. Cabinet Meeting - 13th June, 2018

Councillor Sir Steve Houghton CBE, in moving the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on the 13th June, 2018, referred to Minute 18 'Corporate Financial Summary for the 2017/18 Financial Year' and to the fact that some authorities had 'negative' Revenue Support Grant. This meant that such authorities were better resourced and had additional income in excess of that required to meet the 'needs' of the services within those areas. In response to lobbying from those Authorities, the Government had agreed to fund this cost (totalling approximately £152m) which effectively 'rewarded' those authorities with additional resources. He stated that the Council and SIGOMA were to lobby the Government to reconsider this policy so that scarce resources could be targeted to those Authorities with greatest need.

The Minutes were Seconded by Councillor Andrews BEM; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the Cabinet Meeting held on the 13th June, 2018 be received.

98. Cabinet Meeting - 2nd July, 2018

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

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the Cabinet Meeting held on the 2nd July, 2018 be received.

The Mayor, in closing the meeting, thanked all those Members who had attended the Mayor's Charity Ball on the evening of the 13th July, 2018 at which over £4,000 had been raised for the two Mayor's charities.

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SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

IN MEETING ROOM 11, SECOND FLOOR, TOWN HALL, CHURCH STREET,
BARNSELY, S70 2TA

2 JULY 2018

PRESENT: Councillor A Khayum (Sheffield City Council) (Chair)

Councillor S Sansome (Rotherham MBC) (Vice-Chair)

Councillors: B Cutts (Rotherham MBC), M Dyson (Barnsley MBC), R Frost (Barnsley MBC), D Nevett (Doncaster MBC), B Johnson (Sheffield City Council), J Otten (Sheffield City Council) and S Wilkinson (Doncaster MBC)

Independent Co-opted Members: Mr A Carter and Mr S Chu

Dr A Billings (South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner), M Buttery (OPCC), M Carroll (OPCC), M Clements (OPCC) and F Topliss (OPCC)

Officers: D Cutting, M McCarthy, L Noble and C Tyler (Barnsley MBC)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M O'Rourke (Sheffield CC), Councillor C McGuinness (Doncaster MBC) and A Frostdick (Executive Director Core Services, Barnsley MBC)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were noted as above.

2 ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

3 URGENT ITEMS

None.

4 ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

None.

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS IN RELATION TO ANY ITEM OF BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA

None.

6 PUBLIC QUESTIONS:-

7 TO THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

There were no public questions to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Cllr Sansome referred to an '**Abuse of position**' letter on HMICFRS website dated 2nd October 2017 which referred to the HMICFRS assessment 'Abuse of Position' which stated that '...no information was provided that allowed us to assess your progress...' Cllr Sansome asked the PCC if all the information had now been made available.

Cllr Sansome had raised this issue several meetings prior. Additionally, given the high profile CSE in Rotherham, Cllr Sansome felt it odd that the letter should have been sent to the Chief Constable given the number of South Yorkshire officers involved in the CSE cases; is this a potential conflict of interest?

On another topic, and give the recent incidences across South Yorkshire, Cllr Sansome asked the Commissioner for information regarding what is being done to tackle **knife crime** in the county.

The Commissioner informed the Panel that knife crime is a matter regularly discussed at his regular meetings with the Chief Constable.

The Commissioner informed the Panel of the various initiatives underway to try and address knife crime and to help try to understand what the underlying reasons might be for the increase in knife crime related incidents, noting this isn't unique to South Yorkshire and appears to be an increasing issue nationally and internationally.

The Commissioner cited the potential statistical relationship between 'Stop and Search' policies and the reduction of instances of knife crime, and noted the reintroduction of proportionate and fair 'Stop and Search' activities will hopefully have a positive effect in this area.

Cllr Sansome asked whether current plans and policies were appropriate to address the return to the community of those convicted of knife and gun crimes.

The Commissioner provided the Panel with examples of the current policies in place, noting where these policies are designed to avoid the prevalence of further issues, such as proactive measures to avoid the further criminalisation of young people.

Cllr Sansome asked whether the Panel might receive an update paper on Neighbourhood Policing at a future meeting.

It was noted this is already included on the Panel's work programme and would be received in the autumn.

Cllr Sansome noted there was a request at the previous meeting for an update briefing in relation to the delays in implementing the replacement for the 101 system and asked when this would be made available. A note had been provided to Members, but this had not been circulated to the four local authorities as the Panel had requested.

The Commissioner summarised the significant amount of work and sensitivities involved in this project and noted one strand of work was looking at the best way to provide appropriate updates to the various stakeholders.

Cllr Sansome suggested that the people of South Yorkshire had already made a judgement that 101 'isn't for them', and this is evidenced by the high proportion of calls that are received by the 999 number instead of 101.

The Commissioner suggested demand for support from both numbers has risen exponentially and questioned whether more needed to be done to understand whether this is a consequence of a reduction in opportunities to contact other public services by telephone.

The Commissioner confirmed the new 101 system would be 'state of the art' and would help the call handlers continue to deliver the best service possible.

It was confirmed that no date for the introduction of the new system had been fixed due to the ongoing determination of complex legal and sensitive issues. The Commissioner stressed the importance of getting the new system right prior to its introduction.

The Commissioner thanked Cllr Sansome for his recent morale boosting visit to Atlas Court, and noted that a date was being sought for a wider Panel visit during July / August.

Cllr Sansome asked whether HMICFRS should be asked to help scrutinise the new IT system to assure its capability. The Commissioner confirmed this was something that could be looked at.

Cllr Sansome asked whether the OPCC governance structure and further information regarding the role and remit of the Public Accountability Board (PAB) could be provided. Members were advised this information had been provided via a separate e-mail, and also included in the briefing for the meeting.

Cllr Sansome referred to the lack of elected representatives on PAB – other than the PCC - and whether this meant the Board was not effectively accountable to the people of South Yorkshire, whereas the Panel is. The Commissioner noted the role of PAB is essentially to enable him to hold the force to account, and the membership of PAB (with additional public and press attendance) and its subsidiary committees are structured to enable this function to be effectively discharged. The Commissioner noted that the Chairs of other Panels and Boards within his

governance structure are appointed following open and transparent recruitment processes.

M Buttery reminded Members that the PCC is elected to represent the County of South Yorkshire and PCCs were introduced to bring democratic accountability. She also highlighted the differences between the statutory responsibilities of the Panel and the responsibilities of PAB, and commented on how the work of the two bodies are timed and co-ordinated to ensure the Commissioner holds the force to account and the Panel can subsequently hold the Commissioner to account. In other words, it is an issue of sequencing, not primacy, as to why Force reports go to PAB first.

Cllr Cutts noted he had raised a sensitive matter with the Commissioner two months ago and had not yet received a satisfactory response. The Commissioner advised Cllr Cutts that he needed to provide specific information so the matter could be investigated at all.

RESOLVED:- That the PCC would investigate the possibility of the HMICFRS providing independent assurance around the IT system to support the 101 service.

8 TO THE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

There were no public questions to the Police and Crime Panel.

Cllr Cutts suggested there had been little time to read the draft minutes of the previous meeting and asked whether the reason was one of late circulation. However, it was suggested the reason for the apparent reduction in time was due to a shorter than usual time period between meetings. Members were assured officers will make all attempts to ensure draft minutes of meetings are provided as soon after the Panel meetings as possible.

The Chair noted past discussions around the appropriate protocol for receiving and addressing Members' questions and asked whether the changes to the Rules of Procedure were now too restrictive. He noted that the Monitoring Officer had provided Cllr Otten with a comprehensive response to his concerns, and the suggestion is that a slight change to the Rules of Procedure could be made to clarify the situation.

D Cutting indicated a report on this matter would be presented to the next meeting for Members' consideration.

Cllr Otten suggested there was a lack of clarity regarding whose responsibility it was to determine if a question to the Commissioner would be deemed 'appropriate'. D Cutting suggested this was the responsibility of the Panel. Cllr Otten suggested he had not come across a Committee operating in that vein before. L Noble reiterated that advice had been sought from the Monitoring Officer, which suggested a minor change (for clarity) to the Rules of Procedure, but ultimately it is for the Panel to decide whether questions are relevant to the statutory functions of the Panel. It is for the Panel to decide on the advice of either the Monitoring Officer or the Panel's Legal Adviser. It is hoped the minor amendment to the Rules of Procedure would satisfy Members whilst focussing the Panel's agenda on their

statutory role. Cllr Wilkinson asked if the agendas for future Panel meetings could be timed to avoid the risk of over-run.

RESOLVED:-

- i) That the Panel would receive a report at the September meeting with further suggested amendments to the Rules of Procedure to address questions to the PCC.
- ii) That officers investigate the possibility of timed agendas.

9 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 4 JUNE 2018

Matters arising were addressed in the previous two agenda items, and through the Panel's Decision Log.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Police and Crime Panel held on 4 June 2018 be agreed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

10 ANNUAL REPORT (OPCC)

Members were presented with the Annual Report (Police and Crime Panel) 2017/18 and reminded of the Commissioner's statutory responsibility to provide such a report.

It was noted this was the 4th such report presented by the Commissioner.

The Commissioner advised Members of the substantive inclusions in the report relating to his three over-riding priorities for the force and eight associated requirements of the Chief Constable.

Cllr Wilkinson asked whether the priorities and requirements were supported by monitored performance indicators. The Commissioner noted this was the case and informed Members there were various sources of information used to help quantify the delivery of the priorities and requirements. It was confirmed this information was available on the Commissioner's website.

The Commissioner informed Members the Annual Report is the overall general review of progress and noted more detailed information could be provided on specific areas as required.

Cllr Sansome suggested there were some gaps in the hate crime and domestic abuse data for Rotherham, following the failure of the 101 SMART contact system. The Commissioner confirmed this matter would be looked into.

Cllr Cutts raised a question regarding the cost of running fire engines. However, it was suggested that questions of this nature should be received by the SY Fire Authority.

Cllr Frost noted the 'required improvements' commented on in the report and asked whether the levy increase was helping to achieve these improvements. The Commissioner suggested the responsibility to achieve the required improvements lies with the Chief Constable.

A Carter confirmed he was reasonably happy with the report and suggested this represents a generally improving picture across many areas and provides insight into how policing affects the lives of individuals.

A Carter commented on the excellent work the YOYO initiative is having on protecting younger people and asked whether a similar initiative could be introduced to help support the county's older residents.

The Commissioner said the requirement to help protect older residents against a number of crimes had been recognised and noted a joint initiative with the Fire Service to help tackle crime in areas of the county where older residents might be particularly at risk.

It was noted there are sessions held at Lifewise for older people to learn more about how they can protect themselves from becoming victims of crime.

Members were informed the YOYO initiative had been recommissioned for September and a report would be brought back to the Panel in due course regarding its effectiveness. An opportunity to sit in on a YOYO session was offered to the Members and duly welcomed.

RESOLVED:-

- i) That the Annual Report (Police and Crime Panel) 2017/18 be noted.
- ii) That comments on the Annual Report would be provided to the OPCC by 9th July 2018.
- iii) That the data in respect of hate crime and domestic abuse for Rotherham be checked.
- iv) That a report on the effectiveness of the YOYO initiative be included on the Panel's work programme.

11 COMMISSIONING BUDGET

It is a statutory responsibility of the Commissioner to hold the overall policing and crime budget, and a report was received to provide Members of the Panel with information on the Police and Crime Commissioner's Commissioning Budget.

The report set out key components (Victim of Crime Fund, Community Grant Fund, Partnership Fund, Community Safety Fund and Priority response Fund) which make up the commissioning budget and information on the performance monitoring arrangements in place to ensure these components contribute to the delivery of the Police and Crime Plan outcomes.

It was noted all project proposals need to set out how they will contribute to these outcomes when they are submitted, and also comment on how they will contribute to the 13 strands of vulnerability.

Members were advised as to the Commissioning Strategy's principles by which the Commissioner and his team aim to identify and secure the right services to deliver the Police & Crime Plan outcomes.

Cllr Sansome asked if the project proposers' expectations in respect of subsequent years funding was proactively managed when bids are submitted. It was confirmed this is the case and proposers are clearly informed how much they are guaranteed to receive and over what time period.

It was noted the components are managed as rolling programmes. Unsuccessful bids are given feedback and the opportunity to reapply after 3 months.

Members were advised of an innovative partnership with local newspapers to help promote funding opportunities to harder to reach community groups. It was confirmed there are a number of safeguards associated with this approach and each local allocation is overseen by a local panel who consider what grants should be awarded.

Members were advised that cross checks are undertaken between the funds to avoid instances of double funding.

RESOLVED – That Members noted the contents of the report and commented on any matters arising.

12 POLICE AND PARTNERS PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

A report of the Police and Crime Commissioner was submitted to provide Members of the Panel with details of the Commissioner's proposed Police and Partners Performance Monitoring Framework.

Members noted that, when finalised, the Framework would help the Commissioner and stakeholders to assess whether the outcomes in the refreshed Police and Crime Plan are being achieved.

It was noted the framework has been developed with the input of partners and commissioned providers, and the expectation that those partners will adhere to agreed expectations around the quality and consistency of the performance data being received.

It was confirmed quarterly reports on progress with delivering the Police and Crime Plan (with 'RAG' ratings and narrative) will be taken to PAB and all progress will be kept under review to enable potential improvements to be incorporated.

RESOLVED – That Members:-

- i) Noted the arrangements being proposed.

- ii) Suggested any amendments that the Panel would wish to be made to the Framework, which would support their work.

13 JOINT INDEPENDENT AUDIT COMMITTEE - UPDATE

The Panel was presented with a copy of the Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable's Joint Independent Audit Committee (JIAC) Annual Report.

Cllr Otten suggested the report focused too heavily on process and did not provide enough proposals or recommendations. The Commissioner cited the case studies included in the report as a means to address this suggestion but felt the subject matter somewhat limits what else can be provided.

It was noted that update reports from JIAC will be received by PAB by exception.

It was noted that officers from the OPCC and JAGU are discussing how risk management might be reported to the Panel.

RESOLVED - That the Panel receives the JIAC Annual Report.

14 PCC DECISIONS

A report of the Police and Crime Commissioner was presented to provide Members of the Panel with information on the decisions taken by the Commissioner since the last meeting.

RESOLVED – That Members noted the contents of the report and commented on any matters arising.

15 COMPLAINTS UPDATE

Members were reminded that they had previously agreed to receive a six-monthly update on its role in dealing with complaints against the PCC.

Members were informed there had been no reports within the last six months.

RESOLVED – That Members noted the verbal update.

16 LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT - UPDATE

L Noble reminded Members that they had been offered a Development Discussion by email on 11 June 2018. To date, two responses had been received, with the offer remaining open.

In relation to proposed Learning and Development, Members were informed of the following opportunities and details of Members' attendance at each event.

LGA PCP Workshop – 11th July 2018

- The Chair, Vice-Chair, Alan Carter and Linda Noble will be attending the LGA's Annual PCP Workshop in London on 11th July.

- Feedback will be provided after the meeting, and formally at the Panel meeting in September.

Early Autumn 2018

- It is hoped to work with Frontline Consulting over the Summer to put together a session for Members around their proactive scrutiny and support role.

18th Criminal Justice Management Conference - 19th September

- Councillor Sansome will be attending this event in London and will provide feedback to the Panel.

Annual PCP Conference – 12th November 2018

- The Chair, Vice-Chair, Steve Chu, David Cutting and Linda Noble will be attending Frontline Consulting's Annual PCP Conference in Warwick.
- Feedback will be provided after the event and formally at the Panel meeting in December.

RESOLVED – That Members noted the update.

17 **WORK PROGRAMME**

Members considered the 2018/19 Work Programme and were reminded that they could submit issues for the Work Programme that fall within the Panel's statutory role in supporting and / or holding the Commissioner to account.

All issues would be given full consideration by the Chair, Vice-Chair and Commissioner at the pre-agenda planning meetings.

RESOLVED – That Members noted the contents of the 2018/19 Work Programme.

18 **DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED – That the next meeting of the Panel will be held on Monday 3 September 2018, at 1:00 pm in Meeting Room 11, Town Hall, Church Street, Barnsley.

CHAIR

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Item 7

SOUTH YORKSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

23 JULY 2018

PRESENT: Councillor C Lamb (Chair)
Councillor A Atkin (Vice-Chair)
Councillors: S Ayris, M Clements, T Hussain, C Ross,
T Damms, P Haith, C Hogarth, C Ransome, J Satur and
Dr A Billings

CFO J Courtney, QFSM, DCFO M Blunden, ACFO A Johnson
and S Booth (South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service)

A Frosdick, N Copley, M McCarthy, L Noble and M McCoole
(Barnsley MBC)

M Clements (Office of the South Yorkshire Police and Crime
Commissioner)

A Bosmans (Chair, Local Pension Board)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor R Taylor,
A Brown, D Terris, M Buttery and R Brason

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were noted as above.

2 ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

3 URGENT ITEMS

None.

4 ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

None.

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS IN RELATION TO
ANY ITEM OF BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA

None.

6 REPORTS BY MEMBERS

Councillors Satur, Haith, Clements and Lamb had attended the 61st Recruits
Course Passing Out Parade held at the SYFR Training and Development Centre on
20 July 2018. They expressed their congratulations to the 11 new firefighter
recruits.

Councillor Lamb said the event had been a very humbling experience in celebrating the success of the new firefighter recruits, and all of the SYFR staff involved, who had worked tirelessly in preparation and during the 13 week recruitment course.

7 RECEIPT OF PETITIONS

None.

8 TO RECEIVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC, OR COMMUNICATIONS SUBMITTED BY THE CHAIR OR THE CLERK AND TO PASS SUCH RESOLUTIONS THEREON AS THE STANDING ORDERS PERMIT AND AS MAY BE DEEMED EXPEDIENT.

None.

9 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON 25 JUNE 2018

RESOLVED – That Members agreed that the minutes of the Annual Authority meeting held on 25 June 2018 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

10 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON 25 JUNE 2018

Councillor Ross highlighted that Members still awaited the details of the precise costing in relation to the judicial review on Close Proximity Crewing (CPC).

A Frosdick assured Members that he would provide them with the information as soon as clarification of the costings was known. He did not anticipate that the figures would be significantly different to what had been stated at the last Authority meeting. The legal costs incurred by the Authority in relation to the CPC judicial review would be in the region of £75k.

Councillor Ransome queried the whole cost to the Authority and ultimately to the tax payer.

A Frosdick reminded Members of the need to distinguish between the two elements of the litigation i.e. the ongoing detriment claims to the Employment Tribunal, and until these were resolved the precise cost of compensation to be paid to the individuals was unknown, and likewise the legal costs relating to those proceedings, and the more specific legal costs relating to the judicial review, which would be a much more compartmentalised figure.

Councillor Ayris queried whether the information to be provided to Members would include the potential compensation claims.

A Frosdick stated that the outcome of the hearing and the full financial implications would be reported to Members. The hearing was scheduled to be held during the last week of September and the first two weeks of October 2018.

RESOLVED – That Members:-

- i) Would be provided with the details of the full financial implications in relation to the detriment claims relating to Close Proximity Crewing (CPC), upon conclusion of the hearing.
- ii) Agreed that the minutes of the Ordinary Authority Meeting held on 25 June 2018 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

11 LOCAL PENSION BOARD - ANNUAL REPORT

Andrew Bosmans, Chair of the Fire and Rescue Authority's Local Pension Board, presented its Annual Report for 2017/18. He had been Chair of the Board since its establishment on 1 April 2015; its primary aim to oversee the administration of the Firefighters' Pension Scheme. He was grateful for the support received from the Authority during this time.

The National Scheme Advisory Board had identified the South Yorkshire Board as a benchmark to other Fire Local Pension Boards in terms of the guidance, advice and range of topics discussed at its meetings.

The LGA had offered to provide a joint training session for both the Board and Members of the Authority in October 2018, which would ensure that the Authority was fully aware of its role and responsibilities as Scheme Manager. The Board would produce its own Breaches Policy, which would form part of the training and awareness session. A Bosmans urged Members to attend the event if possible.

The Board would be represented at the Annual Firefighters' Pensions Conference on 17 and 18 September 2018.

Councillor Lamb personally thanked A Bosmans for providing leadership to the Local Pension Board over the last 3 years, and he also thanked the Members of the Board.

Councillor Clements endorsed the remarks made from A Bosmans. He had found his first meeting as Lead Member to be very well run and looked forward to the training session in October 2018. He would arrange to meet with A Bosmans to discuss mutual support and looked forward to a long and happy relationship with the Board.

A Bosmans suggested the Chair of the Authority also be included in that meeting.

Councillor Ayris commented that it was pleasing to observe the employee representation on the Board, together with the £5k budget for expenditure, which was both refreshing and good practice.

RESOLVED – That Members noted:-

- i) The third Annual report of the Local Pension Board.
- ii) That A Bosmans would meet with the Chair of the Authority and the Lead Member, Councillor Clements.

12 CPC - THE WAY FORWARD

A report of the Chief Fire Officer and Chief Executive was submitted updating Members on the current position in regard to Close Proximity Crewing (CPC).

CFO Courtney stated that Mr Justice Kerr, who had recently presided over the judicial review on the use of CPC, had issued a Declaration that CPC was unlawful in the absence of a collective arrangement. This had presented the Authority and SYFR with a challenge to find a way beyond CPC and to determine how to continue to provide a service to the residents of South Yorkshire without use of that system.

During the early days of austerity, SYFR had researched the fire sector to ascertain the initiatives introduced elsewhere towards making savings from annual budgets, whilst having the least impact on the service provided. CPC style crewing systems had been utilised to good effect in other Fire and Rescue Services. SYFR had subsequently introduced CPC across four South Yorkshire fire stations. This had provided an opportunity to continue to maintain an immediate response from four of the existing, quieter, one pump fire stations, and reduced costs generating a net saving on the budget of £1.4m per year.

It would be necessary to ascertain a way forward to effectively generate similar savings from elsewhere in the absence of CPC. The options available for Members' consideration included in the first instance to prevail upon the SYFR's Fire Brigades' Union officials to recognise the detrimental impact of their current position relating to CPC and to adopt the 'no challenge' position which exists in all other services operating CPC style systems across the sector.

One approach put forward was that Authority reserves could be utilised to prop up the current system and employ firefighters to return the CPC stations to the previous wholetime 2-2-4 crewing system. SYFR did not consider this to be a feasible option, as the Authority had made a commitment to the Government within its Efficiency Plan to utilise its reserves on capital expenditure going forward, and not to increase the existing burden on capital debt. Should reserves be chosen to fund firefighter posts, then capital investment would have to be covered through additional borrowing. Furthermore the use of reserves for other than short term smoothing of adjustments to expenditure was not financially sustainable.

A third option was to increase the council tax precept to the local council tax payers by an amount in addition to the current cap which was approximately 2%. This option would require a referendum at an approximate cost of £0.5m; which would be a significant investment without any guarantee of the outcome. It was envisaged that the increase required to generate the amounts to balance the budget would be in the region of 8% to 10% on the existing council tax precept.

Additionally the Authority might choose to instruct the Service to commence the process of re-visiting the IRMP, to ascertain changes that could be made elsewhere to generate the savings required, whilst having the least possible impact on the service provided to the residents of South Yorkshire. Should Members choose to instruct SYFR to review the IRMP, this process could commence immediately, and would require full consultation as recommended in the National Framework for fire and rescue services.

Councillor Ayris expressed his disappointment at the lack of financial detail within the report. He sought clarification as to the £1.6m which had been referred to in the previous reports, in comparison to £1.4m detailed in the report today.

CFO Courtney stated that, whilst the debate around the CPC legality or otherwise, had continued it had not been possible to progress works to provide the required level of accommodation at the four CPC stations. The interim position was that those people working on CPC had been paid an allowance to accept the previous level of accommodation, until such time as the issue was resolved, and ultimately investment made at those fire stations to bring them up to the required level.

Councillor Ayris referred to the committed spend on capital projects. He had not observed any clear figures as to what had been committed.

The Director of Support Services stated that this had formed part of the budget setting programme, which had been presented to the Authority meeting in February 2018, and had provided a full breakdown on the £17m investment which had been planned across property, transport, ICT and operational equipment.

Councillor Ross suggested that the Authority should proceed with re-visiting the IRMP but keep all other options open, due to the fact that there was insufficient information available to make a final recommendation.

Dr Billings queried whether the CPC schemes, that had been agreed at other fire and rescue services across the country, were exactly the same as that rejected in South Yorkshire or whether they were materially very different.

CFO Courtney stated that the CPC schemes were materially the same as in South Yorkshire, insofar as the application of the working time directive issues. There were small differences between the CPC systems, but the key issues were materially the same for all of these systems.

Dr Billings felt that the Authority should not pursue all of the options. He suggested that the Authority should opt for Option 1, discussion with the FBU in order to gain a greater understanding of the position, and that Option 4, a revised IRMP, was the only other alternative.

Councillor Clements suggested that a number of issues had been omitted from the report. He expressed concern that the report had not referred to the issue of pay protection for those SYFR employees currently working CPC, and he queried whether the cost which would be incurred over a 2 year period would be met out of reserves. He also queried whether the figure of £1.4m was gross or net of the anticipated saving by not paying the 30% uplift to the SYFR employees currently working CPC, and whether this would result in a reduction. He believed that consultation was required either formally or informally, and that the employee representatives should be consulted as a matter of urgency. He would endorse any changes made to the recommendations.

CFO Courtney confirmed that the £1.4m was the net saving, together with all of the other costs taken into consideration; it did not include the allowance to firefighters operating the CPC system. He stated that the 30% uplift had been added to the running cost of CPC, which was deducted from the cost of a traditional one pump fire station and provided a saving of approximately £400k, which equated to £1.6m for the four one pump fire stations. The only difference was that those figures did not acknowledge the allowance paid to CPC operatives due to the accommodation situation.

A Frosdick stated that the report presented a number of options, to which a proposal would need to be moved. At this stage, it was necessary for the Authority to protect its position in terms of the litigation, and to evidence that appropriate action was being undertaken to respond to the implications of the judgement. He advised Members, given the implications of the other options, and with the exception of Option 4, to be prepared to recognise that, whilst the other options could be left open while progressing the more comprehensive implications of amending the IRMP, to be prepared to proceed clearly along those lines to amend the IRMP as necessary in order to deliver savings.

CFO Courtney stated that a decision had been made specifically not to directly reference Option 4, as it was recognised that Members would not want to immediately dismiss the other options. SYFR was very conscious of the significant work that was required in relation to Option 4, together with the need to demonstrate appropriate risk management planning etc. SYFR considered that the IRMP process would have to be undertaken in order to determine the ultimate impact upon the incident response arrangements of the Service.

Councillor Lamb proposed that Recommendation a) of the report be amended to indicate that 'Members continued to consider the various options available to the Authority within the report, but to recognise the need for management to prepare a revised IRMP', and to delete Recommendation b) of the report.

A Frosdick considered that the proposed amendments to the recommendations would be more than sufficient, to demonstrate the commitment to protect the Authority's interests.

Councillor Ransome agreed with many of the points raised and queried whether the consultation would include the Fire Brigades Union (FBU). She recalled the legal advice previously provided to the Authority, to proceed with the court case; Councillor Ayriss and herself had voted against that decision. She queried why the Authority was in this current situation.

Councillor Lamb suggested that there was little value in looking backwards. It was imperative that a conversation be undertaken with the FBU, to establish what they considered was potentially acceptable/unacceptable, and to determine whether they had an alternative plan.

CFO Courtney confirmed that the FBU, together with other representative bodies, and interested parties were always consulted in respect of the IRMP, this was laid down in national guidance. Members had predominately recognised, in relation to CPC, that SYFR were trying to protect the service provided to the residents of

South Yorkshire against the backdrop of cuts. CPC which was operated by personnel volunteering to work the system, continued to work well in other areas of the country, by virtue of the fact that the local FBU Officials had not chosen to challenge the position. It was extremely unfortunate for SYFR to be in this position today, given that potentially the outcome could result in a lesser service provided to the residents of South Yorkshire.

Councillor Ransome referred to earlier discussions on legal matters.

A Frosdick had not been privy to any direct discussions referred to between Members and Counsel. His assessment of the position as the Authority's Monitoring Officer was that CPC represented a system that operated satisfactorily in other areas without challenge from the FBU and significantly reduced the cost to the tax payer. SYFR had an arrangement that was compliant in terms of health and safety, and was operationally acceptable with firefighters who were willing to work the system and those that did not wish to work on CPC were able to work elsewhere. It was recognised that there was an issue of non-compliance with the working time directive, in the absence of a collective agreement, but Counsel's advice was that the Judicial Review proceedings should be resisted. It had been reasonable to request the Judge to take the approach, given that judicial review as a discretionary remedy, that it was reasonable not to offer relief in response to the FBU's claim. Mr Justice Kerr had suggested that the problem may ultimately be with the law and not with what SYFR was trying to achieve, but he could not condone something that was nevertheless not in compliance with the law. He had therefore made a declaration that what SYFR was undertaking was unlawful. In the circumstances the approach taken by the Authority was in A Frosdick's view as the Monitoring Officer a reasonable strategy to adopt and that it had been appropriate to defend the proceedings rather than to concede them.

CFO Courtney stated that by utilising the staff at Fire HQ, who would undertake the analysis, a set of proposals would be agreed to be included in a draft IRMP to be consulted on with SYFR staff and other bodies, who would have an opportunity to comment on the document. A draft of the IRMP would be presented to the Authority for approval.

DCFO Blunden referred to the draft proposals for the last IRMP, which had been presented to every member of SYFR staff for comments. Feedback had been undertaken between September and December 2016, which had resulted in the draft IRMP being amended before being submitted to the Authority for approval.

Councillor Ayris proposed an amendment to the recommendations within the report, to retain Recommendation a) and to replace Recommendation b) with 'to commence the process of developing a new draft IRMP in line with the requirements of the current National Framework document including further exploration of the use in the interim of reserve funds'.

A Frosdick considered that Councillor Ayris' suggestion to amend the recommendations in the report to be acceptable, although this would rule out one or two of the other options. The wording itself achieved the purpose that he was looking for the Authority to demonstrate progress.

N Copley stated that his advice as Treasurer would be that any use of reserves would only be a temporary bridging strategy whilst the revised IRMP was developed, and therefore the wording would be satisfactory.

CFO Courtney expressed SYFR's concern around the reserves in relation to recruiting a firefighter, which was a 40 year commitment. Reserves could be used in the short term, but recruitment was a lengthy process involving HR and others.

Councillor Clements spoke against Councillor Ayris' suggested amendment, as he felt it would commit the Authority to a particular course of action. He considered it to be premature for the Authority to commit to any course of action, until the widest discussions and consultations had been undertaken. He considered that the Authority was in this position due to the policy that had been adopted in an attempt to try to ameliorate the situation that the previous Government and this Government had imposed upon the Authority, leading to austerity.

Councillor Ross reiterated his previous comments for the Authority not to close off any of the options.

Councillor Lamb expressed concern at Councillor Ayris' proposed amendments to the resolutions, which he considered would rule in items e.g. the use of reserves. His proposal had intended to open the way for SYFR management to commence the process to gather the necessary statistics and information upon which the new IRMP would be based, and that would leave open the other options, including liaising with the FBU, examining reserves and to consider an option for a ballot. He maintained his position with the proposed amendment to the recommendations that he had made.

In the first instance, Councillor Lamb requested a recorded vote of the proposed amendments that Councillor Ayris had suggested to the recommendations:-

Councillors Ross and Ransome voted in favour of Councillor Ayris' proposed amendments to the resolutions.

Councillors Hogarth, Haith, Satur, Hussain, Atkin, Clements, Damms and Lamb voted against Councillor Ayris' proposed amendments to the recommendations.

Members then voted in relation to Councillor Lamb's proposed amendments to the recommendations:-

Councillors Satur, Damms, Clements, Atkin, Hogarth, Hussain and Haith voted in favour of Councillor Lamb's proposed amendments to the resolutions.

Councillor Ransome voted against Councillor Lamb's proposed amendments to the resolutions.

Councillors Ross and Ayris abstained from voting for Councillor Lamb's proposed amendments to the resolutions.

RESOLVED – That Members would continue to consider the various options available to the Authority within the report, but recognise the need for management to prepare a revised IRMP.

Councillor Ransome voted against the proposed amendments to the recommendations.

Councillors Ross and Ayris abstained from voting for the proposed amendments to the recommendations.

13 SSCR SPRINKLER FUND - REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

A report of the Chief Fire Officer and Chief Executive had been presented to provide Members with a further bid to the Sprinkler Fund for the Authority to consider.

SYFR was committed to protecting vulnerable members of the community, in line with the Sprinkler Position Statement. £1m had been set aside from the Stronger Safer Communities Reserve (SSCR) to help towards the costs of installing fire suppression systems in those buildings which housed high-risk residents.

Members recalled the three bids that had been approved at the Authority meeting held in July 2017, together with the additional two bids that had been approved at the Authority meeting held in September 2017.

Members considered the funding application received from Rotherham MBC for the purchase of 4 portable personal protection systems, for those residents that were considered to be at a very immediate risk of fire; to be utilised as a temporary risk reduction method whilst other longer term solutions were considered. The total cost of the systems, including training in maintenance and installation totalled £8,652.00, with an SYFR contribution of £4,326.00.

Councillor Ransome considered that the personal protection systems were an excellent idea. She queried the number of systems that were available in SYFR.

ACO Johnson reported that the local councils had now begun to purchase the personal protection systems with part funding. She would ascertain the number of systems owned by SYFR and how many had been purchased by the local councils.

Councillor Haith queried the remaining funding available, if other local authorities wished to apply to purchase the personal protection systems.

ACO Johnson stated that a report on SSCR Residual Funds would be presented to the Corporate Advisory Group in September 2018.

RESOLVED – That Members:-

- i) Agreed to fund the Fire Sprinkler Project from the Stronger Safer Communities Reserve Sprinkler Fund.

- ii) Would be provided with the number of personal protection systems that were owned by SYFR and how many had been purchased by the local councils.
- iii) The Corporate Advisory Group meeting to be held in September 2018 would discuss the SSCR residual funds.

14 SYFR RESPONSE TO DAME JUDITH HACKITT REPORT

A report of the Chief Fire Officer and Chief Executive was submitted which provided a summary of the new regulatory framework proposed by Dame Judith Hackitt. The report also addressed the key points within each chapter of her report, which, when implemented as a whole, would provide a stronger focus on creating and maintaining safe buildings.

Councillor Ransome thanked ACO Johnson for the comprehensive feedback provided. She queried whether the Authority could provide assistance or whether Members should take the matter back to their respective local authorities.

ACO Johnson stated that the role of the local authorities included the checks and balances to be undertaken with any new buildings and the local authority housing stock, to ensure that the buildings were safe. The local authorities would also support the Joint Competent Authority (JCA) when implemented, to ensure that the appropriate levels of authority were in place, to enable decisions to be made on any applications received, and to ensure that the local residents had a voice if they were living within high rise and high risk buildings; to potentially be rolled out to other buildings if deemed to be at high risk.

Dr Billings queried whether the police had been referenced within Dame Judith Hackitt's report; if so, whether they should be part of the JCA, and if not, whether they should be.

ACO Johnson did not recall reference being made to the police within the report. The JCA related to the design, construction and maintenance of buildings, and the police may possibly be involved in respect of enforcement action; fire and rescue services would act as the police's specialist witnesses for any action taken against any individual that had not undertaken the appropriate action.

Councillor Haith welcomed the fact that SYFR had highly trained staff. She queried whether this would involve additional work, and the capacity issues for the Service.

ACO Johnson stated that following the Grenfell Tower fire, SYFR had utilised a high proportion of its resources to check high rise buildings within South Yorkshire and to provide reassurance to residents. As a result of the implementation of a higher regulatory body, it was anticipated that the workload would not be as great in the long term, and that there would not be additional extra requirements, although there would always be risks attached to this.

Councillor Clements referred to Dame Judith Hackitt's presentation at the LGA Annual Fire Conference held in March 2018, where he had been concerned about her avoidance of the question of retrofitting of sprinkler systems to existing high rise residential buildings. He considered that there was a contradiction within

her report between Chapters 8 and 9, which referred to the new set of specific JCA interventions across the building life cycle. He queried whether those interventions included the ability to insist that buildings, which were deemed to be at risk, should be retrofitted with sprinkler systems. He queried whether the range of JCA interventions across the lifecycle of a building included the possibility of being able to insist on the installation of retrofitting of sprinkler systems, where it was deemed appropriate by the experts.

ACO Johnson referred to the National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC) meeting which had been held a number of weeks after the LGA Annual Fire Conference, where Dame Judith Hackitt had been asked the same question in relation to sprinklers, and had stated that sprinklers formed one part. SYFR would always encourage the installation of sprinkler systems. She did not believe that the range of JCA interventions across the lifecycle of a building enabled the enforcement of sprinkler systems.

RESOLVED – That Members noted the contents and considered the changes that had been recommended by Dame Judith Hackitt to the current regulatory framework, and the positive impact that this would have on how all Fire and Rescue Services carried out their regulatory functions in the future.

15 PROCUREMENT REPORT - FACILITIES MANAGEMENT CONTRACT

A report of the Director of Support Services was presented providing Members with a detailed explanation of SYFR's procurement and the Facilities Management (FM) contract.

The Director of Support Services stated that when he had initially joined SYFR, a number of issues had been identified within SYFR's Property and Procurement, in particular around facilities management and how the estate was managed.

In September 2017, market engagement had commenced to determine how to rationalise the way in which the estate was managed and the number of contractors utilised to manage the estate, to ensure that mature, professional partnership arrangements were in place, with a hard and a soft FM provider or a totally integrated FM provider. At the beginning of 2019, the project had been the subject of a separate Corporate Advisory Group (CAG) meeting, and had been regularly referenced within the bi-monthly update reports presented to the Authority meetings.

Work had been undertaken with an industry specialist to ensure that SYFR adopted an industry best practice approach. This arrangement had been kept as flexible as possible, due to concerns around the market, in particular the extent to which SYFR would attract a sizeable national FM provider, or whether SYFR would be more attractive to a medium sized sub-regional FM provider. The tender opportunity had been put out to market in three lots i.e. a total FM integrated lot, a hard FM lot and a soft FM lot. A two stage evaluation process was then undertaken. The total number of bidders had been reduced from the first stage of the evaluation down to a total of 5 bidders submitting tenders for the total FM; 5 bidders had been invited for the hard FM, with only 4 bidding for the opportunity and 2 bidders for the soft FM, subsequently one of which had withdrawn. The tenders had been returned to

the Authority on 25 June 2018; a moderation meeting of the evaluation panel had been held on 20 July 2018. The evaluation process was still ongoing, and it was anticipated to make an announcement on the preferred bidder either this week or the week after.

Members noted the next steps post the evaluation, with the expectation to mobilise a contractor(s) onto the estate during September 2018. It was anticipated to have either 3/4 contractors on the estate to look after SYFR's assets for a minimum of 5 years or potentially 7 years, together with 2 specialist contractors regarding the appliance bay door maintenance, lifts and lifting equipment contracts.

Councillor Ayris queried the membership of the evaluation panel which assessed the contracts, together with the total value of the contracts.

The Director of Support Services stated that the evaluation panel consisted of Louise Murray, the Joint Head of Estates for SYP and SYFR, Sally Gleave an FM specialist at SYP and another individual; he would inform Members of the third member. The market guide price of the total value of the contracts was approximately £1m to £1.2m.

Councillor Clements queried whether the tender document had specified that the contractors would pay the foundation living wage to their employees.

The Director Support Services would ascertain the position.

Councillor Ross queried whether any of the bidders currently being evaluated, were undertaking existing work with SYFR.

The Director of Support Services stated, that to the best of his knowledge, none of the bidders were currently undertaking work with SYFR.

Councillor Ransome queried who liaised with RLB and pulled the specifications together. She also queried the anticipated amount to be saved regarding the one contract as opposed to the smaller contracts.

The Director of Support Services commented that he was the accountable officer, and that work had been undertaken with Chris Jeffers of RLB. M Wood had been heavily involved in ensuring that the contractual documentation was fit for purpose. Work had been undertaken with BMBC's Internal Audit to ensure they were fully sighted on the contract and the process undertaken. He added that the evaluation process was currently underway.

Councillor Lamb stated that it was the intention for the outcome of the tender exercise to be reported to the Authority meeting in September 2018.

RESOLVED – That Members:-

- i) Noted the contents of the report.
- ii) Would be informed of the third member of the evaluation panel.

- iii) Would be informed as to whether the tender document had specified that the contractors would pay the foundation living wage to their employees.
- iv) Noted the intention for the outcome of the tender exercise to be reported to the Authority meeting in September 2018.

16 REVIEW OF INJURY AWARDS POLICY

A report of the Deputy Chief Fire Officer and Director of Service Development was submitted which provided an update on the actions undertaken and to seek an opinion as to whether the Injury Award policy should be reviewed in light of the outcomes.

DCFO Blunden referred to the review which had commenced in 2012, looking at 92 former SYFR employees who were in receipt of an Ill Health Retirement Pension from the Firefighters Pension Scheme and an injury award payment.

The injury awards currently being paid to those individuals totalled almost £50k per month. The review had now concluded, with one individual outstanding. From the 92 people reviewed, unfortunately 2 individuals had died over the past 6 years, and therefore 90 individuals had been reviewed. Following the review of the benefits awarded to those members that had retired this had culminated in a small reduction in cost from £50k to £42k per month; 50% of the individuals reviewed had been over 65 years of age.

Councillor Ayris queried the total annual cost of paying the 92 individuals their injury awards. He also queried how this compared against the current total annual cost of paying the firefighter pensions.

DCFO Blunden stated that the 92 individuals included everyone within Band 1; only Bands 2, 3 and 4 had been reviewed, which totalled 92 individuals. He would provide Authority staff with a comparison of the total annual cost of paying the injury awards to the 92 individuals, against the current total annual cost of paying the firefighter pensions.

RESOLVED – That Members:-

- i) Discussed the contents of the report.
- ii) Confirmed that the current Injury Awards Policy should remain in place.
- iii) Would be provided with a comparison of the total annual cost of paying the injury awards to the 92 individuals, against the current total annual cost of paying the firefighter pensions.

17 2018/19 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

A report of the Chief Fire Officer/Chief Executive and Clerk and Treasurer was submitted as the first in a series of reports to be presented to Members throughout the financial year, to inform as to the likely financial performance for the year ended 31 March 2019.

The Director of Support Services stated that when Members had set the budget in February 2018 there had been an anticipated contribution to reserves of £449k, and the projected in year underspend at the current time was estimated at £85k or 0.15% of the budget. The expectation was a net contribution to reserves of £534k, which excluded any monies utilised for capital investment and the Safer Stronger Communities Reserve. The following known risks were noted with regard to the projected outturn position i.e. Close Proximity Crewing, the potential legal costs associated with the judicial review, the detriment claims and the employment tribunal. It was anticipated that costs could be offset against a potential claim against SYSTEL, for unresolved contractual matters that were being progressed by ACO Johnson.

Councillor Ayris queried the re-profiling of the £952k from ongoing/committed capital schemes in the previous financial year 2017/18.

The Director of Support Services stated that the £952k was the underspend on the 2017/18 capital programme. Members had received the outturn report for the Authority in June 2018, which had demonstrated that the capital programme had not been spent in line with the profile at that time, and therefore there was a carry forward of £952k which had been put into the 2018/19 capital programme.

Councillor Haith queried the additional mileage costs for the new Operational Resilience Team of £27k.

The Director of Support Services stated that this had resulted from an under estimation of the mileage costs when the Operational Resilience Team had first been established.

Councillor Ransome queried whether the reduction in Barnsley MBC services to the Authority of £106k included all monies i.e. Internal Audit services.

The Director of Support Services stated that SYFR had taken on board Members' comments in relation to the SLA, to achieve one SLA for the services that Barnsley MBC provided.

RESOLVED – That Members:-

- i) Noted and considered the latest estimated revenue performance which showed an operating underspend of £0.085m for the financial year ended 31 March 2019.
- ii) Noted the latest estimated increase in General Reserves of £0.534m for the financial year ended 31 March 2019, which was broadly in line with the expectations when the budget was set by Members in February 2018.
- iii) Noted the likely net impact of known financial risks that were as yet not able to be fully quantified at this stage in the financial year.

18 POLICE AND FIRE COLLABORATION BOARD

DCFO Blunden referred to the comprehensive report that that been presented to the last Authority meeting.

Members noted that the SYP and SYFR Section 1 Collaboration Agreement had been signed earlier today. Interviews would be provisionally held w/c 23 July for a Joint Head of Facilities Management post which, upon successful appointment, would provide for a fourth person within the joint collaborative agreement. A total of 13 SYFR members of staff had undertaken the Prince 2 project management training, to ensure that they were properly trained and equipped to engage in collaborative work with SYP.

RESOLVED – That Members noted the update.

19 POLICE AND FIRE COLLABORATION BOARD MINUTES OF 18 JUNE 2018

Dr Billings stated that Members may be unfamiliar with some of the acronyms used within the minutes. He would request that in the future, the minutes be produced as though they were for public consumption.

RESOLVED – Members thanked Dr Billings and noted the minutes of the Police and Fire Collaboration Board held on 18 June 2018.

20 DRAFT MINUTES OF THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 25 JUNE 2018

RESOLVED – That Members noted the draft minutes of the Audit and Governance Committee held on 25 June 2018.

21 KEY ISSUES ARISING FROM THE PERFORMANCE AND SCRUTINY BOARD HELD ON 12 JULY 2018

Members were presented with a key issues paper arising from the Performance and Scrutiny Board meeting held on 12 July 2018.

At the meeting, Councillor Damms had been welcomed as the new Chair to the Board, and Councillor Ross as a new Member to the Board.

RESOLVED – That Members noted the key issues paper from the Performance and Scrutiny Board meeting held on 12 July 2018.

CHAIR

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SHEFFIELD CITY REGION COMBINED AUTHORITY

THE AMP TECHNOLOGY CENTRE, WAVERLEY, ROTHERHAM, S60 5WG

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 30 JULY 2018

PRESENT:

Mayor Dan Jarvis MBE, Sheffield City Region (Chair)

Councillor Graham Baxter MBE, North East Derbyshire DC

Councillor Julie Dore, Sheffield CC

Councillor Tricia Gilby, Chesterfield BC

Councillor Simon Greaves, Bassetlaw DC

Councillor Sir Steve Houghton CBE, Barnsley MBC

Mayor Ros Jones CBE, Doncaster MBC

Councillor Lewis Rose OBE, Derbyshire Dales DC

Councillor Ann Syrett, Bolsover DC

Sir Nigel Knowles, SCR LEP Chair

Matthew Ackroyd, KPMG

Ruth Adams, SCR Exec Team

Matthew Ackroyd, KPMG

Fiona Boden, SCR Exec Team

Steve Davenport, SYPTE

Steve Edwards, SYPTE

Andrew Frosdick, Monitoring Officer

Councillor Chris Furness, Derbyshire Dales

Andrew Gates, SCR Exec Team

Jeni Harvey, SCR Exec Team

Christine Marriott, SCR Exec Team

John Mothersole, Sheffield CC

Dave Smith, SCR Exec Team

Daniel Swaine, Bolsover DC / NE Derbyshire DC

Neil Taylor, Bassetlaw DC

Diana Terris, Clerk / Barnsley MBC

Simon Tompkins, SCC / SCR Exec Team

Craig Tyler, Joint Authorities Governance Unit

Eugene Walker, S.73 Officer

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor C Read, H Bowen, S Kemp, M Lynam, J Miller and P Wilson

1 SCRMCA 18/028 APOLOGIES

Apologies were noted as above.

2 SCRMCA 18/029 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair noted the recent publication of the 'Strengthened Local Enterprise Partnerships' review by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government and confirmed this would be discussed in detail at the forthcoming LEP Board meeting.

The Chair informed Members the SCR had not been successful in securing funding through wave 2 of the government's Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund initiative. The Chair noted his disappointment and confirmed he would be pressing government to find out why the SCR had not been included in wave 2.

3 SCRMCA 18/030 URGENT ITEMS

No urgent items were requested.

4 SCRMCA 18/031 ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

None.

5 SCRMCA 18/032 VOTING RIGHTS FOR NON-CONSTITUENT MEMBERS

It was agreed there were no agenda items for which the non-Constituent Members should not have full voting rights.

6 SCRMCA 18/033 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS IN RELATION TO ANY ITEM OF BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA

No declarations were noted.

7 SCRMCA 18/034 REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

None.

8 SCRMCA 18/035 RECEIPT OF PETITIONS

None.

9 SCRMCA 18/036 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Three public questions were received from Mr Nigel Slack.

Q1. "As an often solo member of the public at the current meetings of the CA in this location, would it be too early to suppose that the approval of Capital works at the CA's Broad Street West offices is a prelude to the CA meetings being consolidated in that location"?

The Mayor responded.

“We do plan to use Broad Street West for Mayoral Combined Authority meetings in the future. The capital works planned will enable this to happen and ensure that meetings at which the public are invited take place in an environment that is fully equipped for requirements of public meetings”.

“Openness, transparency and accountability to the public are important issues and I am sure Members will welcome the opportunity to put the Mayoral Combined Authority meetings on the same professional footing as the meetings they hold within their own Council Chambers”

Q2. “Noting that the inclusion in these plans for webcasting facilities at Broad Street West is, hopefully, a major positive for public engagement with the authority, what other steps is the Mayor considering for improving public understanding and engagement with the ongoing, if stalled, devolution process”?

The Mayor responded.

“I am ensuring that my Mayoralty uses the full range of social media channels available, broadcast and written press pieces, our website and of course my public meetings and visits to make sure I engage with a wide range of stakeholders in a variety of formats - this of course goes beyond just information about the devolution process”.

“The steps we are taking to develop the facilities at Broad Street West will be an important part of wider public engagement but I am sure that there will be other ways in which we can achieve greater public understanding and engagement and I welcome further formal and informal discussions as to how that can best be achieved”.

Q3. “With the Government continuing to vacillate over whether or not to engage with a 'Yorkshire Devolution' process, how will this impact on the Mayor's discussions about the completion of the Sheffield City region 'deal'”?

The Mayor responded.

“I am working with colleagues around this table and from across the whole of Yorkshire to ensure that we deliver the benefits of the Sheffield City Region Devolution Deal as well as exploring in full, how the will of a wide range of council leaders from across the political spectrum can be realised to deliver a devolution deal on the wider Yorkshire geography”.

10 SCRMCA 18/037 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11TH JUNE 2018

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th June are agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting.

11 SCRMCA 18/038 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

Members were presented with the Authority's Annual Governance Statement for 2017/18, and Governance Improvement Plan for 2018/19, for consideration

Members thanks officers for their diligence in producing the Statement.

RESOLVED, that the Authority approves the Annual Governance Statement for 2017/18.

12 SCRMCA 18/039 APPROVAL OF THE STATUTORY FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2017/18

Members were asked to approve the 2017/18 Statement of Accounts and have regard to the External Auditor's audit report (ISA 260).

Members were presented with the External Auditor's 2017-18 external audit of the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority and South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Fund (Pension Fund)(ISA 260) and informed the audit had found no significant issues with the Authority's organisational and IT control environment .

Cllr Rose asked whether the SCR Audit Committee had identified any matter requiring more detailed consideration. However, it was confirmed the Committee were happy with the report and its contents.

The Chair welcomed the receipt of the unqualified plan and suggested this is reflective of the hard work undertaken by officers in continuing to strengthen the Authority's governance arrangements.

RESOLVED, that the Authority formally adopts the audited Statement of Accounts, having first had regard to External Audit's findings (ISA 260).

13 SCRMCA 18/040 LGF CAPITAL PROGRAMME AND APPROVALS

A report was received to update Members on the LGF Capital Programme at Q1 of the financial year, to seek approval for project changes to reduce the 2018/19 allocations, and to seek permission to over-programme spend in 2018/19.

Further to previous reports, it was confirmed the MHCLG have now accepted that the £8.66m underspend from 2017/18 can be used in 2019/20 to help smooth the programme allocations. This funding can also be used in 2018/19 if necessary.

Cllr Dore advised Members that the Claywheels Lane scheme had been withdrawn by its private sector developers, rather than by the City Council as the sponsoring Authority.

Explanations were provided in respect of the substantive recommendations.

Members acknowledged the benefits of effective over-programming, as a means of ensuring spend is maximised, but requested this process be carefully managed to avoid the risk of over-programming turning into over-spending. Assurances were provided this would be avoided and it was noted the over-programmed schemes

would remain 'in the pipeline' and have their expectations managed until available funding had been identified.

RESOLVED, that the Combined Authority:

1. Notes the withdrawal of 1 project from the LGF Programme and notes this releases £1.5m of funding (£1.2m in 2018/19) to be reallocated to other projects.
2. Notes the Full Business Case for the Housing Fund extension will be submitted for up-to £15m.
3. Approves the reprofiling of £5.15m of the BIF allocation from 2018/19 to 2020/21.
4. Approves programme over-programming of up to £16m.
5. Notes and approves the project slippage requests as set out in the report.

14 SCRMCA 18/041 DELEGATED AUTHORITY REPORT

A report was received to provide an update on delegations made in CA approved recommendations that have been acted upon in the last period.

RESOLVED, that the contents of the report are noted.

15 SCRMCA 18/042 RESOLUTION RECORDS – HOUSING & INFRASTRUCTURE EXECUTIVE BOARD (29TH JUNE)

RESOLVED, that the decisions and recommendations contained within the report are duly endorsed.

16 SCRMCA 18/043 RESOLUTION RECORD – SKILLS EXECUTIVE BOARD (24TH MAY)

RESOLVED, that the decisions and recommendations contained within the report are duly endorsed.

CHAIR

MEETING:	Planning Regulatory Board
DATE:	Tuesday, 24 July 2018
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Council Chamber, Town Hall, Barnsley

MINUTES

Present Councillors D. Birkinshaw (Chair), Coates, Franklin, Gollick, David Griffin, Hand-Davis, Hayward, Higginbottom, Lamb, Makinson, Markham, Mitchell, Noble, Richardson, Riggs, Stowe, Tattersall and R. Wraith

In attendance: Councillor Miller (Cabinet Spokesperson for Place)

16. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Richardson declared a Non-Pecuniary interest in **Planning Application 2018/0362** – [Barnsley Mencap Centre, Burton Road, Monk Bretton, Barnsley] as local Ward Member and having been involved with meetings with local residents.

Councillors Coates, Makinson and Noble declared a Non-Pecuniary interest in **Planning Application 2018/0591**– [79 Beeston Square, Athersley North, Barnsley] in view of them being Members of Bernesali Homes Board.

17. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 26th June, 2018 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

18. Land off High Street, Shafton, Barnsley - 2018/0396 - For approval

The Head of Planning and Building Control submitted a report on **Planning Application 2018/0396** [Residential development of up to 43 dwellings (Outline with All Matters Reserved apart from access)] Land off High Street, Shafton, Barnsley.

RESOLVED that the application be approved in accordance with the officer recommendation.

19. Job Centre Plus, High Street, Goldthorpe , Rotherham S63 9LQ - 2018/0656 - For approval

The Head of Planning and Building Control submitted a report on **Planning Application 2018/0656** [Change of use from Job Centre (A1) to 15 bedroom sui generis HMO (C4)] at the Job Centre Plus site, High Street, Goldthorpe, Rotherham, S63 9LQ

RESOLVED that the application be refused, against the Officer recommendation, on the grounds of the unacceptable amenity to the proposed tenants and local residents.

In accordance with the agreed protocol, a recorded vote was taken on this planning application with the proposal to refuse the application being:

Moved by Councillor Stowe – Seconded by Councillor Noble; with voting being as follows:

In favour of the proposal to refuse the application:

Councillors D Birkinshaw (Chair), Coates, Franklin, Gollick, David Griffin, Hand-Davis, Hayward, Higginbottom, Lamb, Mitchell, Noble, Richardson, Riggs, Stowe, Tattersall and R Wraith.

All Members present at the time of the vote actually voted.

20. Barnsley Mencap Centre, Burton Road, Monk Bretton, Barnsley S71 2JS - 2018/0362 - For approval

The Head of Planning and Building Control submitted a report on **Planning Application 2018/0362** [External alterations including partial demolition works, formation of new building entrance, other fenestration changes and alterations to external parking and manoeuvring areas] at Barnsley Mencap Centre, Burton Road, Monk Bretton, Barnsley, S71 2JS.

Mr Allen Hitchen attended the meeting and spoke against the officer recommendation to approve the application.

RESOLVED that the consideration of the application be deferred to enable the Board to undertake a site visit and to allow officers to consider and report on the legal implications relating to a possible future temporary change of use from D1 to A1 permitted in accordance with Part 4 Class D of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015.

21. Land at Cheapside, Eldon Street, Midland Street, Kendray Street, May Day Green, Queen Street and Peel Square, Barnsley - 2018/0279 - For approval

The Head of Planning and Building Control submitted a report on **Planning Application 2018/0279** [Erection of permanent structures and associated public realm works] on land at Cheapside, Eldon Street, Midland Street, Kendray Street, May Day Green, Queen Street and Peel Square, Barnsley.

RESOLVED that the application be approved in accordance with Officer recommendation.

22. 79 Beeston Square, Athersley North, Barnsley S71 3DW - 2018/0591 - For approval

The Head of Planning and Building Control submitted a report on **Planning Application 2018/0591** [Single storey extension to rear and accessibility ramp to side and rear of dwelling] at 79 Beeston Square, Athersley North, Barnsley, S71 3DW.

RESOLVED that the application be approved in accordance with Officer recommendation.

23. Barnsley Crematorium, Doncaster Road, Ardsley, Barnsley - 2018/0802 - For approval

The Head of Planning and Building Control submitted a report on **Planning Application 2018/0802** [Removal of Ash Tree T1 within TPO 1/1964] at Barnsley Crematorium, Doncaster Road, Ardsley, Barnsley, S71 5EH.

RESOLVED that the application be approved in accordance with Officer recommendation.

24. Planning Appeals - 1st to 30th June 2018

The Head of Planning and Building Control submitted an update regarding cumulative appeal totals for 2018/19.

The report indicated that 1 appeal had been received, no appeals had been withdrawn and none had been decided in June 2018. A number of appeals had been submitted in July and a further update would be provided at the next meeting.

It was reported that 4 appeals had been decided since 1st April, 2018 of which 2 (50%) had been dismissed and 2 (50%) had been allowed.

RESOLVED that the update report be received and noted.

25. Planning Enforcement Update Report

The Board received a report which was presented by the Planning, Building Control and Enforcement Officer giving an update on the activities of the Planning Enforcement Service for the Quarter 1 (April – June, 2018).

Of the 210 cases received during the quarter, 125 had been investigated/resolved and 85 were still under consideration. In giving a breakdown of the requests for service received, the report also outlined the key actions undertaken and the enforcement case outcomes during the quarter. It then gave details of legal action being taken in respect of various cases details of which were updated, where appropriate, by the Head of Planning and Building Control

It was noted that from April 2018 the Service had been aligned with the Planning/Economic Regeneration Service within the Place Directorate and that the number of formal actions being taken were now at record levels largely as a result of the increased proactive nature of the Service. It was also reported that the vacant Planning Enforcement Officer post was being advertised and was to be recruited to shortly.

RESOLVED that the update report regarding planning enforcement activity be noted.

Chair

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MEETING:	Planning Regulatory Board
DATE:	Tuesday, 4 September 2018
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Council Chamber, Town Hall, Barnsley

MINUTES

Present Councillors Franklin, Gollick, David Griffin, Hayward, Higginbottom, Leech, Makinson, Noble, Pickering, Richardson, Riggs, Spence, Stowe, Tattersall, Wilson and R. Wraith

In attendance at site visit Councillors Dave Griffin, Spence, Tattersall, Wilson and R. Wraith

26. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Richardson declared a Non-Pecuniary interest in **Planning Application No 2018/0865** – [Change of use from residential use to mixed use café and artist studio at cottage associated with Cooper Art Gallery, 10 Eastgate, Barnsley S70 2EX] as he is a Trustee of the Cooper Gallery.

27. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th July 2018 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

28. Land off Halifax Road, Thurgoland - 2018/0028 - For approval

The Head of Planning and Building Control submitted a report on **Planning Application 2018/0028** (Residential development of 25 dwellings and access [Outline with All Matters Reserved apart from access] at land off Halifax Road, Thurgoland).

Mr Patrick Townsend addressed the Board and spoke in favour of the officer recommendation to grant the application.

Mr Robert Blythe (Thurgoland Parish Councillor) addressed the Board and spoke against the officer recommendation to grant the application.

RESOLVED that the application be deferred to enable Officers to seek clarification on the type of highways gateway feature to be provided, and to explore further the suitability of an alternative access off Smithy Hill.

29. Berneslai Close, Barnsley S70 2HL - 2017/1556 - For approval

The Head of Planning and Building Control submitted a report on **Planning Application 2017/1556** [Demolition of former Council office building and part new build/part conversion development of 53 retirement living apartments together with

communal facilities, landscaping, car parking and associated access at Berneslai Close, Barnsley S70 2HL].

RESOLVED that the application be granted in accordance with the Officer recommendation but with delegated authority given to Officers to seek a more suitable balance between parking and garden areas within the layout.

30. Ashroyd Business Park, Ashroyds Way, Platts Common, Barnsley, S74 9SB - 2018/0420 - For approval

The Head of Planning and Building Control submitted a report on **Planning Application 2018/0420** [Erection of 4 no. business units for use within Use Classes B1(b) (Research & Development), B1 (c) (Light Industry), B2 (General Industrial) and B8 (Storage and Distribution) with ancillary offices and associated access, parking and circulation/service areas, infrastructure works and landscaping at Ashroyd Business Park, Ashroyds Way, Platts Common, Barnsley S74 9SB]

RESOLVED that the application be granted in accordance with the Officer recommendation.

31. Ardagh Glass Ltd., Burton Road, Monk Bretton, Barnsley, S71 2QG - 2018/0492 - For approval

The Head of Planning and Building Control submitted a report on **Planning Application 2018/0492** [Demolition of 7 no. dilapidated buildings and erection of a steel portal framed warehouse building for the storage of pallets and glass products, canopy and associated service area at Ardagh Glass Ltd., Burton Road, Monk Bretton, Barnsley S71 2QG].

RESOLVED that the application be granted in accordance with the Officer recommendation.

32. 14 High Street, Hoyland, S74 9AB - 2018/0831 - For approval

The Head of Planning and Building Control submitted a report on **Planning Application 2018/0831** [Change of use of café to hot food takeaway and installation of fume extraction unit at 14 High Street, Hoyland, Barnsley, S74 9AB].

RESOLVED that the application be REFUSED, contrary to the Officer recommendation, on grounds of highway safety and in particular, impeding free flow of traffic and proximity to junction.

In accordance with agreed protocol, a recorded vote was taken on this planning application with the amendment to refuse being:-

MOVED by Councillor Stowe and SECONDED by Councillor Franklin, with voting being as follows:-

In favour of the amendment to REFUSE the application:-
Councillors Franklin, Dave Griffin, Hayward, Higginbottom, Lamb, Leech, Makinson, Pickering, Spence, Stowe, Tattersall, Wilson and R. Wraith.

Against the amendment to REFUSE the application:-
Councillors Richardson and Riggs

33. Cottage associated with Cooper Art Gallery, 10 Eastgate, Barnsley. S70 2EX - 2018/0865 - For approval

The Head of Planning and Building Control submitted a report on **Planning Application 2018/0865** [Change of use from residential use to mixed use café and artist studio at cottage associated with Cooper Art Gallery, 10 Eastgate, Barnsley S70 2EX]

RESOLVED that the application be granted in accordance with the Officer recommendation.

34. Planning Appeals - 1st to 31st July 2018

The Head of Planning and Building Control submitted an update regarding cumulative appeal totals for 2018/19.

The report indicated that two appeals were received in July 2018.

It was reported that no appeals were withdrawn in July 2018, four appeals were decided in July 2018 and a total of eight appeals have been decided since 1st April 2018. Four appeals (50%) have been dismissed and four appeals (50%) have been allowed.

Chair

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Item 11

NOTES OF GENERAL LICENSING REGULATORY BOARD PANEL

28th August, 2018

Present: Councillors C Wraith MBE (Chair), P Birkinshaw and Sixsmith MBE together with Councillor Newing (Reserve Member).

Members of the Public and Press were excluded from all meetings.

1 Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest from Members in respect of items on the agenda.

2 Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence – Renewal Application Mr M S E

The Panel considered a report of the Service Director Core Services on an application for the renewal of the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence held by Mr M S E.

Mr M S E was in attendance together with Mr D W (Licensing Consultant) who gave evidence in support of his case. The Panel also received a pack of evidence which contained five letters of support from customers and friends together with background information about all three speeding offences committed.

After considering all the information and representations made the Panel decided that the application for the renewal of the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence be approved as there was sufficient justification to warrant a deviation from the Council's Guideline Policy for Criminal Convictions on the following grounds:

- The manner in which he presented himself
- His acknowledgement of the offences committed as well as action taken as a result of him not submitting his licence to the DVLA
- The references submitted from customers and friends

The renewal application was approved subject to:

- Mr M S E being required to undertake and pass a Driver Standards Course within three months (at his own expense)
- The issuing of a Written Warning which will be kept on file for 12 months as to his future conduct

The decision of the Panel was unanimous.

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Item 12

APPEALS, AWARDS AND STANDARDS REGULATORY BOARD

(a) **School Admission Appeals Panel – 17th July, 2018**

Outwood Academy Carlton	3 Refused
Burton Road Primary	3 Refused
Mapplewell Primary	1 Allowed
High View Primary	1 Refused

(b) **School Admission Appeals Panel – 19th July, 2018**

Brierley C of E Primary	1 Allowed
Cherrydale Primary	1 Refused
Athersley North Primary	1 Refused
Darton College	2 Allowed 1 Withdrawn

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MEETING:	Overview and Scrutiny Committee
DATE:	Tuesday, 10 July 2018
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Council Chamber, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present

Councillors Ennis OBE (Chair), Bowler, G. Carr, Franklin, Frost, Gollick, Hampson, Hand-Davis, Hayward, W. Johnson, Mitchell, Pourali, Tattersall and Wright together with co-opted member Ms P. Gould.

13 Apologies for Absence - Parent Governor Representatives

Apologies for absence were received from Ms K Morrith in accordance with Regulation 7(6) of the Parent Governor Representatives (England) Regulations 2001.

14 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Pourali declared a non-pecuniary interest with regard to Minute No. 16 insofar as any discussion related to Berneslai Homes, of which she is a Board Member.

15 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th June 2018 were approved as a true and accurate record.

16 Norfolk Property Services (NPS) Barnsley - Performance Review Report

The following witnesses were welcomed to the meeting:

David Shepherd, Service Director - Economic Regeneration, BMBC
 Neil Copley, Service Director – Finance BMBC
 Mike Rawlins, Partnership & Shared Service Manager - Economic Regeneration BMBC
 Catherine Pantry, Strategic Finance Manager, BMBC
 Jill Bills, Business Improvement Advisor, BMBC
 Michael Potter, Service Director – Business Improvement & Communications, BMBC
 Councillor Roy Miller, Cabinet Member - Place
 Karen Temple, Managing Director - NPS Barnsley

The Service Director (Economic Regeneration) introduced this item and provided Members with the findings of the performance review of NPS Barnsley (NPSB) which started in October 2016.

It was explained that although performance is reviewed on an ongoing basis, a comprehensive review was undertaken which made a number of recommendations

aimed at service improvement and achieving value for money. These recommendations are included in the report. All aspects of the review were overseen by the Council. The improvement plan is a dynamic 'living' document which will be amended over time. Members were asked to consider the recommendations and service improvements for the future provision of services delivered under the NPSB.

Questions were then invited from Members and the following lines of enquiry were challenged and pursued:

It is difficult to establish if the service offers value for money due to the difficulty of comparing like with like. It was explained that more granular detail will be contained within the improvement plan, which will be reported back by December with planned implementation in April 2019. Two exercises were undertaken as part of the improvement plan to identify comparators but this has been difficult because of the unique character of the company and the fact that 'cheapest' does not necessarily mean the best. NPS employ 100 people, 75 of whom are from Barnsley and as it is a Joint Venture Company, 50% of profits are shared with the Council – to date over £2m has been returned to the Council. Although the Council owns 20% of the company, this does not deliver exclusivity of work to NPS on anything owned by the Council – NPS still have to bid for work. Planned maintenance and day to day, emergency or cyclical work is subject to obtaining 3 quotes and a Value for Money (VFM) check.

Customer satisfaction levels are high. Service users have a voice and customer feedback feeds into direction of resources and service improvement. Rich management information is used to drive service improvement.

A Member queried the company's complaints reporting mechanism and asked if they were open to challenge. Members were reassured that if there are any problems, NPS want to hear about them and welcome the chance to put it right. Complaints can be forwarded via email, telephone and visits.

Members were aware of issues with unsatisfactory work done in their wards which remain unresolved, whilst other members stated that work done by NPS had been exemplary. There is a mechanism for Members who are dissatisfied in that the issue can be escalated to Cabinet and/or Cabinet spokespersons to resolve. It was felt that in some instances communication needed to improve and that councillors need to be aware of project specifications which would enable them to evaluate completed projects. Responsibility for failings in workmanship or design remains with NPS Barnsley.

Although there are 19 recommendations contained within the report, these are not indicative of failing performance but rather provide a blueprint for the future and a focus on long term improvement and value for money. It was explained that as this is a longstanding partnership of over 8 years some changes will have to be made. The NPS joint venture partnership is viewed as an example of good practice across the country and compares favourably with other authorities. Peer companies across the country look to emulate NPS Barnsley's unique design and construction mix. It was highlighted that a Joint Venture company is very different to the ALMO arrangements with Berneslai Homes and has different mechanisms for control and influence.

NPS do a small amount of work for Berneslai Homes on the construction side, mainly relating to district heating systems. The company is aware of problems with the heating systems on new build and existing sheltered housing complexes which relate to system design. Difficulties also arise when attempting to explain the bio mass system and the importance of reducing the carbon footprint to older tenants. It was explained that NPS did not install the heating system at Ward Green school 4 years ago.

Problems have been experienced with NPSB using the Council's SAP system for recording and charging of jobs undertaken on the Council's behalf, attributable to human error. The Improvement team has looked at this with a view to streamlining the process and is addressed within the report recommendations
NPS aim to be more proactive and replace failing parts before failure. A planned maintenance system is in place with effectively managed supplier arrangements so that replacement parts can be ordered ready to install in good time.

NPSB employees have been involved in the review and have been consulted on the proposed changes within the improvement plan. Whenever information has been available, it has been shared with staff so that they are aware of what is happening. A number of staff briefings are planned to share the improvement plan with a view to protecting staff morale at a time of change.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) Witnesses be thanked for their attendance and contribution;
- (ii) Further investigation is done into the works at Worsbrough Pavilion and consideration of the initial specification;
- (iii) NPSB communication and sharing of performance information with BMBC needs to improve, and
- (iv) The contents of the report and associated recommendation be noted.

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MEETING:	Central Area Council
DATE:	Monday, 2 July 2018
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Reception Room, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present

Councillors Riggs (Chair), D. Birkinshaw, P. Birkinshaw, Bowler, G. Carr, Clarke, K. Dyson, M. Dyson, W. Johnson, Mitchell, Pourali, Williams and Wright.

1. Declaration of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

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

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting of Central Area Council held on 14th May, 2018 (Cen.02.07.2018/2)

Members received the minutes from the previous meeting of Central Area Council held on 14th May, 2018.

The Area Council Manager thanked Members for forwarding their views on the scope of the exercise to consider Berneslai Homes services provided in the area. Feedback had been arranged into themes, and the scope of the exercise would be more fully developed following meetings with relevant officers within Berneslai Homes. This would then be reported back to the next meeting of the Area Council.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Central Area Council held on 14th May, 2018 be approved as a true and correct record.

3. My Best Life (Cen.02.07.2018/3)

Joe Hale, Natalie Dunn, and Lisa Bough were welcomed to the meeting to provide a presentation on My Best Life. The borough-wide social prescribing service offered an alternative approach for primary and secondary care services, helped to connect communities, and empowered individuals to self-manage their own health.

Members were made aware of the referral criteria, which included frequent attendance at a GP or other health care service, long term conditions, and poor mental wellbeing affected by social circumstances.

An overview was given of the support provided which included assistance with housing, money, accessing work and volunteering, emotional wellbeing and healthy lifestyles.

My Best Life had been operational for a year, and Members heard how there had been 270 referrals within the Central Area, with all GPs surgeries referring to the scheme. Since the service commenced there had been a 17% reduction in GP appointments, with 4.5 hours of support provided to each client.

Further information was presented in relation to the High Intensity Group, each of which had an average of 10 GP visits prior to referral and 4.2 after. This group represented 16% of clients, but 65% of advisor time.

From the monitoring undertaken 17% of those providing information reported an increase in feeling optimistic, 17% reported feeling more relaxed and 20% reported an increase in keeping learning. Members noted the high proportion of clients feeling they were more aware of support services, and were more able to manage their own health needs and conditions. Also noted was the diverse range of agencies where clients were referred for additional support.

Members noted, and discussed, the challenges specifically faced in the Central Area, which included the need for emotional wellbeing support to be provided in the longer term, the financial pressures faced, the lack of advocacy and tenancy support, and the prevalence of issues of working age men who were facing multiple issues.

A number of case studies were referred to, which served to highlight the issues faced by user of the service, and the praise given to the service by those in receipt of support.

Members discussed the findings, noting that one of the early Central Area Council commissions had sought to engage GPs to refer those feeling isolated for support. It was acknowledged that overall, more women had been engaged than men, but within the Central Area those defined as the hi-intensity group were often male.

With regards to young families, Members heard how only a small number had been engaged, with much of the client group being elderly or single people.

In relation to targets, for the whole of the service an annual target of 600 per year existed, yet 1144 individuals had been engaged within the first year.

Members praised the work of My Best Life and the importance of the CCG supporting a model of social prescribing

RESOLVED that the officers be thanked for their attendance and the content of the presentation be noted.

4. Procurement and Financial Update (Cen.02.07.2018/4)

The item was introduced by the Area Council Manager who brought attention to the challenges in the Central Area identified by My Best Life.

Members noted that a number of Area Council commissions were already addressing many of the issues identified. Of concern were the numbers of working age males identified requiring support, and Members discussed the option of varying the RVS contract to consider this demographic. The meeting concluded that this was not the focus of the work of RVS and that ongoing monitoring of the issue ought to be undertaken in order to have a better understanding of the magnitude of the situation, which could then be discussed at a future meeting of the Area Council.

The finite budget was also noted, as was the need to prioritise in order to ensure the impact of the Area Council was maximised.

The Area Council went on to provide an update on the current position with regards to the contract with Homestart since notice was received that they would cease delivery from 31st May, 2018. As payment was in arrears, a payment of £2,700 was outstanding from the Central Area Council. Members were made aware that Homestart had been in receipt of a grant of £2,210 from North Area Council, which was to be repaid. Following discussions with relevant parties, it was agreed that the £2,210 owing to BMBC be waived in lieu of the £2,700 owed to Homestart, therefore £2,210 had been paid from Central Area Council to North Area Council.

Members noted that a group, previously supported by Homestart volunteers, continued to meet at Hope House Church. Currently any costs were being waived, however it was suggested that monies be set aside to support the maintenance of this group in the short term, a figure of £800 was suggested, and appropriate monitoring would take place.

In relation to the SLA to provide support for new tenants in low cost private rented sector housing, Members heard how a recent recruitment exercise had not been fruitful, and the relevant post not been filled. The post had been re-advertised with an appropriate boost through social media.

In relation to the Clean and Green priority, Members were reminded that the contract with Twiggs Grounds Maintenance had been extended but was due to finish at the end of January 2019, in addition the contract with Kingdom Security was due to come to an end in March, 2019. Therefore it was suggested that a workshop be held to review this priority, with feedback being received at the September meeting of the Area Council.

In light of the timescales related to undertaking any procurement activity following the review it was suggested that the contract with Twiggs Grounds Maintenance be extended to 31st March, 2019 at a cost of £21,250.

Feedback was provided in relation to the Flytipping Education and Enforcement Service, with a workshop being held to consider relevant details. It was suggested that the approach would be to proactively targeting household flytipping with data and local intelligence being used to identify 'hot spots'. It was also suggested that these 'hot spots' cover a number of streets within a locality.

Members noted the need for continued reporting through existing mechanisms, though it was agreed at the workshop to circulate contact details of relevant officers to Members.

Feedback was then provided in relation to progress made in developing an intervention to respond to the Family Support priority, which had been agreed in principle at a previous meeting. The Chair remarked on the productive meeting held with officers, Members and experts attending in order to develop a proposal. It was felt that a service to provide home based and community follow on peri-natal intervention to support emotional wellbeing would provide early help to those with very young families who may otherwise not connect with universal services. It was noted that this issue had been identified by a meeting of the Central Children's Centre Advisory Board and followed on from the work previously undertaken as part of the Homestart contract in the Central Area. Members went on to discuss whether

this was high priority for investment by the Area Council, given other issues in the area.

The Area Council Manager drew attention to the appendices, which provided an overview of the finances of the Area Council. £155,975 was available to allocate in 2018/19, however taking into account a number of areas Members had previously indicated they would like to invest this would leave approximately £89,000 to be allocated.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That the overview of Central Area Council's priorities and contracts, together with relevant updates be noted;
- (ii) That £800 be allocated to support the group of volunteers previously supported by Homestart;
- (iii) That the approach to the Central Area Council Clean and Green Review and future procurement of clean and green services as detailed in the report be supported;
- (iv) That authorisation be given to the Executive Director, Communities to complete the necessary paperwork in order to waive contract procedure rules to extend Twiggs Clean and Green contract to 31st March, 2019 at a cost of £21,250;
- (v) That the additional information provided in relation to the Targeted Household Fly-Tipping service be noted;
- (vi) That the progress made in developing documentation to procure a home based and community follow-on peri-natal intervention to support emotional wellbeing be acknowledged, and that a specification of requirements to enable the procurement of the service be considered by Members at a future meeting of the Area Council;
- (vii) That the financial position for 2017/18 and projected expenditure for 2018/19-2020/21 be noted.

5. Notes of the Ward Alliances and Updates from Each Ward Alliance (Cen.02.07.2018/5)

The meeting received the notes of the following Ward Alliance meetings:-

Central, held on 25th April and 23rd May, 2018; Dodworth, held on 17th April and 22nd May, 2018; Kingstone, held on 16th May, 2018; Stairfoot, held on 14th May and 11th June, 2018; and Worsbrough, held on 18th April, and 23rd May, 2018.

A representative from each Ward Alliance was asked to provide a brief overview of their work.

Councillor D. Birkinshaw provided a brief update on the Central Ward Alliance and it was noted that there were a number of outstanding pieces of work still needing to be completed. It was hoped that any issues could be rectified in order that these be completed within timescales.

Feedback on the Dodworth Ward Alliance was provided by Councillor P. Birkinshaw who made the meeting aware that the membership of the group was now more comprehensive and diverse. A number of events had been held over the year, two of which had been aimed at engaging businesses in the area as part of a strategic

approach to improving the local economy, which included working with the Principal Towns Project.

In addition a number of other events had been held, including Dodworth Musical Festival, Summer Sporting Fun, Station Road Play Area Family Fun Day, and various litter picks throughout the ward.

Councillor Williams provided an update on the Kingstone Ward Alliance, which had recently strengthened its membership and had established subgroups which met in-between Ward Alliance meetings. The Ward Alliance produced 3 annual newsletters, making residents aware of what had been arranged within the Ward. A health day, aimed at young families, had been held in June and had been a success, with a further planned for October, but aimed at more mature residents.

Kingstone and Worsbrough Ward Alliances had jointly sponsored a project for Young Entrepreneurs, with awards being held at Tankersley Manor. Of 12 awards, schools in Barnsley won 9.

Kingstone Ward Alliance had also supported many local groups with their galas, and had promoted the Ward Alliance and what was happening in the area.

An update on the work of the Stairfoot Ward Alliance was provided by Councillor W. Johnson who reminded Members of the Clean and Climb event, which brought agencies and residents together to undertake environmental improvements and network. The event was successful so the event was subsequently repeated. A number of other environmental days had been held, including around Bank Street.

A future, past, and present information evening had been held, which was successful, and a Stairfoot Social Evening had been organised to showcase the work of groups in the area, and to consult on Principal Towns plans.

Many other engagement events had been held including Aldham House Summer Gala, Friends of Stairfoot Easter Fun Day, and the Picnic in the Park.

Councillor Clarke provided an update on the work of the Ward Alliance. Over the past 12-18 months a 'holiday hunger' scheme had been run, providing food to children in school holidays that lived in more deprived areas in the Ward. This was due to be rolled out wider in the Ward.

The Tour De Yorkshire had been held and businesses, community groups and schools had all been involved in making the event a success. Work was underway to promote the use of Worsbrough Dale Pavilion, but it was recognised that more work was still required. No litter picks had been held as it was recognised that the Ward had a number of very active individuals who helped keep the area tidy.

The Alliance had supported a very successful Junior Wardens scheme, and thanks were given to all those involved in its delivery.

RESOLVED that the notes and feedback from the Ward Alliances be received.

6. Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Cen.02.07.2018/6)

The item was introduced by the Area Council Manager. Members were made aware of the financial position of each of the Ward Alliance Funds:-

Central Ward Alliance had £17,860.29 remaining from an opening balance of £20,000;

Dodworth Ward Alliance had £16,974.95 left to allocate from a starting balance of £20,685;

Kingstone Ward Alliance had £15,749 remaining from an opening balance of £23,418;

Stairfoot Ward Alliance had £17,661 left to allocated from a starting balance of £20,975;

Worsbrough Ward Alliance had £21,332.46 to allocate compared to £22,874 at the start of the financial year.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

Chair

MEETING:	North Area Council
DATE:	Monday, 16 July 2018
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Meeting Room 2, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present Councillors Leech (Chair), Cave, Howard, Lofts, Miller and Tattersall

1 **Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

Councillor Howard declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No. 6 on the agenda as her mother and sister both live in Woolley Colliery Village.

2 **Minutes of the North Area Council meeting held on 14th May 2018**

The Area Council received the minutes of the previous meeting held on 14th May 2018.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the North Area Council meeting held on 14th May 2018 be approved as a true and correct record.

3 **Safer Neighbourhoods Service Presentation - Paul Brannan and Inspector Andy Norton**

Inspector Andy Norton and Cath Fairweather were welcomed to the meeting to update Members with regard to changes to the Safer Neighbourhoods Service. It was explained that the service was taking a multi-agency approach, with a new structure focussed on tackling crime, anti social behaviour and supporting and protecting vulnerable people.

Each area will be fully covered and will include tasking officers, PCSOs, community engagement, hate crime co-ordination and gypsy liaison, with a focus on conversation rather than a complicated plan. The service will be more focussed as there are less staff and will use a case management approach to dealing with offenders, protecting vulnerable people and dealing with repeat callers, a high percentage of whom are the same individuals. Resources will be demand driven and will concentrate on locations such as shops, businesses and schools, looking at the root cause of the issue and what the best approach will be. Information from PACT meetings will be invaluable and the MAG will be used for case escalation when necessary.

A number of recent case studies were highlighted, including a case where an individual who had been posing as a council worker to take advantage of vulnerable people had been issued with a Criminal Behaviour Order (which replace Anti-Social Behaviour Orders); a closure order was issued on a drug dealing address in the Old Town area); work had taken place around security improvement with Barnsley

Hospital to address thefts on wards and with Kendray Hospital around mental health patients who were missing from hospital. In the North area two repeat callers had generated 64 calls, one was a vulnerable adult and one had mental health issues. Through using a multi-agency approach, this demand had been diverted elsewhere. Repeat callers were down 46% using the new targeted approach.

In summary, although resources have been reduced, the demand on Police and partners has reduced through using a more focussed approach whilst still protecting vulnerable adults and the environment. Partner agencies are held to account, public confidence has improved and greater use is made of volunteers and neighbourhood watch. Area Council funded officers are also enhancing services, making an impact in communities and yielding results, including helping to combat social isolation.

Members asked a number of questions to which appropriate responses were given. These included:

A problem with break-ins and damage to cars and property had been experienced in the Old Town ward. There was a considerable delay before any action was taken. It was explained that speed of response would depend on circumstances but the World Cup and President Trump's visit to the UK had meant that resources had to be diverted. Police have to place risk to life over risk to property but are happy to look at individual cases outside the meeting.

A Member queried why Mapplewell police station had been closed and why email correspondence bounced back as the mailbox was full. It was explained that Estates issues were dealt with at Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) level so the rationale for this was unclear. If Members go on to the South Yorkshire Police website they can access email addresses and phone numbers for their individual areas.

Members were aware of the problem of 'Spice' (a synthetic cannabinoid), particularly in the Town Centre. It appears that this is a national problem and work is underway to strike a balance between enforcement and support for individuals. The use of this drug does not cause any harm to the public but can be disturbing to see someone who is under the influence of Spice.

All Councillors will receive targeted alerts from South Yorkshire Police, which will also include good news stories too. A rotating newsletter is planned with Barnsley Chronicle to share news and feedback to the public.

RESOLVED that

- (i) Representatives be thanked for their attendance and contribution;
- (ii) Members note the Safer Neighbourhoods Service update, and
- (iii) Members continue to report issues in the community, particularly reporting of off road bikes.

4 Fresh Street Project Update - Clare Relton, Sheffield University

Clare Relton from Sheffield University was welcomed to the meeting to provide Members with an update regarding the Fresh Street Project. It was explained that the purpose of the project was to develop and feasibility test an intervention to help create sustainable and healthy diets, eating behaviours and food systems in areas of high deprivation. The intervention is area based, with ninety-nine households across four streets in Athersley North identified as a suitable area and with every house on the street eligible to receive the offer.

78 households were recruited following a 7 – 10 weeks door knocking exercise. The project launched in March and each household was given 5 x £1 voucher each week for a 6 month period to spend in a local shop or on Barnsley Market on fresh fruit and vegetables only. The vouchers are enclosed in a bright green envelope with a free recipe and key health messages included.

It was reported that 90% of the vouchers (which have a 6 week 'use by' date) were redeemed within the first 2 weeks. Two-thirds of the vouchers have been redeemed at the local shop and the remaining one-third at Barnsley market, with more spending on fruit than vegetables.

Local Members have received positive feedback about the project. It appears that existing customers of the local shop have been buying more fruit and vegetables, have been buying locally instead of from the supermarket and that there has been a positive impact on eating habits, with children eating more fruit and veg. Some participants have reported that they have lost weight and there has been a financial benefit to those receiving the vouchers.

A member queried whether it would be possible to encourage participants to eat more vegetables as these are less harmful to teeth but it was explained that this would be difficult to implement.

The Medical Research Council is looking at interventions to improve population health and may be interested in the findings from this small scale research project. It would be informative to run the project for a longer period of time to identify long term benefits and enable a comparison over the summer/winter period but limited resources mean that it will run until the end of September. It was felt that funding for such projects should come from those who benefit from health improvement across the population such GPs, social care and health providers, as poor eating habits impact on the community as a whole.

Members expressed an interest in extending the project for a further 6 months period, which would cost in the region of £8,500, as this would provide some useful local information and would benefit the community as a whole.

RESOLVED that

- (i) Clare be thanked for her attendance and contribution
- (ii) An extension to the project for a further 6 months be agreed in principle pending receipt of detailed financial information.

5 Youth Participation Worker - recruitment update

The Area Council Manager introduced this item and provided members with an update on recruitment to the youth participation support worker. Members were

reminded that following discussions with the Early Intervention Service it had been agreed that two part time (18hr) grade 4 support worker posts should be recruited to as this would increase the flexibility of the service offer whilst ensuring the safety of the workers who could double up for out of hours work. The posts were advertised in May, eight applications were received, five were invited for interview, four attended and two preferred candidates had been identified. References and DBS checks are being undertaken and it is hoped that the officers will be in post by late July/early August before the schools restart in September.

RESOLVED that Members note the update regarding the proposed recruitment of a Young Peoples Participation Worker.

6 Social Isolation and Cold Homes Prevention

The Area Manager introduced this item and updated Members with regard to the current position of development, procurement and implementation of the commissioned service that is intended to address loneliness and isolation and prevent excess winter deaths in the North Area.

It was reported that 7 tender applications were received with some very strong submissions. Richard Kershaw from Housing and Energy along with Jennie MacPhail (Senior Health Improvement Officer) were involved in developing the specification and Kate Ripley (Health and Wellbeing Officer, Adult Social Care) and Jennie MacPhail were also on the evaluation panel. It is anticipated that the contract will be awarded from 10th August, following a 'stand still' period of two weeks.

RESOLVED that Members note the procurement progress to date.

7 Commissioning, Project Development and Finance Update

The Area Council Manager introduced this item and provided Members with a financial position and forecast for expenditure report based on the projects that have been proposed.

The report indicated the current position for projects, annual commitments from April 2018 and current budget position including underspend. In terms of the Stronger Communities Grants, performance information for the quarter end is currently being collated and monitoring meetings will take place shortly. It was highlighted that there will be a new provider for the distribution of the Community Magazine – a timescale is being developed and the next issue will go out in the autumn.

RESOLVED that

- (i) The North Area Council note the existing budget position and forecast for the funding commitments;
- (ii) The North Area Council note that contrary to previous information the North Area received a budget of £400,000 for the period 2017/18;
- (iii) Members note the update regarding the proposed recruitment of a Young Peoples Participation Worker;

(iv) Members note the update on the Social Inclusion and Fuel Poverty Reduction project proposal;

(v) Members note the current financial position, and

(vi) Members note that forecasted annual budget commitments based on the decisions that were made at the September and November 2017 meetings.

8 Report on the use of Ward Alliance Funds

The Area Council Manager updated the North Area Council with regard to the Ward Alliance budget for each ward for the 2017/18 period.

Members were encouraged to bring forward information about potential projects as soon as possible. It was reported that the Area Council Manager will meet with Rachel Tyas with regard to the provision of dog waste bins. Paul Castle and Matthew Bell will attend future meetings with regard to alternative uses for grass as no detailed information is available at the moment.

RESOLVED that each Ward in the North Area Council prioritises the efficient expenditure of Ward Alliance Funds in line with the guidance on spend.

9 Notes from the Area's Ward Alliances

The meeting received the notes from the Darton East Ward Alliance held on 8th May and 12th June; Darton West Ward Alliance held on 23rd May and 11th June; Old Town Ward Alliance held on 16th May and 6th June and St Helen's Ward Alliance held on 12th April and 24th May 2018.

It was reported that whilst providing an excellent service and involving the community, a Member had recently experienced difficulty contacting Twiggs. The Area Council Manager explained that Twiggs had been very busy recently with increased requests for service and it may be beneficial to meet to discuss projects requiring Twiggs' involvement. The hanging baskets in the St Helen's ward were looking fantastic despite the warm weather.

RESOLVED that the notes of the respective Ward Alliances be noted.

Chair

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MEETING:	Penistone Area Council
DATE:	Thursday, 19 July 2018
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Council Chamber, Penistone Town Hall

MINUTES

Present Councillors Barnard (Chair), David Griffin, Hand-Davis, Kitching, Millner and Wilson.

10 Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

No Members declared an interest in any item on the agenda.

11 Minutes of the Penistone Area Council meeting held on 7th June, 2018 (Pac.19.07.2018/2)

The Area Council received the minutes of the previous meeting held on 7th June, 2018.

An update was provided on the Penistone Alehouse project, with it entering the next stage of development. Volunteers with expertise were being sought in order to consider proposals and support with obtaining the potential accommodation which had recently been identified. A meeting had been arranged to take place on 8th August to discuss the latest developments.

Members heard how the Community Car Scheme was now being more widely promoted.

Members heard how the procurement for Penistone Matters had now concluded. Due to delays the next edition was expected to be published in Autumn, not Summer as previously planned. Members were encouraged to forward any ideas for articles. It was noted that copy deadlines would be shorter with the new supplier, and therefore content was likely to be more current.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Penistone Area Council meeting held on the 7th June, 2018 be approved as a true and correct record.

12 Notes from the Penistone East and West Ward Alliance held on 17th May, and 14th June, 2018 (Pac.19.07.2018/3)

The meeting received the notes from the Penistone East and West Ward Alliance held on 17th May and 14th June, 2018.

Members made enquiries in relation to the planters in front of Penistone Town Hall, and heard that the current plans were for community groups to remove and repurpose these, with the Paramount taking responsibility for those in front of the cinema.

RESOLVED that the notes from the Penistone East and West Ward Alliance held on 17th May and 14th June, 2018 be received.

13 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Pac.19.07.2018/4)

A report on the levels Ward Alliance Fund expenditure was considered, and it was noted that just over £2,000 remained to allocate from a budget of £20,000 for the financial year.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

14 Performance Report Q1 (Pac.19.07.2018/5)

The item was introduced by the Area Council Manager, and it was noted that many projects had come to an end at the close of quarter 4. However, information was still outstanding in relation to a number of Working Together Fund grants, including those given to the Roundtable and Trans Pennine Trail Volunteers.

The attention of Members was drawn to the numbers of Adult Volunteers, which had increased significantly in the previous quarter. This was largely due to the work of Twiggs. Members also noted the significant increase in the numbers of young people volunteering. Though the Area Council did no longer fund any direct intervention with young people, the increase in numbers were attributed to work of Twiggs and the intergenerational work undertaken by AGE UK.

Members also noted the significant increase in the value of volunteering, which was in part due to increases in numbers, but also due to the increase in hourly rate now attributed.

The Area Council Manager provided an overview of the performance of DIAL, noting that demand was now being managed effectively, but that there was still the need to produce a leaflet with useful telephone numbers to assist those waiting.

With regards to the contract with Twiggs Grounds Maintenance, the team were making significant progress with many other organisations involved, including schools and businesses. Members heard how good progress was being made in relation to the roll out of Incredible Edible in Penistone.

The service delivered by AGE UK was performing well, with 'sloppy slipper' events being an effective way of engaging residents in outlying areas. Future events planned would look towards planning for winter including measures to tackle cold homes, safety in the home, and wellbeing, which can be linked to excess winter deaths.

Members noted that Sporting Penistone had made progress on training, but that there was still more to be made. Feedback was also provided on Penistone FM, which had been instrumental in upskilling both younger and older people. The role of the radio station in increasing awareness of what was happening in the community was also acknowledged, with increased audiences at both football and cricket matches showing its impact.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

15 Penistone Market (Pac.19.07.2018/6)

Maria Cotton, Group Leader – Markets, and Robert Cawthrow, Market Rents and Compliance officer, were welcomed to the meeting. An update was provided on the current situation in relation to the markets held in Penistone, and the marketplace itself.

In relation to comments that the market had been quiet, the fruit and vegetable trader had responded that they had not been affected and for a number of weeks the Thursday market had been 100% let. Historically and more recently the Thursday market had been strong, and was thought to complement the current offer within Penistone.

The market on Saturday remained static, despite investment of time and effort from officers, however this was set against a national trend of decline.

Traders had expressed concerns in relation to banks closing in the centre of Penistone, and how this would impact on trade. Concerns had also been raised in relation to workers using the Tesco carpark as long stay parking, however it was noted that the time limit was now being enforced.

A number of options were being considered in relation to the marketplace, including securing the building in the evening. Previous concerns regarding an alleged public right of way through the building had been thoroughly researched and no evidence to confirm the existence of a right of way had been found. It was noted that as it had been previously used for this purpose, any closure of the route could potentially be challenged.

Members heard how preliminary costs had been sought, with £15,000 expected for shuttering to secure the building, with installation costs in addition to this. However, it was noted that repairs to the site are in the region of £4,000 per annum currently.

Members discussed the merits of closing the space, ensuring it was fit for purpose as a market without repeated repairs being necessary. However, it was also recognised that part of the issue related to the lack of facilities for young people, and that closing off the space would likely just move the problem elsewhere. Members commented on the need to maximise the benefits the Market Barn afforded, with it being used as a venue space as well as for markets.

Comments were received that town centre traders had expressed a desire to work with market traders in order to invigorate the economy of the town. Those present were in agreement that the market barn and its use was integral to the town centre and therefore would feed into the Principal Towns Programme, and the feasibility study currently underway.

RESOLVED that the feedback be noted and feed into the Principal Towns Programme.

16 Rural Waste Collection (Pac.19.07.2018/7)

The item was introduced by the Chair, who reminded Members of the changes to waste collection which meant that refuse would only be collected from the kerbside. The impact of this was most greatly felt in rural areas, which had a higher proportion of un-adopted roads and tracks.

Where problems occurred, bespoke solutions had been considered and had been implemented in a number of places. Councillors were reminded of discussion about the issue at the recent Ward Alliance meeting, where it was suggested that this could be an issue for the Area Council to discuss and potentially assist with a solution.

Members noted the need to make efficiency savings, but questioned the costs of solutions being put in place and the significant time of officers and Members to arrive at and implement the solutions. Members noted the outstanding issues faced by number of residents, and discussed potential ways to alleviate some of the issues.

Suggestions were made to provide support from the Area Council, but consensus was that any solution should be permanent as ongoing revenue financial support could not be sustainable.

As Members were aware that the number of residents with issues was declining, due to the interventions by the service being implemented, it was agreed not to undertake any intervention at the current time, but to monitor the situation and discuss it at a future meeting should issues remain outstanding.

RESOLVED that a future meeting of the Area Council revisits the discussion should the need arise.

17 Traffic Management (Pac.19.07.2018/8)

Councillor Millner introduced the item, referring to the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) proposed in The Green. After consultation with Highways, and taking into consideration the evidence provided from local residents, it was suggested that yellow lines be applied to the entrances/exits to The Green.

In addition, Councillor Millner also reminded the meeting of previous discussions around implementing a 20mph zone within the Town Centre.

Acknowledging budgetary pressures within the Highways service, Members discussed how previous TROs had been funded. It was noted that finance had often been provided through the Devolved Ward Budget, and although the current criteria for the Ward Alliance is to promote social action and volunteering there is scope to fund other projects which do not require with volunteer time. Although no volunteer time could be attributed to a TRO, it was noted that in the case of the problems faced by residents at The Green, this had brought them together as a community to address the issues.

Members discussed the criteria for considering a TRO and went on to discuss the process of approval for local funds. It was noted that decisions were those

delegated to an officer, taking account of the recommendations of the Ward Alliance, and in the case of TROs would take account of the views of officers in Highways.

It was acknowledged that there was more than one TRO being put forward which would require funding, but it was unlikely that many could be financed locally per year through the Ward Alliance Fund. Members also acknowledged the low numbers of officers to enforce TROs, however the use to encourage appropriate parking was acknowledged.

RESOLVED

- (i) that Members encourage an application from Highways to the Ward Alliance Fund for a Traffic Regulation Order in relation to The Green;
- (ii) that implementation of a 20mph zone in Penistone Town Centre be considered as part of the Principal Towns Programme.

18 Procurement and Financial Update (Pac.19.07.2018/9)

Members were reminded of discussion at the previous meeting in relation to provision for isolated and vulnerable older people, following the completion of the current contract delivered by AGE UK.

It was recommended that a grant fund be established, with a total value of £70,000 and grants be invited to address the issues raised by the current AGE UK contract. It was suggested that this operate similarly to the current Working Together Fund.

Members noted the current situation in relation to the Working Together Fund, with £13,856 remaining. Members discussed its promotion and it was agreed not to promote the fund widely at the current time, but that word of mouth or referral to the fund from organisations interested in applying to the Ward Alliance Fund, but requiring additional finance, would be sufficient.

The meeting briefly discussed its current priorities, and it was suggested that these be reviewed in the autumn.

Following on from the presentation from Twiggs Grounds Maintenance at the previous meeting of the Area Council Members were asked to consider whether to renew the contract for a further year. All Members were in agreement.

A recommendation was received to devolve £20,000 from the Area Council budget, to the Ward Alliance Fund, noting the small amount of Ward Alliance Fund remaining. All Members noted the significant benefit of the support given to Ward Alliance Fund recipients, and supported the suggestion.

The Area Council Manager provided an overview of the financial situation of the Area Council. It was noted that approval of the Isolated and Vulnerable Older People Fund, approval of the transfer of £20,000 to the Ward Alliance Fund, and re-contracting of Twiggs Grounds Maintenance would mean that £18,958.75 remained for allocation in 2018/19.

RESOLVED:-

- (i)** The update on procurement activity be noted;
- (ii)** That an Isolated and Vulnerable Older People Fund be established at a cost of £70,000;
- (iii)** That the Executive Director Communities be authorised to approve the grant procedures, including award criteria, taking account of the recommendations of the working group established to assist the development of the process;
- (iv)** That the Executive Director Communities be authorised to approve Isolated and Vulnerable Older People Fund grants, up to a total value of £70,000, following recommendations from the grants panel;
- (v)** That the update on the Working Together Fund 2018/19 be noted;
- (vi)** That £20,000 be devolved to the Ward Alliance Fund, to be allocated through previously approved mechanisms;
- (vii)** That the update on the Clean and Tidy Contract be noted and that the contract with Twiggs Grounds Maintenance be extended for a further 12 months at a cost of £98,007;
- (viii)** That the update provided on the financial position of the Area Council be noted.

Chair

Item 17



MEETING:	North East Area Council
DATE:	Thursday, 26 July 2018
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Meeting Room 1, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present Councillors Hayward (Chair), Clements, Hampson, Higginbottom, Houghton CBE, Makinson, Richardson, Sheard and C. Wraith MBE

6 **Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

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

7 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting of North East Area Council held on 31st May 2018**

The meeting considered the minutes from the previous meeting of the North East Area Council held on the 31st May, 2018.

Arising out of the above, reference was made to Minute 4 'North East Area Council Project Performance Report' and to the CCG Get Fit First Scheme which, it was noted, had a much wider remit than just smoking cessation. Within this context reference was also made to the arrangements for referring patients from GP's to hospital and specialists, to the provision of Primary Care services and to the proposed changes in NHS provision within Barnsley. It was noted that Councillor Clements had raised similar concerns within the Council meeting this morning. It was felt that these issues should be kept under review.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the North East Area Council held on the 31st May, 2018 be approved as a true and correct record.

8 **Notes of the Following Ward Alliances with Feedback from each Ward Alliance Chair**

The meeting received notes from the Cudworth, Monk Bretton, North East and Royston Ward Alliances held recently. The following updates were noted:-

Cudworth

- June had been volunteering month and had been a tremendous success. There had been many events with children visiting allotments to help with planting and volunteers had given up their Sunday morning to litter pick in Cudworth High Street as well as volunteers assisting in the Barnsley in Bloom Competition
- The Academic Achievement Awards had been held on Tuesday 12th June, 2018 with pupils from Cherrydale, Birkwood and Churchfield Primary Schools receiving awards. Congratulations were expressed to those children who had won awards and a special thanks was given to the volunteers from the Cudworth Ward Alliance, to the teachers and pupils within the community

- The Dental Care Project funded by the Ward Alliance at Birkwood School had been very successful
- The Military Band in Cudworth Park on the 1st July, 2018 had been a great success and was well attended. The band had been booked for a return concert on the 16th September, 2018
- The Yorkshire in Bloom judging day had been successful and the results were awaited in September
- The Cudworth Tea in the Park on the 21st July, 2018 had been extremely well attended.
- Birkwood School Brass had been awarded funding of £1,253 by the Ward Alliance
- Forthcoming events included
 - Grimethorpe Youth Band on the 5th August, 2018 (3.00 pm to 4.30 pm)
 - Barnsley Metropolitan Band on the 16th September, 2018 (3.00 pm to 4.30 pm)
 - Health Fayre on 24th November, 2018 (10.30 am to 12.00 noon)

Arising out of the above, reference was made to, and there was a discussion of the importance of those providing entertainment type facilities (fairground rides, inflatables etc.) to be registered with the Contractors Health and Safety Assessment Scheme (CHAS) in addition to them being appropriately insured. It was noted that CHAS registration required the operators of equipment/facilities to have a recognised standard of health and safety management and covered health and safety compliance issues. The implications of CHAS registration was outlined and the Area Council Manager reported that the Council's Health and Safety Service could assist with any enquiries or with helping with registration. She also reported that she, together with her colleagues, were looking at ways in which community groups and volunteers could be informed of these requirements.

Monk Bretton

- The Dementia Friendly Training session had been well attended
- The Memorial Garden had been judged as part of Yorkshire in Bloom
- Brass on the Grass was to be held in Monk Bretton on the 12th August, 2018
- A Heath Fayre was to be held at Priory Campus on the 21st September, 2018 (9.30 am to 2.00 pm) and all were welcome
- Christmas Lights were to be switched on as follows:
 - Monk Bretton Church – 7th December, 2018
 - Burton Grange – 8th December, 2018

North East

- The Great Houghton Village Hall Committee Children's Fund Day which had been sponsored by the Ward Alliance had been a great success
- The Ward Alliance had allocated £500 towards the establishment of a new fishing group at the Dell Grimethorpe
- There had been 2 entries for the first time in the Yorkshire in Bloom Competition the first at Grimethorpe War Memorial which had involved children from Ladywood Primary school with the second being at Milefield Farm
- Recent grants had included:

- £1524 towards the Bruce Dyer Love Life UK Grimethorpe Sports Ground Open Day on the 27th August, 2018
- £513 for Reds in the Community
- £500 for the Ladywood Primary School 50th Anniversary Garden which was being developed in celebration.
- AMCO Volunteers were assisting with the Park pond area with areas being developed for fishermen/women. It was hoped that new picnic tables could be provided, grass cutting was taking place near the entrance to the pond and a litter pick was to take place.
- Children from Ladywood Primary School had undertaken planting at the War Memorial and representatives from the Ward Alliance and the Royal British Legion had been in attendance.
- An explanation of the financial position was provided particularly since this had left money remaining which it had been intended would be used to fund a defibrillator which would not now be possible. The reasons for this were explained.

Royston

- It had been a busy period for events and the Gala had been a great success. The money raised had been split between the Dynamos Football Team and the Defibrillator project
- In relation to Britain in Bloom, all green spaces and planters had been looked after by a group of over 40 volunteers. Work had also taken place at the Canal. Feedback had been extremely positive
- Flyers had been distributed advertising the programme of activities over the 6 week holiday
 - and Barnsley Premier Leisure had agreed to matched funding for swimming/gym sessions.
 - Football sessions were to be held one a week in Royston Park
 - Pond dipping was to be held at Rabbit Ings
- Volunteers been very busy in various activities with
 - bands in the park
 - paving works in Royston Park
 - work in Carlton Cemetery
- NPS were providing support with officer time and technical expertise on the Volunteer It Yourself Initiative at Royston Pavilion. Students were to be offered various activities and placements commencing in September
- Money had been awarded for the Skate Park refurbishment which was to take place over the summer
- Future events were referred to and it was noted that dates had still to be agreed for the Health Fayre and the Christmas Events
- Following the renewal of the high tension cables in the area and the subsequent intervention by the Ward Alliance members, work had been undertaken to repair roads damaged as a result of the works. In addition, a fence had been erected on the banks of the canal
- A litter pick with volunteers and pupils from Carlton Academy had been successful but one 'hot spot' remained and details of this were to be discussed with the Principal of the Academy

RESOLVED that the notes from the Ward Alliances and the update reports be received.

9 Independent Placement Scheme

RESOLVED that consideration of this matter be deferred as the representative of the South Yorkshire Housing Association (on behalf of the NHS) was not in attendance.

10 North East Area Council Project Performance Report

The Area Council Manager introduced this item and provided Members with a detailed update report regarding performance of the North East Area Council's commissioned projects together with a summary performance management report and individual cases for each service. Key points to note included:

- The newly appointed Community Development Worker had started work with the Council and had settled in well
- Thanks were extended to Barnsley Community Build who had repaired the vandalised roof of the Royston Bandstand at short notice four days before the Gala
- *Environmental and Enforcement commission*
 - details of the number of fixed Penalty Notices was provided. Officers continued to concentrate their patrols around intelligence led information from the tasking process and also from complaints on the street, from the community at large.
 - There had been an increase in specific witness information in relation to the throwing of litter from vehicles
 - Prosecutions for littering and dog fouling were continuing and there was currently a 99% success rate at court, however, it was not possible to pursue all offenders who failed to pay due to court space allocated to Barnsley offenders and this was a growing problem. It was pleasing to note that the FPN for littering had increased to £100 from April, 2018
 - In response to specific questioning, the Area Council Manager stated that if 'hot spots' were identified these areas would be targeted and Case Study 1 gave details of one such initiative. Such initiatives often acted as a deterrent and prevented a recurrence of the problems identified leading to a behaviour change in the area targeted
 - Walkabouts were continuing to be successful
 - Juvenile 'Litter Picking days' had been undertaken and the Community Litter pick on the 21st July at Acorn Park, Grimethorpe had been attended by 24 juveniles
- *Stop Smoking Initiative*
 - The Initiative had been launched on the 16th July, 2018 and weekly sessions were being held at various venues around the area
 - Numbers attending were continuing to increase and Sarah Sverdloff was becoming known within the community and feedback was extremely positive
 - The funding was for one year only and, therefore, the initiative was being monitored carefully
 - Posters advertising the service were to be distributed

- *Case Studies* – gave details of the Environmental Enforcement, Royston Canal Club, Dominic Jones and Work Experience, Interschool Crown Green Bowling and Private Sector Housing
 - It was pleasing to note that the Royston Canal Club had funding for the purchase of a new boat
 - Dominic Jones had been chosen to be the South Yorkshire Scout representative in America at the South Yorkshire World Scout Jamboree. This was a tremendous achievement and Dominic was raising funds to help pay for the trip. He had also been selected onto the National Youth Select Committee 2018 that would investigate the issue of work experience nationally. He was one of only 11 members to get seats on the committee for his role as a Member of the Youth Parliament and had spoken positively about his experience in Barnsley
 - The Interschool Crown Green Bowling Club had been a tremendous success. The work undertaken by Gemma Conway with schools, the organisation of the gala, visits to the canal and the introduction of children to fishing was particularly noted
 - Members were pleased to note the work undertaken with private landlords which was now encouraging greater two way dialogue between landlord and tenant

RESOLVED that the update report be noted.

11 Report on the Use of Area Council Budgets and Ward Alliance Funds

The Area Council Manager introduced this item and updated Members regarding the North East Area Council budget and the progress in each ward in expending the Ward Alliance Fund, in line with priorities. It also highlighted that £16,191 of the Area Council budget remained uncommitted.

The Area Council Manager was to re-examine the finances in the light of future commissioning activity. Overall, however, the budget was likely to be fully committed.

In relation to Ward Alliance budgets, it was noted that approximately 50% of the available. The spending profile to January was likely to determine the spending commitments for 2019/20.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the current position of the Area Council Devolved Ward Budget and Ward Alliance Funds be noted; and
- (ii) That each Ward continue to priorities the efficient expenditure of the Ward Alliance funds in line with the guidance on spend.

12 Update Reports

(a) Environmental Enforcement

The Area Council Manager reported that the current Environmental Enforcement Commission would end in March, 2019. A decision had, therefore, to be made as to

whether or not to renew the contract. Given that this was a jointly commissioned project with other Area Councils and that the decision would probably have to be made in September it was suggested that a small Environmental Steering Group be established to make the appropriate decision and report back to this Area Council.

Members noted the success of this project and felt that this or some other type of enforcement initiative/programme should continue in the future.

RESOLVED that the Mayor and Councillors Hayward, Makinson and C Wraith MBE form an Environment Steering Group with representatives of other Area Councils to discuss and approve, if required, the continuation of this programme subject to a further report being submitted to the next meeting of the Area Council for ratification.

(b) Superfast Broadband in Royston

It was noted that the Area Council Manager had provided an email response to the Member raising the query about the current position on the provision of Superfast Broadband in Royston.

(c) Principal Towns Briefings

The Area Council Manager reported that she would provide Members with an update on the dates of Principal Towns Briefings.

(d) Be Cancer Safe

Councillor Sheard reported upon her attendance at a CCG meeting on the 25th July, 2018 and to the launch of the Be Cancer Safe Campaign which was encouraging people to take up screening opportunities and she also reported that Be Cancer Safe Champions were being sought to promote the scheme.

Information leaflets on this would be circulated once received.

(e) Policing in the area

There was a brief discussion of information received regarding the possible change to Policing within the area in the near future and of the concerns this was causing within the community.

Chair

MEETING:	Dearne Area Council
DATE:	Monday, 30 July 2018
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Meeting Room, Goldthorpe Library

MINUTES

Present Councillors Noble (Chair), Gardiner, Gollick, C. Johnson, Phillips and Sixsmith MBE.

1 **Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

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

2 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting of Dearne Area Council held on 14th May, 2018 (Dac.30.07.2018/2)**

The meeting received the minutes from the previous meeting of Dearne Area Council.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Dearne Area Council meeting held on 14th May, 2018 be approved as a true and correct record.

3 **Performance Report Q1 (Dac.30.07.2018/3)**

The Area Council Manager introduced the item making Members aware that performance indicators included information recorded to the end of June, 2018.

Members were made aware that there had been a number of changes in staffing in relation to the Environmental Enforcement contract monitoring meetings, and that the recent contract meeting had been very positive.

Within the first quarter 82 Fixed Penalty Notices had been issued, 79 for littering and 3 for dog fouling. A restorative justice event had been held within the Dearne with young people taking part in lieu of paying the notice.

A number of specific operations had been conducted in the area, and officers continued to work flexibly in order to respond to complaints.

With reference to the housing officer contracted to the Area Council, Members heard how 158 requests for service had been made and 11 vulnerable households identified. The officer had conducted 30 property inspections, and signposted 15 clients onto additional services. Members were assured that any fly-tipping identified had been reported in through appropriate channels.

In relation to the contract with Twiggs Grounds Maintenance, performance was positive. 20 social action projects had been completed, and 5 areas had been adopted from a target of 8. The commission had engaged 150 volunteers, engaged with the local secondary school, and with 12 businesses. It was suggested that the target for engaging volunteers is discussed at the next contract meeting with a view to stretching this.

Members considered the performance of the project funded through Dearne Development Fund grants. DIAL had held 12 sessions and engaged with 50 residents. £62,097 of benefit had been gained.

Attendances at the Goldthorpe Development Group events remained consistent, with high numbers also volunteering. The group was working with the Area Team in order to engage a variety of additional health providers to attend the events for the remainder of the project.

An update was provided on the work undertaken by Dearne Electronic Community Village. Since November, 68 learners had enrolled. Each had been provided with intensive support and as a result 17 had returned to work. Members discussed the reliance of one person in order to deliver the service, noting that they were key to the success of the project. It was suggested that an apprentice position could provide additional support, and that this option be explored.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

4 Community Safety in the Dearne (Dac.30.07.2018/4)

The Community Safety Team Leader for the area was welcomed to the meeting to speak to the report. It was noted that the report contained information wider than the Dearne area, which aimed to provide some context.

Members noted the PACT priorities from April-June, which provided the proactive focus in addition to reactive work.

The meeting heard of the recent focus on fly-tipping. Progress has been made with vehicles seized and a number of prosecutions. Strongly worded letters had been distributed to many households, which suggested clearing the area would be preferable to prosecution. It was noted that officers worked with colleagues in other boroughs to try to combat cross border tipping, and a number of high quality cameras were placed in the area to help capture evidence of perpetrators.

Members applauded the work undertaken and it was suggested that this could be publicised more widely, taking care that the right messages were given.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

5 Dearne Area Council Financial Position and Progress of Projects (Dac.30.07.2018/5)

The Area Council Manager spoke to the report, previously circulated.

For the current financial year the Area Council had an opening balance of £208,467.96. £65,000 had been allocated to the Dearne Development Fund, and contracts had been continued for Environmental Enforcement, the Private Sector Housing Officer and the Environmental Education and Volunteering Service. Taking into account income from the Fixed Penalty Notices this left a total of £5,939.96 to allocate.

Members were reminded of their previous decision to allocate £2,000 per year for two years towards the Social Isolation Project. This was to be funded from the Dearne Development Fund project. Following the recharge for Fixed Penalty Notices it was suggested that this could now come from the Area Council budget.

An update was provided on the Railway Embankment Project, and it was noted that work on the entrance had progressed. The project had become a positive talking point for the area. Members heard how discussions were taking place regarding the memorial for the boys who had passed away on the site and potential relocation from the secondary school. Network Rail were also looking into the possibility of siting railway memorabilia on site. Dearne Valley Landscape Partnership had agreed to provide interpretation boards highlighting the heritage of the site and its transformation and had promised additional finance for fencing. Discussions had also taken place regarding the sponsorship of vegetable/flower boxes.

The Area Council Manager provided an update on the finance remaining as part of the Dearne Development Fund, which stood at £46,794.10.

Members noted the recent discussions to consider future commissions, with further discussions planned. Also noted was the update in relation to the Social Isolation Project. Three quotes had been requested and two received. Befriend had been successful in gaining the contract, but AGE UK had also expressed a desire to work in the area.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) The financial position of the Area Council be noted;
- (ii) That £2,000 per annum for two years to support the Social Isolation Project, previously agreed to be funded from the Dearne Development Fund budget, be funded from the Area Council Budget;
- (iii) That the progress of previously agreed projects be noted.

6 Strategic Housing (Dac.30.07.2018/6)

The Empty Homes Officer was welcomed to the meeting to speak about the work to support the return of empty homes back into use. Members and officers locally had been contacted to develop a greater understanding of the problematic properties.

1,600 properties had been identified throughout the borough and a variety of support was available for property owners. This included advice on probate, renting and how to sell. If the house was in disrepair, grants or loans were available, subject to conditions, to bring the property back into use. Help was also available for tenants and landlords in the form of support packs to ensure they were aware of their rights and obligations.

The officer provided details of the work undertaken with partner organisations working in the area in order to bring properties back into use.

Members heard how enforcement action could be used, and details were given about a sale being enforced locally. Assurances were given that any costs incurred by the Council would be recouped following the sale.

The possibility of using Compulsory Purchase Orders was discussed, however it was noted that this could be costly.

Officers were working closely with colleagues within Council Tax in order to take appropriate action with empty property owners, who were in arrears with their Council Tax.

It was suggested that a multi-agency group be convened to discuss the range of housing issues in the area, current intervention, and how partners can work better together to address the problem.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That thanks be given to the Empty Homes Officer for their work in the area and their attendance at the meeting;
- (ii) That details of the empty properties in the area, and action to be taken be taken be forwarded to Members; and
- (iii) That a multi-agency group be convened to discuss the best approaches to the housing issues in the area.

7 Notes from the Dearne Approach Steering Group held on 14th May, 2018 (Dac.30.07.2018/7)

Members considered the notes from the meeting held on 14th May, 2018.

RESOLVED that the notes from the Dearne Approach Steering Group be received.

8 Notes from the Dearne Ward Alliance held on 10th May and 12th July, 2018 (Dac.30.07.2018/8)

The meeting received the notes from the Dearne Ward Alliance held on 10th May, and 12th July, 2018. Members noted that the Alliance had considered GDPR, and also that the Ward Alliance Members had been invited to Heathergarth Primary School.

RESOLVED that notes from the respective Ward Alliances be received.

9 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Dac.30.07.2018/9)

The Area Manager provided an overview on the use of Ward Alliance Funds.

Dearne North had approved £3,329.00 from an opening balance of £9,506.69, leaving £6,176.39 to be allocated. All projects had provided match funding.

Dearne South had approved £1,021.36 from an opening balance of £11,021.36, meaning £8,991.46 remained to be allocated. As with Dearne North all projects had provided match funding.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

Chair

MEETING:	South Area Council
DATE:	Friday, 31 August 2018
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Meeting Room, Wombwell Library

MINUTES

Present Councillors Stowe (Chair), Andrews BEM, Franklin, Frost, Daniel Griffin, Lamb, Saunders, Shepherd, Sumner and R. Wraith.

8 **Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

Councillors Franklin, Shepherd and Lamb each declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute numbers 9 and 14 due to their positions as directors of Forge Community Partnership, in so far as discussion related to the tidy team.

9 **Procurement and Financial Update (Sac.31.08.2018/8)**

The Area Council Manager introduced the item and the attention of Members was drawn to the timeline proposed for the procurement of an Environmental Tidy Team. The tender was expected to be issued in early October, 2018 with the contract award issued in early December. The new service was expected to commence 1st April, 2019. Members supported the proposal, at an annual cost of £195,720, and Councillors Stowe and Andrews agreed to take part in the procurement exercise.

Members then discussed the extension of the Private Sector Housing Enforcement Service Level Agreement. It was noted that this had been previously been agreed to extend this for a further year to conclude on 31st March, 2019.

In relation to Environmental Enforcement Members had previously indicated that they wished to concentrate on parking enforcement around the town centres of Hoyland and Wombwell. It was suggested that this service be procured with an indicative value of £20,000 per annum, with up to £10,000 allocated for an SLA with BMBC Safer Communities in order to provide the support required for this service as previously. The timeline for procurement was noted, and it was agreed that Councillors Stowe and Lamb be part of the tender evaluation panel for this service.

Members then discussed the provision of Advice Services. It was suggested that this be tendered around February, with evaluation taking place in March, 2019, and the contract commencing 1st July, 2019. A value of £79,572 per annum, the same as currently, was suggested. It was agreed that Councillors Stowe and Shepherd take part in the tender evaluation panel for this service.

The financial position for the Area Council was then noted, with around £39,000 remaining for allocation within the current financial year, £10,832 of which was for environmental projects.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That the current financial position for 2018/19 and 2019/2020 be noted;
- (ii) That approval be given for the procurement of an Environmental Tidy Team at a cost of £195,720 per annum for one year with the ability to extend the

- contract for a further year subject to adequate performance, evidence of need and funding being available, and that the Executive Director Communities, following consultation with Members, be authorised to approve any necessary tender documentation to ensure timely procurement;
- (iii) That approval be given for the procurement of Parking Enforcement at a total cost of £30,000 per annum for one year with the ability to extend the contract for a further year subject to adequate performance, evidence of need and funding being available, and that the Executive Director Communities, following consultation with Members, be authorised to approve any necessary tender documentation to ensure timely procurement;
 - (iv) That approval be given for the procurement of Advice Services at a cost of £79,572 per annum for one year with the ability to extend the contract for a further year subject to adequate performance, evidence of need and funding being available, and that the Executive Director Communities, following consultation with Members, be authorised to approve any necessary tender documentation to ensure timely procurement;
 - (v) That the timescales for procurement of an Environmental Tidy Team, Parking Enforcement and Advice Service be noted;
 - (vi) That Councillors Stowe and Andrews take part in the tender evaluation panel for the Environmental Tidy Team procurement;
 - (vii) That Councillors Stowe and Lamb take part in the tender evaluation panel for the Parking Enforcement procurement;
 - (viii) That Councillors Stowe and Shepherd take part in the tender evaluation panel for the Advice Services procurement.

**10 Minutes of the Meeting of South Area Council held on 15th June, 2018
(Sac.31.08.2018/2)**

The meeting considered the minutes of South Area Council held on 15th June, 2018.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the South Area Council held on 15th June, 2018 be approved as a true and correct record.

11 Notes of the Ward Alliances (Sac.31.08.2018/3)

The meeting received the notes from the following Ward Alliances Hoyland Milton and Rockingham held on 4th July, 2018; and Darfield Ward Alliance held on 19th July, 2018.

RESOLVED that the notes from the Ward Alliances be received.

12 Smoke Free Schools (Sac.31.08.2018/4)

Kaye Mann, Senior Health Improvement Officer, was welcomed to the meeting to discuss Smoke Free Schools, which was part of the work to make smoking invisible in Barnsley. Members heard that this that also includes Smoke Free Parks, and Smoke Free places within the Town Centre such as the Pals Memorial Square.

The approach within schools was voluntary and encompassed the whole school, with staff, parents and children all being involved. The aim was to make smoking invisible and in doing so it was hoped that the next generation would not take up smoking and be smoke free.

Members noted the health problems associated with smoking and its contribution to preventable death, and heard of the resources available to schools, including signage and a toolkit. Members heard of the recent launch of Smoke Free Schools at Laithes Primary, which featured in the national, regional and local press.

Members supported the work in schools, and requested that the toolkit be circulated to raise awareness and promote the support available to schools in the area.

Discussion turned to the roll out of Smoke Free areas and the potential of adopting smoke free areas within the locality. The balance between supporting the desires of a significant proportion of residents, with the need to ensure that any negative impact on local businesses in avoided was acknowledged. It was suggested that further research is undertaken prior to a further discussion at the next meeting of the Area Council.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That thanks be given for the presentation;
- (ii) That the roll out of Smoke Free Schools initiative be supported in the South Area;
- (iii) That the Smoke Free Schools toolkit be circulated to all Elected Members;
- (iv) That research be done prior to a further discussion on the potential of making certain areas in the South Area smoke free at the next meeting of the Area Council.

At this point in the proceedings Councillor Saunders left and therefore the meeting became inquorate.

13 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Sac.31.08.2018/6)

The item was introduced by the Area Council Manager, who made Members aware of the current financial situation with regards to the Ward Alliance Funds in the Area as published in the report.

From a starting balance of £10,975 Darfield Ward Alliance had £8,650 remaining for allocation. Wombwell Ward Alliance had £10,448.04 remaining to allocate from £11,308.04 available at the start of the financial year. Hoyland Milton and Rockingham Ward Alliance had £18,326.25 remaining from an opening balance of £20,086.25. However, since the publishing of the report additional finance had been approved from the Hoyland Milton and Rockingham Ward Alliance Fund which left around £13,000 to be allocated.

RECOMMENDATION:- that the report be noted.

14 Performance Report Q1 (Sac.31.08.2018/7)

The Area Council Manager introduced the item, referring to the changes in staff delivering the Advice Services contract. Recruitment for the generalist advisor had taken place and the incoming member of staff had experience working within Mexborough CAB. The outgoing member of staff, Zoe Ellis-Georgiou, had secured a more permanent position within CAB Barnsley. Members gave thanks for her commitment to the service, and it was agreed that this be put in writing.

Sessions in Wombwell and Hoyland continued to be oversubscribed, though there remained space in Darfield. It was noted that further consideration would be given to the venue and time of the session held in Darfield. Members heard of the increase in clients presenting with mental health and physical disabilities, and discussed possible reasons for this. Also noted were the high numbers of those attending who were in work.

Members considered the performance against the Tidy Team contract, noting that additional resources were still being deployed in order to engage businesses. Members heard how the steering group had been poorly attended, and that the next meeting of the steering group would consider winter planning and scheduling. It was agreed that details of this be circulated to all Members.

Those present discussed the issue of litter associated with food outlets located near Junction 36. Despite efforts by Kingdom Enforcement and the Tidy Team, the area continued to be problematic. It was suggested that a more strategic approach be considered, and that a group be convened to consider the issue in more detail.

Members noted the changes in staff in relation to the contract with Kingdom Security, and those present heard how the service had recently been very responsive to requests from the Area Team.

RECOMMENDATION:-

- (i) That the report be noted;
- (ii) That a letter of thanks be given to Zoe Ellis-Georgiou in recognition of her commitment whilst employed as part of the Advice Service in the South Area;
- (iii) That details of the next Tidy Team steering group be circulated to all Members;
- (iv) That a group be convened to consider the issue of litter from food outlets near Junction 36 in more detail.

15 Fostering Recruitment (Sac.31.08.2018/5)

Angela Riley, Senior Social Worker, together with fostering champions Duncan Bagshaw and Gwen Barnes, were welcomed to the meeting.

An overview of the work successful work piloted in the North East Area was given, and it was noted that each area was now assigned a lead social worker and two foster carers acting as champions.

Members heard that there were 145 fostering households in Barnsley, with around 310 children currently in foster care. In 2017/18 and addition 37 households were recruited, which was greater than previously and this was attributed to the approach taken in the North East Area. The target for 2018/19 was a net gain of 30 households, recognising that as many are recruited some also retire from caring.

In recruiting additional foster carers, this would help to ensure those in care could stay in Barnsley and would reduce the disruption caused by placements out of the borough. Members heard how the fostering team aims to place children within a 20 mile area.

A discussion took place regarding the different types of fostering, from short term respite to long term, and the process interested individuals would engage with to become foster carers.

Given the limited resources the team had targeted community events which had the greatest footfall, and where families would attend in order to start conversations with those who may be interested. Members were asked to forward details of events to the team and feedback which were likely to be the most successful in terms of engaging those potentially interested.

Aside from making links with the South Area Team, it was suggested that representatives could advocate on behalf of the recruitment process at Ward Alliances, through the South Area's Facebook page and through the Community Magazine.

RECOMMENDED that thanks be given for the presentation and Members pledge to support the drive to recruit foster carers in the South Area wherever possible.

Chair

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Item 21

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CORE SERVICES

FULL COUNCIL – 27TH SEPTEMBER 2018

LOCALISM ACT 2011 – ARRANGMENTS FOR DEALING WITH ETHICAL STANDARDS COMPLAINTS: APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSONS

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 The report seeks Council confirmation of the recent appointment of two Independent Persons to assist the Monitoring Officer in dealing with Ethical Standards complaints as required by the relevant provisions of the Localism Act 2011.

2. Recommendations

2.1 **That Ms J Cairns and Mr David Waxman be appointed as Independent Persons for the purposes of the relevant provisions of the Localism Act 2011 for the remainder of the Municipal Year subject to reappointment on an annual basis at the Annual Council, such reappointment not to extend beyond May 2022.**

3. Background

3.1 The Localism Act 2011 introduced a new statutory framework for dealing with Standards Issues. In July 2012, the Council adopted a new Code of Conduct, created a Standards Committee and adopted a procedure for investigating Standards Complaints. The Act also created the new role of Independent Person which must be appointed by a Council.

3.2 This role is reflected in the procedures adopted by the Council. In addition, the role may also involve serving on a panel that would advise the council on matters relating to the dismissal of any of the three Statutory Officers (Head of Paid Service, Monitoring Officer and the Chief Finance Officer).

3.3 The Independent Persons must be consulted at various stages of the complaints' process and assist the Monitoring Officer in considering complaints that a Member may have breached the Code of Conduct. The role of the Independent Person is essentially advisory. Any Council decision making body which is giving consideration to an Ethical Standards complaint is required to consult the Independent Person and must give due regard to their views before reaching any determination as to the outcome of a complaint. The Monitoring Officer is also entitled in their discretion to consult the Independent Person and in particular to do so when giving consideration whether or not any complaint received should be the subject of formal investigation. Any elected member who is the subject of the complaint may also seek the views of the Independent Person.

3.4 Local authorities are entitled to appoint one or more Independent Persons. There are advantages in making more than one appointment as it provides scope for providing both the decision making body and the Member who is the subject of a complaint to seek the views of the Independent Person, without suggestion of conflict.

3.5 The Council Meeting on 8 November 2012 appointed three Independent Persons for a term of four years, which was extended further until such time a full recruitment exercise took place. The exercise was undertaken jointly with Sheffield City Council and the South Yorkshire Joint Authorities. Remuneration of the posts was shared between the three authorities.

4. Appointment Process.

4.1 A recruitment process commenced in April 2018 to appoint two Independent Persons and existing Independent Persons were eligible to apply. The shortlisted candidates were interviewed on 17 July 2018.

4.2 The interview panel comprised Cllr Jim Andrews, Deputy Leader (BMBC), Cllr Josie Paszek, Chair of Audit and Standards Committee (SCC), Gillian Duckworth, Director of Legal and Governance/Monitoring Officer (SCC) and Martin McCarthy, Service Director BMBC/Deputy Clerk (SY Joint Authorities). Four candidates were interviewed by the panel.

4.3 All of the applicants were considered by the panel to be of a satisfactory standard and had relevant related experience in dealing with standards complaints. However the panel considered that the following two applicants should be appointed to the position of Independent Person for a four year term:

Mr. David Waxman

Ms. Jo Cairns

5. Implications

5.1 Legal - There are no direct legal implications. The Council is required to appoint Independent Persons to support the Council's Monitoring Officer in addressing Ethical Standards Complaints in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011.

5.2 Financial - The two Independent Persons receive an annual allowance of £737.00 paid monthly. The allowance is split equally between the Council, Sheffield City Council and South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority.

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September 2018.**

Item 22

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

This matter is not a Key Decision within the Council's definition and has not been included in the relevant Forward Plan

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (PEOPLE) TO CABINET ON 5th SEPTEMBER 2018

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BARNSELY CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL (2017/18)

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To present for Cabinet's consideration the latest Annual Report of the Corporate Parenting Panel.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That Cabinet notes the progress and achievements made by the Panel in supporting children and young people in care, together with care leavers, during 2017/18.**

3.0 INTRODUCTION

- 3.1 Both the Children Act (2004) and the Children (Leaving Care) Act (2000) continue to place a statutory duty upon the Council to protect children from suffering significant harm and to provide continued financial and transitional support for care leavers aged up to 25.
- 3.2 More recently, Part 1 of the Children and Social Work Act (2017) and the publication of subsequent statutory guidance, requires the Council to give due regard to act in the best interests of and to secure the best outcomes for looked after children and care leavers. As part of this, the publication of a 'Local Offer' to young people leaving care, including provision of a personal advisor, was considered and approved by Cabinet at its meeting held on 18th April this year.

4.0 CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES

- 4.1 Please see Paragraph 5.1 of this report.

5.1 PROPOSAL AND JUSTIFICATION

- 5.1 The Corporate Parenting Panel's latest annual report, attached as Appendix 1, demonstrates its continuing compliance with the responsibilities indicated in Paragraphs 3.1 and 3.2 above and the added value which it brings to the experience of children and young people both in and leaving care, particularly in helping them stay safe and healthy; improve their aspirations and prospects as well as enjoy enriching lives in accordance with the Council's 'Pledge' to children in care and care leavers in the Borough.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR LOCAL PEOPLE AND SERVICE USERS

- 6.1 The role of the Corporate Parenting Panel includes ensuring that all children in need of care in any part of Barnsley, together with those from other areas who are placed in the Borough, receive the help and support which they require in order to stay safe and healthy, gain a good education and to lead rewarding lives.

7.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this annual report. Financial performance, namely resources, budget and spend in relation to discharging the Panel's responsibilities is regularly reported through the Council's budgetary procedures.

8.0 EMPLOYEE IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 Whilst there are no direct implications emerging through consideration of the Panel's Annual Report, Cabinet should be aware that Part 2 of the Children and Social Work Act (2017) recently led to the establishment of Social Work England as the independent regulator for children's social work and which will be responsible for regulation and improvement; professional standards, together with the education and training of child and family social workers.

9.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 There are no direct legal implications arising through consideration of the Annual Report.

10.0 CUSTOMER AND DIGITAL IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 Similarly, the Annual Report has no adverse implications for young people or their carers in being able to access relevant services through various channels.

11.0 COMMUNICATIONS IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 The Annual Report will be published and promoted via the Council's Web Site in order to make stakeholders aware of the importance of the Panel's work and the value it adds to supporting vulnerable children and young people in the Borough.

12.0 CONSULTATIONS

- 12.1 The Annual Report has been drafted with the valuable help and input of children in care and care leavers, including representatives from the Barnsley Care4Us Council.

13.0 THE CORPORATE PLAN AND THE COUNCIL'S PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

- 13.1 The role and responsibilities discharged by the Corporate Parenting Panel support a number of the Strategic Priorities of the Barnsley Children and Young People's Plan

relating to children in care and care leavers. These strategic priorities are as follows:

- Keeping Children and Young People Safe.
- Improving Education, Achievement and Employability.
- Tackling Child Poverty and Developing Stronger, Resilient Families.
- Supporting All Children, Young People and Families To Make Healthy Lifestyle Choices.
- Encouraging Positive Relationships and Strengthening Emotional Health.

13.2 In addition, the Panel's work supports one of the Council's Corporate Priorities, notably by ensuring children and young people in care are kept safe from harm and are enabled to have their say in overseeing the quality and effectiveness of local services, as part of improving their potential and life chances.

13.3 Performance relating to the data set of relevant, local indicators, including the outturn data for Quarter 4 (2017/18) is noted in Pages 8-10 of the Annual Report (Appendix 1). This shows that in comparison with the corresponding quarter over the last 3 years, performance continues to improve on many of the local indicators.

14.0 PROMOTING EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND SOCIAL INCLUSION

14.1 A crucial element of the Council's 'Pledge' to children in our care, together with care leavers, is to promote, support and respect their identity. Therefore, it will be an ongoing responsibility for the Panel to ensure the specific needs of any children in care and care leavers belonging to groups with protected characteristics as defined by the Equality Act (2010) are met in a way which respects their identity.

15.0 TACKLING THE IMPACT OF POVERTY

15.1 Please see Paragraphs 13.1 and 13.2 of this report.

16.0 TACKLING HEALTH INEQUALITIES

16.1 A key responsibility of the Panel is helping ensure improvements take place in the health of children and young people in care. According to the latest published data on the timeliness of both health and dental assessments, performance remains stable and continues to be better than both the National Average and the average among similar local authorities.

17.0 REDUCTION OF CRIME AND DISORDER

17.1 The Panel's role in supporting the Council's 'Pledge' includes overseeing and challenging the effectiveness of local services which are responsible for keeping them safe from harm (including abuse, exploitation and neglect) as well as preventing them from adopting risky behaviours which can harm their wellbeing as well as the safety of local communities.

17.2 Through listening to children and young people's experiences of being in care and ensuring this perspective informs improvement, the approach of the Panel has nurtured esteem among young people and minimised the risk of alienation which can contribute to them going missing from care and the risks this exposes them to.

18.0 RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

18.1 There are no direct risks emerging through consideration of the Annual Report.

19.0 HEALTH, SAFETY AND EMERGENCY RESILIENCE ISSUES

19.1 There are no direct health and safety implications for the public or the Council's workforce and the resilience of the Borough to an emergency.

20.0 COMPATIBILITY WITH THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

20.1 The Panel's Annual Report is compatible with the Articles and Protocols of the EU Convention, particularly in supporting the rights of all children to be safeguarded from serious harm.

21.0 CONSERVATION OF BIODIVERSITY

21.1 There are no implications for the local environment or the conservation of biodiversity arising from the report.

22.0 GLOSSARY

22.1 None, applicable.

23.0 LIST OF APPENDICES

23.1 Appendix 1: Barnsley Corporate Parenting Panel Annual Report (2017-18).

24.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

24.1 If you would like to inspect background papers for this report, please email governance@barnsley.gov.uk so that appropriate arrangements can be made

Report author: Mel John-Ross (Service Director – Children's Social Care and Safeguarding)

Barnsley Corporate Parenting Panel Annual Report 2017-2018

1. Context

- 1.1 This report sets out an annual update on the corporate parenting arrangements in Barnsley, with progress and outcomes for children in care and care leavers for the period 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018. It reminds members of key legislation and guidance, advising on local performance and service improvement, as well as progress made by the corporate parenting panel. The report aims to strengthen the role and responsibilities of corporate parents in improving outcomes for children and young people.

2. Proposals and Reasons: Corporate Parenting – Our Responsibilities Legal Framework

- 2.1 The Children Act 1989 and the Leaving Care Act 2000 place clear statutory duties upon the Council to protect children from suffering significant harm and to provide continued financial and transition support to care leavers aged up to 21 (or 25 if in full time education). Underpinning corporate parenting is a wide range of national policies, guidance, regulations and legislation, which are subject to change by High Court rulings, such as the Southwark ruling in 2009.
- 2.2 The revised care planning regulations and guidance, including The Children Act 1989 Guidance and Regulations Volume 2: Care Planning, Placement and Case Review Volume 3: Planning Transition to Adulthood for Care Leavers and the Statutory Guidance on Securing Sufficient Accommodation for Looked After Children March 2010, place increased emphasis on effective care planning with a focus on the child, and are designed to improve the quality and consistency of care planning, placement and case review for looked after children. They also aim to improve the care and support provided to care leavers.
- 2.3 The UK Government made significant reforms to the youth remand framework with the implementation of the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders (LASPO) Act in December 2012. The Act implicitly attributes further responsibility to Local Authorities by means of children and young people being remanded to youth detention accommodation, being treated as children looked after and being eligible for leaving care services if they are looked after beyond 13 weeks.
- 2.4 The Children and Social Work Act 2017 received Royal Assent in 2017. The act enshrines in law a series of changes to the social work profession, including new provisions for care leavers. There is now a legal requirement upon councils to provide Personal Advisers (PA's) to care leavers up to the age of 25 and for councils to publish a local offer for care leavers.

2.5 Statutory guidance has been published by the Department for Education in line with the Children and Social Work Act 2017, which focuses on supporting the education of children in care and previously looked-after children and how extending Personal Advisers for care leavers up to 25 should be implemented.

2.6 Key duties for professionals involved with these groups of children and young people are outlined in the statutory guidance. For children in care in schools, the new guidance states that, *'Social workers, [Virtual School Heads], [Independent Reviewing Officers], school admission officers, and Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) departments should work together to ensure that, except in an emergency, appropriate education provision for a child is arranged at the same time as a care placement.'*

Virtual Head teachers, who have the lead role for promoting the educational achievement of looked-after children, should ensure that appropriate training needs for professionals responsible for young people's education are met.

3. Corporate Parenting – The Role and Responsibility of Councillors

3.1 Effective corporate parenting requires knowledge and awareness of the needs of children and young people looked after and the services they receive. This is a shared responsibility by the Council as a whole. The role of the corporate parent is therefore:

- a) To receive and consider accurate and timely management information reports on the numbers, characteristics and needs of looked after children and care leavers.
- b) To receive and consider reports demonstrating how effectively Barnsley is serving it's looked after population through the provision of services and targeted initiatives.
- c) To receive briefings on new national and local initiatives designed to improve children and young people's life chances.
- d) To gain knowledge of services based on direct involvement and opportunities to meet and gain the views of stakeholders, especially listening to the views of children and young people looked after and members of the Care 4 Us Council.
- e) To monitor and review progress on the delivery of Corporate Parenting 'Promise' to children looked after and care leavers.
- f) To ensure that decisive action is taken to address any shortcomings in the services provided to children and young people.

4. The Barnsley Pledge to Children and Young People in Care

4.1 What all children and young people in our care can expect from us:

- We'll look after children in care in a safe and caring home.
- We'll promote, support and respect their identity.
- We'll ensure all children in care receive a good education.
- We'll support children in care to be healthy.
- We'll prepare children in care for the future.
- We'll involve children in care in decision making and making it happen.

5. Corporate Parenting in Barnsley

5.1 Children in care are those children and young people aged 0 -18 years who cannot safely remain with their family and are cared for by the local authority. The local authority has continuing responsibilities to many of these young people up until they are 25. This includes all unaccompanied asylum seeking children (UASC) and children with multiple disabilities. Children in Care and Care Leavers are one of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged groups in our community.

5.2 The Corporate Parenting Panel is responsible for children in care, children at the edge of care and children and young people who have left care.

5.3 Members of the corporate parenting panel have agreed that their role is to act as 'pushy parents' for our children in care and care leavers. The litmus test being "would this be good enough for my child?" irrespective of age.

6. Corporate Parenting Panel Overview and Membership

6.1 The Corporate Parenting Panel is chaired by the Cabinet Spokesperson for People (Safeguarding).

6.2 The Panel meet every 2 months and there continues to be good attendance at meetings by the full range of members, which include:

- Elected Members, BMBC
- Executive Director, People Directorate, BMBC
- Service Director, Children's Social Care & Safeguarding, BMBC
- Virtual Head Teacher for Children in Care, BMBC
- Representatives for the Care4Us – Children in Care Council
- Head of Safeguarding and Quality Assurance, BMBC
- Foster Carer/s from the Barnsley Foster Carers Association
- Named Nurse for Children in Care, SWYPFT
- Designated Nurse Safeguarding Children/LAC, NHS Barnsley Clinical Commissioning Group
- Designated Doctor, BHNFT
- Head of Service, Children in Care Services, BMBC
- Managers for Children in Care and Care Leavers Teams, BMBC
- Scrutiny Officer, BMBC

7. Corporate Parenting Work Programme in 2017-18

7.1 At each of its meetings the Corporate Parenting Panel receives the following standard reports for scrutiny and challenge:

- Looked after Children Performance Report; a bespoke performance report which captures data, provides a commentary and performance rating against all key performance indicators of relevance to children in care and care experienced young people. Panel members receive a cover report which highlights the areas of concern and invites and encourages member challenge.
- A Children in Care Status Report; a report which sets out numbers, locations and types of placements of Barnsley's children to support members in asking questions about trends and the implications for children's wellbeing.

7.2 Other standard agenda items:

- Minutes of the Education of Children in Care Steering Group
- Minutes of the Health of Children in Care Steering Group
- Minutes of the Care4Us Council

7.3 In addition to the performance management information and data, over the past year the Panel has requested and considered the following thematic reports for discussion and challenge:

Report Title	Date of Meeting
1. Report on the Foster Carers Ball Celebration Event 2. Review of the Pledge	Monday 24 April 2017
1. Breakdown of Children Missing from Care Presentation 2. Barnsley Corporate Parenting Panel Annual Report 2016-17 3. The Pledge	Monday 12 June 2017
1. Exception Report of EET for Care Leavers 2. Bi-Annual Audit of Review Health Assessments for Children in Care in Barnsley	Monday 24 July 2017
1. Exception Report on the Sufficiency of Care Leavers Accommodation 2. Fostering Action Plan 3. Independent Reviewing Officers (IROs) Annual Report 4. Perceptions of Care – Key Messages 5. CAMHS Children in Care Pathway	Monday 11 September 2017
1. Outline Programme for National Takeover Day 2. Exception Report of CIC Health including SDQs and Access to CAMHS 3. Update on the Promoting of the Pledge	Monday 23 October 2017
1. Outline Programme Presentation for the Children in Care Awards Event 2. Progress report on Life Story Work 3. Update on Takeover Day	Monday 04 December 2017

Report Title	Date of Meeting
4. Reg 44 Visits – Overview and Key Messages 5. BSCB Multi-Agency Audit-Return to Care Interview for Children in Care 6. Audit Report for Looked After Children and Pregnancy	
1. Discussion 'How will we as Corporate Parents use the information provided to support the C4Us Council over the next 6 months' 2. Reg 44 Visits Updated Report 3. A Review of the Bi Annual Audit 4. Foster Carer Recruitment - North East Area Council Report 5. Council Tax Exemption for Care Leavers 6. Health of Looked After Children	Monday 15 th January 2018
1. Participation Tools for Children in Care 2. Numbers of Children in Care Chairing Their Own LAC Reviews 3. Reporting of Frequency of Visits to Care Leavers 4. Review of Foster Carer Allowances	Monday 5 th March 2018

8 Progress for Children in Care & Care Leavers in 2017-18

- 8.1 At the end of March 2018 (full year outturn 2017/18) there were 310 children in care (CiC). The number of children in care has grown slowly over the last five years peaking at 314 in February 2018. The rate of children in care at the end of March 2018 was 63.1 per 10,000 – at the national average for 2016/17 and well below statistical neighbours
- 8.2 At the end of March 2018 (full year outturn 2017/18) there were 92 care experienced young people. The number of care experienced young people in receipt of services has remained stable over the last two years.
- 8.3 Children in care and care experienced young people have strong, stable relationships with their Social Workers and Personal Advisors (PAs) who know them well and see them regularly, over and above regulatory requirements. This is evidenced through our quality assurance activity; reviews; case file auditing and direct observations of practice.
- 8.4 Children in care have attention given to their health needs with regular health needs assessments and dental care to promote their health and wellbeing. Waiting times for assessments to CAMHS for children and young people in care has significantly improved this year and we have introduced a Pathway to CAMHS support and consultation for children in care. A priority for 2018/19 will be an evaluation of the Pathway and the timeliness for treatment.
- 8.5 Our children in care running club, led by a children's social worker and former health colleague, continues to be enormously successful, in engaging with growing numbers of children in care and their carer's, to promote healthy lifestyles and to have fun!

- 8.6 We have fully embedded Termly Education Plans for children in care, alongside the Annual PEP to ensure that we are predicting, planning and promoting children's education, attendance and attainment, in live time. The Virtual Head teachers report, as presented to Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 9th January 2018 sets out the achievement, attendance and exclusion rates of children in care for the academic year 2016 to 2017.
- 8.7 Children in care experience stable care, relationships and placements. Our ambition, as set out in our Placement Sufficiency Strategy, is that all children in our care are looked after in family type placements, apart from in very exceptional circumstances where a family setting will not meet their needs. Whilst Barnsley has not experienced the significant rise in numbers of children in care as reported nationally and regionally, the local demand for care placements, particularly for adolescents, has impacted upon our placement stability.
- 8.8 Our performance evidences that children in care have their care plan reviewed in a timely manner.
- 8.9 Monthly management deep dives are undertaken for any child who has been missing from care and a multi-agency audit on the quality of Return to Care Interviews was undertaken by the BSCB Performance & Quality Assurance (PAQA) sub group in July 2017. This showed tenacity in making contact with young people and that there was no safeguarding reason for why young people were missing; most were late in returning to their placements and the most common reason was that they wanted to be with friends. Return to Care interviews are completed with children placed in Barnsley by other local authorities who go missing.
- 8.10 Barnsley is an area with a high volume of private children in care placement providers. We facilitate a Private Placement Provider Forum, which is also attended by SY Police, the Virtual Head teacher and Specialist Nurse for children in care. We also have a multi-agency Vulnerable Young Peoples Panel which quality assures intervention and planning for any vulnerable young person and young people who go missing.
- 8.11 Barnsley Council invested additional resources in the children legal team, to improve the capacity and quality of legal advocacy. We have good partnership arrangements with CAF/CASS and the South Yorkshire Family Courts, who are currently struggling to list cases within 26 weeks, due to increased demand in other parts of the sub region. However our performance is strong.
- 8.12 One of our key strengths is the effectiveness of our permanency planning for children in care. This factor also has an impact on the number of children in care. We have excellent performance in the percentage of looked after children leaving care through adoption. In 2016/17 this was 30.0%, the third best performance nationally, and we have continued to perform very strongly

in 2017/18, with a provisional outturn figure of 29.5%. However, we need to improve our timeliness from decision to adoption.

- 8.13 Children in care who are subject to public law care proceedings have good quality assessments of their needs which inform timely permanency decisions. The Service Director is the designated Agency Decision Maker (ADM) for all children where the plan is that they should be placed for adoption. The ADM reads all child permanence reports (CPRs) and all attached assessments, where the standard of quality is found to be consistently high. CPRs provide coherent assessments with informed analysis supporting the decision, setting out all other options for permanence and all viability assessments of suitable, potential family carers. Crucially, they provide a rich narrative of the child, his/her needs and an invaluable description of the child, for the matching of potential adopters but also, for the child's future reference to his/her history. This supports our assertion that Social Workers know their children well.
- 8.14 Since June 2014 we continue to have no adoption breakdowns for children, due to high quality assessments and rigorous matching processes, delivered by an experienced and highly committed Adoption Team.
- 8.15 We have aspired to continually improve the participation of children and young people, in influencing how services are delivered and what matters to them. In 2014 just one young person participated in this National Takeover Day, shadowing the Executive Director. In 2015 we were awarded a silver commendation and in 2016 a gold commendation by the Children's Commissioner for the broad range of takeover opportunities for young people across the council. In 2017 this also included local private businesses, with the programme led by what jobs and careers young people were interested and aspired to.
- 8.16 Our Pledge to children in care was designed and led by the Care4Us Council, who for the first time in 2017 presented their own annual review of their work in a video, alongside their 'Top 10' improvements that they wanted to see, from their social workers, who responded by attending the Care4Us Council with their pledges to be 'even better'.
- 8.17 We champion higher aspirations for children in care and care experienced young people. Our annual Awards Ceremony for children in care has grown in scale over the last few years. The event is enjoyed by all who attend and its increasing popularity has meant that we have had to find larger venues to accommodate the growing numbers of children, young people and their carers who want to attend the event. Last year's event was introduced by a care experienced young person, who proudly spoke of his achievement in getting in to University. We currently have 5 care experienced young people at University and 20 in further education.
- 8.18 The Cabinet Spokesperson for People (Safeguarding) and Chair of the Corporate Parenting Panel, as well as members of the Corporate Parenting Panel are prominent participant's at all key events for children in care. This includes the Annual Celebration Event of Children in Care's Education and

Achievement; the Annual Foster Carers Ball; Children in Care and Adopted Children's celebration events; Fostering and Adoption promotion activities.

- 8.19 We have delivered significant improvement during 2017/18 for the numbers of care leavers engaged in employment, education and training. However this remains a priority for us, as well as driving improvement for the attendance, progress and attainment of children in care.
- 8.20 At the current time we are in touch with all our care experienced young people. There is sufficient and suitable accommodation for care leavers but we are developing an even better offer. Our performance is accumulative and the young people who we have judged not to be in suitable accommodation are those within the youth justice system.
- 8.21 We have good relationships with our local housing provider, Berneslai Homes who prioritise all care leavers for housing upon the age of 18 years. We have designated training flats for care leavers and local semi-independent accommodation for vulnerable young people has been recommissioned, now provided by Centrepont. We promote and support staying put arrangements and the Council agreed that all our care leavers would be exempt from council tax payment from 1 April 2018.

Key Performance Highlights – position as at Q4 2017/18 (year-end outturn)

<i>LAC Reviews within timescales</i>	14/15 Outturn	15/16 Outturn	16/17 Outturn	17/18 Outturn
Barnsley Performance	85.1%	96.9%	96.7%	99.0%

Local Indicator – Benchmark Comparators Unavailable

<i>LAC Visits Timeliness</i>	14/15 Outturn	15/16 Outturn	16/17 Outturn	17/18 Outturn
Barnsley Performance	75.0%	90.0%	91.9%	98.7%

Local Indicator – Benchmark Comparators Unavailable

<i>LAC Visits Timeliness (as per 'Regulations')</i>	14/15 Outturn	15/16 Outturn	16/17 Outturn	17/18 Outturn
Barnsley Performance	76.7%	91.8%	93.2%	99.2%

Local Indicator – Benchmark Comparators Unavailable

<i>Personal Education Plans (PEPs)</i>	15/16 Outturn	16/17 Outturn	17/18 Outturn
Barnsley Performance	100%	98.7%	98.6%

Information collected from the start of 2015/16;

Local Indicator – Benchmark Comparators Unavailable

<i>Termly Personal Education Plans (TPEPs)</i>		16/17 Outturn	17/18 Outturn
Barnsley Performance		96.8%	97.3%

Information collected from the start of 2016/17;

Local Indicator – Benchmark Comparators Unavailable

<i>LAC Health Assessment Timeliness</i>	14/15 Outturn	15/16 Outturn	16/17 Outturn	17/18 Outturn	16/17 Stat. Neighbours	16/17 National
Barnsley Performance	100%	100%	99.9%	98.5%	94.8%	93.7%

<i>LAC Dental Assessment Timeliness</i>	14/15 Outturn	15/16 Outturn	16/17 Outturn	17/18 Outturn	16/17 Stat. Neighbours	16/17 National
Barnsley Performance	100%	100%	99.2%	99.5%	90.8%	88.2%

<i>LAC Placement Stability: 3+ Placement Moves</i>	14/15 Outturn	15/16 Outturn	16/17 Outturn	17/18 Outturn	15/16 Stat. Neighbours	15/16 National
Barnsley Performance	4.2%	5.1%	5.6%	3.4%	9.7%	10.0%

<i>LAC Placement Stability: Stable Placement 2.5yrs+</i>	14/15 Outturn	15/16 Outturn	16/17 Outturn	17/18 Outturn	16/17 Stat. Neighbours	16/17 National
Barnsley Performance	70.5%	75.0%	77.2%	67.9%	66.8%	68.0%

<i>Adoptions - Days from 'Placement Order' to 'Adopter Match'</i>	14/15 Outturn	15/16 Outturn	16/17 Outturn	17/18 Outturn	16/17 Stat. Neighbours
Barnsley Performance	298.9	279.3	242.2	184.6	234.5

<i>Care Leavers - Percentage in Education, Training and/or Employment</i>	16/17 Outturn	17/18 Outturn	16/17 Stat. Neighbours	16/17 National
Barnsley Performance	40.0%	61.8%	49.4%	50.0%

Information collected from the start of 2016/17

(This information is for 19-21yr olds, in line with the national PI)

<i>Care Leavers - Percentage in Suitable Accommodation</i>	16/17 Outturn	17/18 Outturn	16/17 Stat. Neighbours	16/17 National
Barnsley Performance	93.0%	95.6%	91.0%	84.0%

Information collected from the start of 2016/17
(This information is for 19-21yr olds, in line with the national PI)

<i>LAC subject to Final Warning, Conviction or Reprimand</i>	14/15 Outturn	15/16 Outturn	16/17 Outturn	17/18 Outturn	16/17 Stat. Neighbours	16/17 National
Barnsley Performance	6.4%	5.2%	7.0%	5.0%*	5.1%	4.0%

*2017/18 outturn figure of 5.0% is provisional at the time of writing

<i>LAC Education Attainment</i>	
Barnsley Performance	See Annexes 1 and 2

<i>Ofsted 'Rating' of Children's Residential Units</i>	Newsome Avenue	Spring Lane
Barnsley Performance	'Good'	'Good'

9. Governance Arrangements

9.1 The Corporate Parenting Panel is established within the Council's Constitution and has specific Terms of Reference which emphasise the above responsibilities and its overarching responsibility to ensure that the Council, through elected members, officers and partner agencies, fulfils its corporate parenting role. Although the Corporate Parenting Panel does not possess Executive powers, the Panel is able to refer matters to the Council's Cabinet to consider any actions which the Panel recommends. The Council's Scrutiny Committees may, in turn, receive any of those issues which are referred to Cabinet and which the Cabinet feels would benefit from an in depth investigation in open session. It is proposed that the Corporate Parenting Panel annual report is considered by both the Cabinet and the Full Council meeting.

9.2 The Corporate Parenting Panel has links with the following groups:

- Children in Care Health Improvement Group – the Chair sit on the Corporate Parenting Panel and formally reports back each meeting. It was agreed to further strengthen this by having one of the Corporate Parenting Panel Councillors also sitting on the group. Minutes of meetings of this group are considered by the Corporate Parenting Panel.

- The Virtual School Governance Group is attended by Officers, the Virtual Head teacher for LAC, members of Corporate Parenting Panel and partners. The group is chaired by Cabinet Spokesperson for People (Achieving Potential).

9.3 Any areas of concern may be referred to Cabinet which may refer for Scrutiny Committee consideration.

10. Children in Care Council

10.1 The Children in Care – Care4Us Council directly supports the Corporate Parenting Panel to measure and monitor the effectiveness and quality of ‘Corporate Parenting’ to children and young people; according to the views and experiences of the children who are in care. The panel remains fully committed to listening to the voice of service users and the active involvement of children and young people within the decision-making processes.

10.2 The Cabinet Spokesperson for People (Safeguarding) with the Director of Children’s Services (DCS) and Service Director meets regularly with representatives from this group. This is to ensure that there is strong and direct feedback from children and young people; to be assured that they feel well cared for, safe, are happy, having their needs met and promoted, as well as to hear and respond to any other issues raised by them.

11. Continuous Service Improvement Framework

11.1 Barnsley's Continuous Service Improvement Framework (CSIF) was designed in 2014 to secure continuous improvement and deliver our collective ambition to deliver services that are as a minimum good. It enables the partnership to develop and deliver services to the highest standards, achieving the very best outcomes for children and families. It sets out the dynamic elements of how everyone operating at all levels - officers, elected members, and partners - discharge their responsibilities and work together to make the children’s system work effectively. The framework places the child at the centre of everything that we do. The framework is reviewed annually at a joint meeting of the Children Young People and Families Trust Executive Group (TEG) and the Barnsley Safeguarding Children Board (BSCB).

11.2 A Continuous Service Improvement Plan continues to be in place following the Ofsted inspection in June 2014 which judged Barnsley as 'requires improvement'. The plan consists of the work which is being monitored as part of the continuous service improvement journey. The plan is overseen by the multi-agency Officer Group. Barnsley Safeguarding Children’s Board (BSCB) monitors the actions which indicate whether sufficient progress is being made, i.e. the right amount of progress in the right direction at the right pace.

11.3 All of the areas for improvement from the Ofsted 2014 inspection have been addressed within the Continuous Service Improvement Plan.

12. Priorities for the Corporate Parenting Panel for 2018- 2019

- Deliver the Placement Sufficiency Strategy
- Improve our adoption timeliness from decision to adoption
- Improve school attendance; progress and attainment outcomes for children in care
- Improve the numbers of care leavers engaged in employment, education and training
- Improve transitional planning for disabled children in care and care experienced young people into adulthood
- Improve the timely access to emotional support and treatment for children in care and care experienced young people

13. Work Programme for 2018/2019

Report Title	Date of Meeting
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Care4Us Council Attendance/Presentation 2. Care Leavers Offer – Jon Banwell 3. Teenage Pregnancy Task Group – Angela Fawcett 	Monday 16th April 2018
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Barnsley Corporate Parenting Panel Annual Report 2017-18 – Mel John-Ross/Jon Banwell 2. Evaluation of the CAMHS Pathway for CIC – Claire Strachen 3. Placement Sufficiency Strategy Refresh – Jon Banwell 4. CPP Work Programme 2018/19 – Mel John-Ross/Jon Banwell 	Monday 21 May 2018
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Annual Report of the IROs – Monica Green 2. Annual Report of the Fostering & Adoption Services – Steph Evans 3. Health Passports for Care Leavers - Andrea Scholey/Jon Banwell 	Monday 9 July 2018
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CIC Exam Results – Liz Gibson 2. Review of Assessment & Treatment Timescales to CAMHS - Claire Strachen 	Monday 3 September 2018
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Care4Us Council Attendance/Presentation 2. Outline Programme for National Takeover Day 2018 – Jon Banwell/Pete Howell 3. Exception Report of CIC Health including SDQs analysis - Andrea Scholey 	Monday 29 October 2018

Report Title	Date of Meeting
1. Outline Programme Presentation for the Children in Care Awards Event – Jon Banwell/Pete Howell 2. Update on the Sufficiency of Care Leavers Accommodation	Monday 10 December 2018
1. Evaluation of the Care Leavers Offer – Mel John-Ross/Jon Banwell 2. Messages and Learning from Reg 44 Visits – Pete Howell	Monday 14 January 2019
1. Review of the last year; Outcomes & progress for children in care and care leavers; Priorities for 2019/20	Monday 4 March 2019

14. Conclusion

- 14.1 Corporate Parenting Panel is where the responsibility and accountability for the wellbeing and future prospects for Barnsley children in care ultimately rest.
- 14.2 A good corporate parent must offer everything that a good parent would. It must address both the difficulties which children who are looked after experience and, the challenges of parenting within a complex system of different services.
- 14.3 Like any good parent, we must continually strive to do 'even better' for our children in care and care experience young people, promoting and supporting their aspirations, their potential, their progress and achievements.
- 14.4 Further improvements for children in care and care leavers have been achieved during 2017/18, as evidenced within the Continuous Service Improvement Plan, the Children's Social Care Monthly Performance Reports, the Quality Assurance Framework and activity (case file audits, observations of practice) and as measured against key performance indicators
- 14.5 A review of the Terms of Reference and work programme for the Corporate Parenting Panel is recommended in 2018 to support the CPP in helping to achieve even better outcomes for children in care and care experience young people, focusing more on quality and the lived experiences of young people.

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BARNSLEY

Metropolitan Borough Council

Virtual Headteacher's Report

March 2018

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to evaluate the achievement, attendance and exclusion rates of children placed in Barnsley's Corporate Care and feature in the SFR cohort for the academic year Sept 2016 to July 2017. Due to significant changes in the national assessment procedures at Key Stage Four direct comparisons against previous year's outcomes cannot be made.

Achievement within this report will compare the performance of Barnsley's children in care (CiC) against national outcomes for 2016-2017 using the published data from the SFR20/2018.

Key definitions:

Whole cohort: Refers to the cohort of all pupils looked after by Barnsley at the end of the 2016/17 academic year in each year group.

SFR cohort: Refers to the cohort of all pupils looked after by Barnsley on 31st March 2017 having been in care continuously for the previous 12 months in each group. This cohort is used in the national statistics published in documents entitled Statistical First Releases (SFR). **This cohort is the one that should be used when comparing Barnsley with the performance of looked after children nationally.**

In line: In small cohorts (less than ten), local authority performance is deemed to be in line with the national figure when it is around the national average as it falls within (plus or minus) the percentage value of one pupil of the local authority cohort.

CONTEXT

In line with national there is an upward trend in the number of children looked after by Barnsley. However the rate of looked after children per 10,000 children under 18 remains lower than those for England and the Yorkshire and Humber region and significantly below statistical neighbours.

Table LAA1: Children looked after at 31 March, by local authority^{1,2}

**Years ending 31 March 2013 to 2017*

	numbers ³				
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
England	68,060	68,810	69,480	70,440	72,670
Yorkshire and The Humber	7,420	7,380	7,260	7,240	7,720
Barnsley	235	225	240	280	290

	rates per 10,000 children aged under 18 years				
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
England	60	60	60	60	62
Yorkshire and The Humber	66	65	64	63	67
Barnsley	48	46	48	56	58
Statistical Neighbours	73.6	78.5	77.6	82.2	83

Lac aged 0-17				
Gender	Count	Population*	Percentage	Rate per 10,000
Female	130	24231	0.54%	53.7
Male	161	25570	0.63%	63.0
Total	291	49801	0.58%	58.4

**Barnsley 2016 Mid Year Population Projection (0-17 yrs)*

Children in Care continuous in care for one year or more on 31st March 2017

	LAC Count
Female	82
Male	110
Total	192

At the 31st March 2017 there were 192 children ages 0-17 in SFR cohort. There were more boys than girls in the care of the local authority.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

1. Number of CiC in schools /settings judged to be at least good

As corporate parent BMBC undertakes to ensure that every CiC has access to quality education within a school or setting deemed to be at least good. In placing children in educational settings both in and out of authority the latest Ofsted rating for the school is taken into consideration. However, a child on entry to care, who is already attending a school which is less than good, would not necessarily be moved as BMBC recognises the negative impact on outcomes too many school moves can have. Instead once a child remains in care and permanency of residence is agreed the CiC school place would be reviewed. Furthermore, where a setting's Ofsted rating changes negatively, the Virtual School Headteacher will continue to monitor closely the provision for the CiC within that setting, offering the necessary challenge and support to ensure the difficulties of the setting do not impact unduly on the outcomes for the CiC. Where this is the case, a planned school move would be considered in partnership with the IRO for that child.

School Aged children (Foundation 2 to Y11)

Data at the end of the academic year 2016-2017:

School grading	Number of children	% of children
Good or outstanding	142	75.4%
Less than good	18	11.5%
No current inspection	22	12%

There has been a steady upward trend in the numbers of children attending good or outstanding school from 53.3% in 2014-2015 to 76.2% in 2015-2016. The figures for 2016-17 indicate a slight dip of 0.8% from last year. This can be attributed to two secondary schools losing their good grading in the academic year 2016-2017. The virtual school will closely monitor the impact of this judgment on the children attending those schools.

2. Statutory Outcomes

EYFS Cohort Statistics

The profile of the EYFS cohort for 2016-2017 is as follows:

Whole Cohort						
10 children	Gender		Setting		SEN	
Group	Boys	Girls	BMBC	OOA	SEN	SEN with statement or EHCP
Number	6	4	6	4	3	1
Percentage	60%	40%	60%	40%	30%	10%
SFR cohort						
5 children	Boys	Girls	BMBC	OOA	SEN	SEN with statement or EHCP
Number	4	1	3	2	2	1
Percentage	80%	20%	60%	40%	40%	20%

EYFS Outcomes

Outcome measure	Prime Communication	Prime PSE	Prime Physical	Specific Literacy	Specific mathematical	GLD
SFR Cohort						
SFR Cohort: Number achieving expected standard	2/5	2/5	2/5	1/5	1/5	1/5
% achieving expected standard	40%	40%	40%	20%	20%	20%
% ALL Barnsley Children achieving expected standard	81%	82.6%	86.9%	69.4%	77.9%	67.8%
%National achieving expected standard	82.1%	82.6%	87.5%	72.8%	74.8%	69%

Analysis

The SFR cohort for 2016 was very small with only 5 children fulfilling the criteria for inclusion in the data. 20% (1 out of 5) of the SFR cohort achieved the good level of development standard. When applying small group methodology this percentage is still well below all Barnsley children and well below all children nationally. Historically, the overwhelming majority of the children looked after by Barnsley end EYFS below expected levels of development. The SFR cohort of five children include three children placed for adoption during their foundation 2 year and as a result had a periods of bonding time out of school to support attachment to adoptive parents.

There is no published comparator data for national CLA.

Year One Cohort Statistics

Whole Cohort						
14 children	Gender		Setting		SEN	
	Boys	Girls	BMBC	OOA	SEN	SEN with Statement or EHCP
Number	7	7	10	4	7	2
Percentage	50%	50%	71.5%	28.5%	50%	14%
SFR cohort						
7 children	Gender		BMBC		SEN	
	Boys	Girls	BMBC	OOA	SEN	SEN with Statement or EHCP
Number	4	3	4	3	6	2
Percentage	57%	43%	57%	43%	85.7%	28.5%

Year One Phonic Outcomes

Cohort	Number working at expected standard	% working at expected standard
SFR cohort	1/7	14.2%
All Barnsley Children		78%
All children nationally		81%

Analysis

14.2% of BMBC children in care, in the SFR cohort achieved the national standard for phonics. The outcome is well below all Barnsley children and well below all children nationally. While this is a significant reduction from last year's figure of 44% this outcome should be read in the context of the very small cohort of which 85.7% had identified special educational needs. There is no published comparator data for national CLA.

Improving phonic outcomes for children in care is a priority and work is currently being undertaken with the fostering team to support the education and development of foster carers to enable them to better support children's phonic development. The introduction of the Letterbox Literacy project in 2018 will also support this outcome.

Key Stage One Cohort Statistics

(please note whole cohort includes four children who left care during the year)

Y2 children	Gender		Setting		SEN	
Whole Cohort						
19	Boys	Girls	BMBC	OOA	SEN	SEN with statement or EHCP
Number	9	10	10	9	14	4
Percentage	47.4%	52.6%	52.6%	47.4%	73%	21%
Statistical first release cohort						
7	Boys	Girls	BMBC	OOA	SEN	SEN with statement or EHCP
Number	5	2	2	5	6	4
Percentage	71%	29%	40%	60%	85.7%	57.1%

Key Stage One Outcomes

	Reading	Writing	Maths	R W and M
SFR cohort				
Number of children achieving expected standard	2/7	2/7	3/7	2/7
Percentage of children achieving expected standard	28.6%	28.6%	42.9%	28.6%
National SRF cohort	51%	39%	46%	34%
ALL Barnsley children	73%	67%	67%	62.7%
All children nationally	76%	68%	68%	76.9%

Analysis

Outcomes for the SFR Key Stage One cohort in 2017 indicate that, following the national pattern, attainment for all children in care was below all children nationally and below outcomes for all Barnsley children.

Due to the small number in this cohort it is necessary to apply the small group methodology to these results. Therefore the results should read as the outcome plus or minus each child's statistical worth. **This means that while outcomes for reading were below national CLA, outcomes for all other key measures were broadly in line with the national CLA figures.**

Analysis of Key Stage One SFR Outcomes by Groups:

(please note due to small numbers results for children with statement have been suppressed to protect identity and do not feature in the tables).

Granular analysis of group outcomes against national CLA (SEND)

SFR Cohort	Barnsley CLA outcome	National CLA outcome	Comparison when small group methodology applied
Reading			
Children with EHCP/Statement (4)	0%	10%	Outcomes for reading are broadly in line with national for all groups
Children with identified SEN (K) (2)	50%	36%	
Children without SEND (1)	100%	74%	
Writing			
Children with EHCP (4)	0%	X	Outcomes for writing are broadly in line with national for all groups
Children with identified SEN (K) (2)	50%	21%	
Children without SEND (1)	100%	62%	
Maths			
Children with EHCP (4)	50%	10%	Outcomes for maths are broadly in line with national for all groups
Children with identified SEN (K) (2)	50%	31%	
Children without SEND (1)	100%	69%	
Reading writing and maths			
Children with EHCP (4)	0%	x	Outcomes for reading writing and maths are broadly in line with national for all groups
Children with identified SEN (K) (2)	50%	19%	
Children without SEND (1)	100%	55%	

- When using SEND statistics for data comparison, outcomes were broadly in line with CLA outcomes for all groups.

Granular analysis of group outcomes against national CLA (Gender)

SFR Cohort	Barnsley CLA outcome	National CLA outcome	Comparison when small group methodology applied
Reading			
All (7)	28.6%	51%	Below all national CLA
Girls (3)	66.7%	59%	In line with national girls CLA
Boys (4)	0%	45%	Below national boys CLA
Writing			
All (7)	28.6%	39%	In line with all national CLA
Girls (3)	66.8%	50%	In line with national girls CLA
Boys (4)	0%	30%	Below national boys CLA
Maths			
All (7)	42.9%	46%	In line with all national CLA
Girls (3)	66.7%	43%	In line with national girls CLA
Boys (4)	25%	27%	In line with national boys CLA
Reading writing and maths			
All (7)	28.6%	34%	In line with all national CLA
Girls (3)	66.7%	43%	In line with national girls CLA
Boys (4)	0%	27%	Below national boys CLA

- Outcomes by gender indicate that girls achieved in line with national CLA outcomes for girls when small group methodology is applied
- Boys literacy outcomes in both reading and writing were below looked after boys nationally
- Boys maths outcomes were in line with national
- Girls out performed boys in all areas

Granular analysis of group outcomes against national CLA (**ethnic origin**)

All children in the Key stage one cohort were of white British origin.

SFR Trend Analysis

SFR Cohort	National increase in pupils meeting standard	Barnsley increasing pupils meeting standard	Positive difference
Reading	+1	+3.6	+ 2.6
Writing	+2	+3.6	+1.6
Maths	0	+17.9	+17.9
R W an M	+2	+3.6	+1.6

As the Key Stage One new assessment is in its second year comparison to last year's data can be made. There was an increase in children looked after by Barnsley meeting the expected standard in all areas. The increase in all measures was greater than the national increase. There was a particularly sharp increase in children meeting the expected standard in maths. However this is a small cohort and year on year comparisons for looked after children should be treated with caution given significant variations in individual cohorts.

Key Stage Two Cohort Statistics

The profile of the Key Stage Two Cohort for 2016-2017 is as follows:

All Y6 children in care July 2017	Gender		Setting		SEN	
	Boys	Girls	BMBC	OOA	SEN	SEN with S/EHCP
22						
Number	14	8	15	7	13	5
Percentage	63.6%	36.4%	68.1%	31.8%	59%	22.7%
Statistical first release cohort	Gender		Setting		SEN	
	Boys	Girls	BMBC	OOA	SEN	SEN with S/EHCP
20						
Number	12	8	14	6	12	3
Percentage	60	40	70	30	60	15%

Key Stage Two Outcomes:

Attainment

SFR cohort					
	Reading	Writing	Maths	GPS	R W and M
Number of children achieving expected standard	9/20	9/20	8/20	9/20	5/20
Percentage of children achieving expected standard	45%	45%	40%	45%	25%
National SFR cohort	45%	48%	46%	50%	30%
ALL Barnsley Children	67%	76%	75%	74.8%	61%
All Children Nationally	71%	76.1%	74.4%	76.9%	59%

Outcomes for the SFR Key Stage Two cohort in 2017 indicate that, following the national pattern, attainment for all children in care was below all children nationally and below outcomes for all Barnsley children.

This was also the case when compared to national CLA outcomes with the exception of reading where outcomes were in line with national CLA.

KS2 Granular analysis of group outcomes against national CLA outcomes (**SEND**)

Key Stage Two SFR Cohort	Barnsley CLA outcome	National CLA outcome	Comparison when small group methodology applied
Reading			
Children with EHCP (2)	50%	16%	In line with all national CLA
Children with identified SEN K (9)	22.2%	36%	Below all national CLA
Children without SEND (8)	75%	71%	In line with all national CLA
Writing			
Children with EHCP (2)	0%	14%	In line with all national CLA
Children with identified SEN K (9)	33%	34%	In line with all national CLA
Children without SEND (8)	75%	79%	In line with all national CLA
Maths			
Children with EHCP (2)	0%	14%	In line with all national CLA
Children with identified SEN K (9)	22.2%	38%	Below all national CLA
Children without SEND (8)	87.2%	82%	In line with all national CLA
Reading writing and maths			
Children with EHCP (2)	0%	8%	Outcomes for reading writing and maths are broadly in line with national for all groups
Children with identified SEN K (9)	11.1%	19%	
Children without SEND (8)	0%	3%	

- Children with identified special educational needs performed in line with outcomes for CLA in all areas with the exception of literacy where the performance of the group of children with identified SEND without EHCP/statements was below for both reading and writing.
- Children with no identified SEND performed in line with national CLA in all areas.

KS2 Granular analysis of group outcomes against national CLA outcomes (**Gender**)

Key Stage Two SFR Cohort	Barnsley CLA outcome	National CLA outcome	Comparison when small group methodology applied
Reading			
All	45%	45%	In line with all national CLA
Girls (6)	50%	49%	In line with national girls CLA
Boys (14)	42.9%	42%	Above national boys CLA
Writing			
All	45%	48%	Below all national CLA
Girls (6)	50%	57%	In line with national girls CLA
Boys (14)	42.9%	40%	Above national boys CLA
Maths			
All	40%	46%	Below all national CLA
Girls (6)	33.3%	47%	In line with national girls CLA
Boys (14)	42.9%	45%	Below national boys CLA
Reading writing and maths			
All	25%	32%	Below all national CLA
Girls (6)	33%	36%	In line with national girls CLA
Boys (14)	21.4%	28%	Below national boys CLA

- Boys performed above boys CLA nationally in both reading and writing. However performance below national in mathematics meant boys performance in the measure of reading writing and maths was also below CLA national.
- Girls performance was broadly in line with national CLA girls performance when small group methodology is applied.
- Barnsley CLA girls outcomes were above Barnsley CLA boys. This gap is most noticeable in writing when the gap is 17 percentage points.
- In maths the gap between boys and girls reduces to 2 percentage points.

Granular analysis of group outcomes against national CLA (Ethnic Origin)

- There was only one child with a different ethnicity identified, the details of which have been suppressed to protect possible identification. This child achieved the expected standard in all areas.

Progress

The way progress is measured changed in 2016 and is no longer reported in levels.

The DFE Primary School Accountability document 2016 states:

The previous 'expected progress' measure, based on pupils making at least two levels of progress between key stage 1 and key stage 2, is no longer produced. This measure has been replaced by a value-added measure. There is no 'target' for the amount of progress an individual pupil is expected to make. Any amount of progress a pupil makes contributes towards the school's progress score.

An individual progress score of above 0 would contribute positively to a school's overall performance measure and could be considered a positive progress score.

Key Stage Two Progress						
SFR cohort						
	Reading		Writing		Maths	
	Score	Statistical significance +/-	Score	Statistical significance +/-	Score	Statistical significance +/-
Barnsley LAC progress score	-0.38	Neither	+1.01	Neither	+0.32	Neither
National LAC progress score	-0.67	Negative	-0.90	Negative	-1.3	Negative

- Average progress scores in all three areas have neither a negative nor positive statistical worth indicating that progress was broadly in line with average progress indicators at Key Stage Two.
- The scores for CLA nationally are statistically below average in all three areas.
- Therefore progress for Barnsley CLA was better than progress for all CLA in all three areas.

KS2 Granular analysis of progress outcomes by group against national CLA (SEND)

KS2 SFR cohort				
	National CLA		Barnsley CLA	
	Average progress Score	Statistical significance +/-	Average progress Score	Statistical significance +/-
Reading				
Children with EHCP	-0.67	negative	+8.55	neither
Children with identified SEND (K)	-0.80	positive	-2.22	neither
Children with no identified SEND	-1.02	negative	-0.18	neither
Writing				
Children with EHCP	-5.04	negative	+2.95	neither
Children with identified SEND (K)	-1.36	negative	-0.26	neither
Children with no identified SEND	+1.29	positive	+2.68	neither
Maths				
Children with EHCP	-4.72	negative	+3.58	neither
Children with identified SEND (K)	-1.15	negative	-0.04	neither
Children with no identified SEND	+0.57	positive	+0.61	neither

Reading

- Progress in reading for all groups was broadly average
- This rate of progress was better than all CLA nationally for children with EHCPs and children with no identified SEND
- However nationally CLA children with identified SEND (K) had better progress scores

Writing

- Progress in writing for all groups was broadly average
- This rate of progress was better than all CLA nationally for children with EHCP's and children with identified SEND(K)
- Nationally CLA children with no identified SEND had better progress scores

Mathematics

- Progress in maths for all groups was broadly average

- This rate of progress was better than all CLA nationally for children with EHCP's and children with identified SEND(K)
- Nationally CLA children with no identified SEND had better progress scores

SFR cohort				
	National CLA		Barnsley CLA	
	Average progress Score	Statistical significance +/-	Average progress Score	Statistical significance +/-
Reading				
All	-0.67	negative	-0.38	neither
Girls	-0.44	negative	-4.00	neither
Boys	-0.87	negative	+1.29	neither
Writing				
All	-0.90	negative	+1.01	neither
Girls	+0.18	positive	-0.78	neither
Boys	-1.82	negative	+1.78	neither
Maths				
All	-1.09	negative	-0.32	neither
Girls	-1.72	negative	-3.79	neither
Boys	-0.52	negative	+2.21	neither

- Progress for both boys and girls was broadly in line with average in all three subjects
- Girls and boys both achieved better progress outcomes than national CLA in all areas with the exception of girls writing
- Boys' progress was better than girls in all three areas

Trend Analysis

The percentage of children achieving the national standard at Key Stage Two was measurably lower than 2016 due cohort difference and the significantly lower starting points of the children completing Key Stage Two in 2017. Trend analysis of the progress scores shows that the rate of progress for reading and writing in 2017 was broadly similar to 2016 with a slight dip of 0.2 APS in writing and 0.4 APS in reading. However progress in maths improved by 0.8 APS.

Year Eleven Cohort Statistics

Whole Cohort						
	Gender		Setting		SEN Status	
19	Boys	Girls	BMBC	OOA	SEN (all)	SEN (EHCP/statement)
Number	10	9	12	7	10	6
Percentage	53%	47%	63%	37%	53%	32%
Statistical First Release Cohort						
14	Boys	Girls	BMBC	OOA	SEN	SEN (EHCP/statement)
Number	7	7	9	5	8	4
Percentage	50%	50%	64 %	35.7%	57%	28.5%

Year Eleven SFR Outcomes

SFR Cohort						
	Attainment 8	Progress 8	Progress 8 confidence interval	5 GCSE plus English and maths	Achieving Ebacc.	Any other qualification
Barnsley CLA	18.5	-1.20	+/- 0.67	14.3%	0%	78%
National CLA	19.3	-1.18	+/- 0.04	15%	2%	74%
Barnsley All children	44%	-0.15	+/-0.15	58.1%	14.8%	97.9%
National All children	44.8%	-0.08	+/- 0	56.9%	19.8%	97.2%

Assessment methodology for Key Stage Four changed in 2017 and this report is the first to use the new criteria.

As expected outcomes for this cohort are just below outcomes for all national CLA. However progress is broadly in line with national CLA when progress confidence intervals are taken into consideration. In recognition of the complex learning needs of this cohort, students were entered for a broad range of qualification and a higher proportion than national have achieved in this measure. There were no students entered for the Ebacc in this cohort.

KS4 Granular analysis of Attainment 8 by group against national CLA outcomes (SEND)

SFR Cohort		
Attainment 8	National CLA	Barnsley CLA
All CLA	19.3	18.5
Children with EHCP	9.1	x
Children with Statement	8.1	4.8
Children with identified SEND (K)	21.3	16.3
Children with no identified SEND	31.9	29.6

- Attainment 8 scores for all groups were below national outcome for CLA.

KS4 Granular analysis of Attainment 8 by group against national CLA outcomes (Gender)

SFR Cohort		
Attainment 8	National CLA	Barnsley CLA
All	19.3	18.5
Girls	23.1	21.9
Boys	16.2	15.2

- Attainment 8 scores for both boys and girls were below national outcome for CLA.
- Girls out performed boys by one point. This gap was narrower than the national gap between boys and girls.

KS4 Granular analysis of Progress 8 by group against national CLA outcomes (SEND)

SFR cohort						
Group	National CLA			Barnsley CLA		
	Progress 8	Statistical significance +/-	Confidence interval	Progress 8	Statistical significance +/-	Confidence interval
All CLA	-1.18	negative	+/-0.04	-1.20	negative	+/- 0.67
EHCP	-1.53	negative	+/- 0.12	x	x	x
Statement	-2.15	negative	+/- 0.11	-2.15	negative	+/- 1.39
identified SEND (K)	-1.24	negative	+/- 0.07	-1.64	negative	+/- 1.21
no identified SEND	-0.75	negative	+/- 0.06	-0.43	Neither	+/- 0.98

Progress 8 scores had a negative statistical significance for all groups with the exception of the group of children identified as having no identified SEND, where progress was broadly in line with average progress scores.

The rate of progress for all groups was broadly in line with national CLA when confidence intervals are taken into consideration.

KS4 Granular analysis of Progress 8 by group against national CLA outcomes (Gender)

SFR Cohort						
Group	National CLA			Barnsley CLA		
	Progress 8	Statistical significance +/-	Confidence interval	Progress 8	Statistical significance +/-	Confidence interval
All CLA	-1.18	negative	+/- 0.04	-1.20	Negative	+/- 0.67
Girls (7)	-1.01	negative	+/- 0.05	-1.04	Negative	+/- 0.91
Boys (7)	-1.34	negative	+/-0.05	-1.39	Negative	+/- 0.98

- Progress 8 scores had a negative statistical significance for both genders.
- The rate of progress for both genders was broadly in line with national CLA when confidence intervals are taken into consideration.
- Girls progressed slightly better than boys. The score are broadly in line when confidence intervals are taken into consideration.

3. Attendance Analysis

	CLA National	CLA Regional	CLA Barnsley
Overall attendance	95.7%	96.1%	96.9%
Overall absence	4.3%	3.9%	3.1%
Authorised absence	3.1%	2.7%	2.2%
Unauthorised absence	1.2%	1.2%	0.9%
Persistent Absenteeism	10%	9.1%	4.9%
% receiving one or more Fixed term exclusions	11.4%	12.1%	11.72%
% permanent exclusion	0.1%	x	0%

- Attendance was above both CLA national and regional outcomes
- Overall absence, authorised absence, unauthorised absence and persistent absenteeism were all below both national and regional outcomes for CLA
- Exclusion while below regional data were above figures for national CLA

Absence Trend Analysis

	CLA National		CLA Regional		CLA Barnsley	
	2015-2016	2016-2017	2015-2016	2016-2017	2015-2016	2016-2017
Overall attendance	96.1%	95.7%	96.5%	96.1%	95.9%	96.9%
Overall absence	3.9%	4.3%	3.5%	3.9%	4.1%	3.1%
Authorised absence	2.9%	3.1%	2.5%	2.7%	2.0%	2.2%
Unauthorised absence	1.0%	1.2%	1.0%	1.2%	2.1%	0.9%
Persistent Absenteeism	9.1%	10%	8.4%	9.1%	6.7%	4.9%

Absence

- While national and regional attendance declined for CLA, Barnsley CLA attendance data shows an improvement
- There was an 0.2% increase in authorised absence in 2017 this was mirrored in a similar increase both nationally and regionally
- Unauthorised absence reduced significantly
- Persistent absenteeism dropped by 1.8%

4. Exclusion Data

Please note the SFR 20/2018 publishes exclusion data for the academic year 2015-16 which is the previous academic year

	CLA National		CLA Regional		CLA Barnsley	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
% receiving one or more Fixed term exclusions	10.25%	11.4%	10.35%	12.1%	11.63%	11.72%
% permanent exclusion	0.1%	0.1%	x	x	0%	0%

- Fixed term exclusions have risen for CLA at national regional and local level
- National fixed term exclusion for CLA have risen by 1.15%
- Regional fixed term exclusions for CLA have risen by 1.75%
- Fixed term exclusion rates for Barnsley CLA have risen by 0.09%
- Fixed term exclusion rates are above the figure for national CLA but below the regional figure.

5. Next Steps:

Improving education outcomes for BMBC LAC remains a high priority. Much has been done over the last year to improve the systems in place to plan, and deliver personalised education plans for individual children in care including:

- Embedding a robust termly education planning and monitoring system.
- The development of Virtual School website pages to support all those involved in supporting positive outcomes for children in care.
- The commissioning of Welfare call Ltd to provide real time monitoring of attendance to support educational engagement.
- The undertaking of an evidence based research project into understanding and supporting CIC who are actively refusing to engage in education. The outcome of which will form a key part of the 2017-18 LAC conference.
- The commissioning of a specialist lac engagement mentor through Springwell Special Academy to support children with behavioural barriers to learning.
- Designated teacher training networking.
- Shared working with the fostering service to offer training to carers.
- Shared case working with SEND team to support planning for LAC children with SEND.

- Development of links to YOT (youth Offending Team and the PSORP (placement sufficiency oversight and resource panel).

While the above activity has strengthened BMBC procedures in offering more rigorous challenge to schools alongside supportive CPD, advice and guidance to all those involved in improving education outcomes, it is acknowledged that there is still some way to go in seeing this activity impact consistently on outcomes.

2016-17 outcomes identify the need to continue to drive improvements in the following areas:

- Attainment, particularly at KS4
- Outcomes for children identified as SEND without a statement of EHCP
- Early literacy
- Children entered for EBacc
- Securing progress that is above average to close the attainment gap
- Reduce exclusions
- Build on improving attendance figures

Reducing exclusions, improving attendance at Key stage Four and enabling mainstream settings to better cater for the attachment needs of looked after children through good use of the PPP are seen as key drivers in improving outcomes.

Harnessing the capacity of foster carers and residential staff to support education engagement is also a priority.

The Virtual School Development plan identifies the following priorities in order to raise attainment and improve outcomes for BMBC LAC:

Priority One

Ensure personal education plans (PEPs) contain accurate and detailed achievement data and personal development information which is updated at every review to ensure that attainment for individual children looked after improves.

Objective: To ensure appropriate, personalised plans are implemented to address the individual needs of each child looked after by Barnsley aged 2 to 18, in order to close the attainment and progress gap between LAC and their peers.

Priority Two

Enhance the Virtual School's capacity to support schools in the offer of a broader range of provision in order to more effectively meet the individual needs of children in care.

Objective: To ensure Barnsley children in care have access to personalised provision able to meet their needs through effective use of the pupil premium fund.

Priority Three

Develop attainment and attendance tracking procedures for all children in the care of BMBC that takes account of changes to GCSEs and assessment and reporting requirements.

Objective: To ensure that attainment, progress and attendance monitoring of Barnsley children in care is robust and supports timely intervention.

Priority Four

To raise the profile and increase the influence of the Virtual School across the council and with key partners.

Objective: To develop the capacity of the Virtual School to fulfil and expand its core purpose to a high standard in the light of legislative changes in the Children and Social Work Act 2017.

Priority Five

To improve communication with all stakeholders through the development of an on line virtual presence for the Virtual School and use of modern communication technologies.

Objective: To create an interactive Virtual School presence on the BMBC website to facilitate two way communications and enable timely access to support and advice on education matters for children in care and all those involved in supporting education outcomes for children looked after by Barnsley and those placing children within the Barnsley area.

Priority Six

Ensure all those involved in supporting the educational outcomes of Children in Care have the necessary skills and understanding to fulfil their role to a high standard.

Objective: Deliver a programme of training for Foster Carers, Social Workers and other professionals to increase the confidence and skills, knowledge in supporting the education outcomes of children in the care of BMBC.

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SFR20/2018 Key Data Summary

Key Stage One Outcomes:

- Attainment was broadly in line with national CLA for maths and writing
- Attainment was below CLA national for reading
- Outcomes for children with SEND were broadly in line with national CLA SEND outcomes in all areas for all groups
- Girls were broadly in line with national CLA girls in all areas
- Boys were below national CLA boys in reading and writing and broadly in line with CLA in maths
- Girls progress was stronger than boys
- All children in the Key Stage One cohort were of white British origin

Trend Analysis

There was an increase in children looked after by Barnsley meeting the expected standard in all areas. The increase in all measures was greater than the national increase. There was a particularly sharp increase in children meeting the expected standard in maths.

Key stage Two Outcomes

Attainment

- Attainment was broadly in line with CLA national for reading
- Attainment was below CLA national in all other measures
- Outcomes for children with SEND with an EHCP was in line with national SEND CLA for all measures
- Children with SEND (K) were below national for reading and maths and in line for writing
- Children with no identified SEND were in line with national CLA for all areas
- There was only one child with a different ethnicity identified. This child achieved the expected standard in all areas.

Progress

- Progress was broadly in line with average progress indicators at Key Stage Two
- Progress for Barnsley CLA was better than progress for National CLA in all three areas
- Progress in reading was broadly average for all groups

- Progress in reading was better than all CLA nationally for children with EHCPs and children with no identified SEND. However nationally CLA children with identified SEND (K) had better progress scores
- Progress in writing for all groups was broadly average
- Writing progress was better than all CLA nationally for children with EHCPs and children with identified SEND (K)
- Nationally CLA children with no identified SEND had better writing progress scores
- Progress in maths for all groups was broadly average
- This rate of progress in maths was better than all CLA nationally for children with EHCPs and children with identified SEND (K)
- Progress for both boys and girls was broadly in line with average in all three subjects
- Girls and boys both achieved better progress outcomes than national CLA in all areas with the exception of girls writing
- Boys progress was better than girls in all three areas.

Trend Analysis

The percentage of children achieving the national standard at Key Stage Two was measurably lower than 2016 due to cohort difference and the significantly lower starting points of the children completing Key Stage Two in 2017. Trend analysis of the progress scores show that the rate of progress for reading and writing in 2017 was broadly similar to 2016 with a slight dip of 0.2 APS in writing and 0.4 APS in reading. However progress in maths improved by 0.8 APS.

Key Stage Four Outcomes

Attainment

- As expected, outcomes for this cohort were just below outcomes for all national CLA
- In recognition of the complex learning needs of this cohort, students were entered for a broad range of qualifications and a higher proportion than national have achieved in this measure
- There were no students entered for the Ebacc. in this cohort
- Attainment 8 scores for all groups was below national outcome for CLA.

Progress

- Progress was broadly in line with national CLA
- Progress 8 scores had a negative statistical significance for all groups with the exception of the group of children identified as having no identified SEND, where progress was broadly in line with average progress scores
 - The rate of progress for all groups was broadly in line with national CLA
 - The rate of progress for both genders was broadly in line with national CLA
 - Girls progressed slightly better than boys. The scores are broadly in line when confidence intervals are taken into consideration.

Trend analysis cannot be undertaken due to the changes in methodology at this Key Stage

Attendance

- Attendance was above both CLA national and regional outcomes
- Overall absence, authorised absence, unauthorised absence and persistent absenteeism were all below both national and regional outcomes for CLA
- Exclusion while below regional data was above figures for national CLA.

Exclusion Data

Please note the SFR 20/2018 publishes exclusion data for the academic year 2015-16 which is the previous academic year

- Fixed term exclusions have risen for CLA at national regional and local level
- National fixed term exclusion for CLA have risen by 1.15%
- Regional fixed term exclusions for CLA have risen by 1.75%
- Fixed term exclusion rates for Barnsley CLA have risen by 0.09%
- Fixed term exclusion rates are above the figure for national CLA but below the regional figure.

The report highlights many strengths across the key stages and outcomes are on the whole in line with national outcomes for CLA.

2016-17 outcomes also identify the need to continue to drive improvements in the following areas:

- Key Stage Four Attainment
- Children identified as SEND without a statement of EHCP
- Boys literacy
- Children entered for EBacc.
- Secure progress that is above average to close the attainment gap
- Reduce exclusions
- Build on improving attendance figures.

Reducing exclusions, improving attendance at Key Stage Four and enabling mainstream settings to better cater for the attachment needs of looked after children through good use of the PPP are seen as key drivers in improving outcomes.

Harnessing the capacity of foster cares and residential staff to support education engagement is also a priority.

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Item 23

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

This matter is a Key Decision within the Council's definition and has been included in the relevant Forward Plan

Report of the Executive Director – Core Services

SELECTIVE VOLUNTARY EARLY RETIREMENT AND VOLUNTARY SEVERANCE SCHEMES

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval for amendments to the Selective Voluntary Early Retirement and Voluntary Severance Schemes.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **Members approve the amendments with effect from 5 September 2018.**

3. Introduction

- 3.1 The Selective Voluntary Early Retirement and Voluntary Severance Schemes form part of the Managing Change Policy and enable the Council to reduce the size of its workforce whilst at the same time compensating eligible employees by either immediate payment of pension and/or redundancy payment.

- 3.2 The Local Government Pension Scheme currently provides an entitlement for anyone over the age of 55 who is made redundant to receive early payment of their pension payments.

- 3.3. Voluntary Severance is available to employees subject to approval who are unable to access their Local Government Pension Scheme benefits either because they are under the age stipulated by the Local Government Pension Scheme (currently age 55 or over) or they are not members of the pension scheme.

Employees who take Voluntary Severance are entitled to receive a redundancy payment subject to having a minimum of two years continuous service either with the Council or with another body recognised under the Modifications Order.

- 3.4 The Selective Voluntary Early Retirement Scheme provides for two options:

- SVER resulting from a reorganisation (Proposal A)
- SVER in the efficiency of the service (Proposal B)

- 3.5. In respect of proposal A, with the exception of compulsory redundancy, the cost of the early retirement i.e. salary savings must be equal to or greater than the costs associated with the early retirement i.e. additional pension costs (known as strain costs), redundancy payments, pay in lieu of notice. These costs are calculated over the first full 3 years following retirement.

- 3.6. In respect of proposal B, Selective Voluntary Early Retirement in the efficiency of the service is entirely different to retirement on the grounds of redundancy. Retirement on these grounds will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. Where there is a case for release in the efficiency of the service, robust evidence will need to be provided in the following areas:

- Poor health/stress which does not fall into the scope of the 3 tiers of the ill health pension scheme, or
- Breakdown in trust and confidence which falls short of a breach in contract or,
- Inability to adapt and respond effectively to the pace of change in the organisation.

In these circumstances the package does not include a redundancy payment and whilst there is no requirement to achieve the savings as in proposal A, an assessment should be made of any cashable and non-cashable savings.

4. Consideration of Alternative Approaches

4.1 Do not make amendments to the schemes

- 4.1.1 This option could result in the Council been unable to manage its workforce effectively which could impact on service delivery.

5. Proposal and Justification

- 5.1 To alter proposal B to allow the discretion to make an ex- gratia payment, not exceeding the cost of redundancy in circumstances where the proposal forms part of a wider restructure and the associated costs (known as strain costs, see 5.3.), ex- gratia payment, pay in lieu of notice will generate an overall net costs saving over the first full 3 years following retirement.

6. Implications for local people / service users

- 7.1 None arising from this report

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1 Dependant on the number of employees. Individual costs savings forms will be assessed on a case by case basis and certified by finance.

8. Employee Implications

- 8.1 The implementation of the revised schemes will affect all eligible employees in the council and employees in maintained schools.

9. Legal Implications

- 9.1 Legal services have been consulted on the changes.

10. Communications Implications

- 10.1 The revised schemes will be available on the HR intranet site.

11. Consultations

- 11.1 The Trade Unions have been consulted.
- 11.2 The Senior Management Team has been consulted and support the recommendations contained within this report.

12. Promoting Equality and Diversity and Social Inclusion

12.1 The Scheme applies to all employees in accordance with the Local Government Pension Scheme and Redundancy (Severance) Schemes.

13. Risk Management Issues

13.1 None

14. List of Appendices

Appendix 1 – Amended Selective Voluntary Early Retirement and Voluntary Severance Scheme attached.

15. Background Papers

15.1 All background and working papers are available for inspection in Human Resources.

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SELECTIVE VOLUNTARY EARLY RETIREMENT AND VOLUNTARY SEVERANCE SCHEMES

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SELECTIVE VOLUNTARY EARLY RETIREMENT AND VOLUNTARY SEVERANCE SCHEMES

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Due to the changing nature of Local Government there will always be the need to reorganise and restructure with the consequential reduction of posts. In the event of a likely reduction in the workforce Managers should in the first instance refer to the [Managing Change Policy](#) or in the case of teachers and schools based employees the [Managing Change for Schools Policy](#).

1.2 Selective Voluntary Early Retirement and Voluntary Severance form part of the Managing Change Policy and the guidance detailed below provides the principles and process that should be followed when an employee takes Selective Voluntary Early Retirement or Voluntary Severance in accordance with the approved Council schemes.

1.3 The Selective Voluntary Early Retirement and Voluntary Severance schemes enable the Council to reduce the size of its workforce in line with prevailing economic conditions, whilst at the same time compensating eligible employees by either immediate payment of pension benefits and/or a redundancy payment.

1.4 The Local Government Pension Scheme currently provides an entitlement for anyone over the age of 55 who is made redundant to receive early payment of their pension entitlements.

Employees and Managers should be aware that the following conditions will apply.

- 1.5
- If a candidate is an employee in receipt of a pension (this includes ill health pensions) from a public sector organisation including local government, civil service, teachers pensions, police (Civil or Warranted Officers), armed forces, or any other covered by the Modification Order or a redundancy/ severance payment as a result of being made compulsory redundant this will not rule them out from being employed by the authority. HR approval must be sought by managers in all cases prior to entering into discussions with individuals in receipt of a pension or redundancy/ severance payment regarding any opportunity for employment. Any such arrangements will be considered on a case by case basis and must be cost effective and provide best value in the use of Council resources.

2.0 WHO DOES THIS POLICY APPLY TO?

2.1 This policy applies to all Council employees including support staff employed in locally managed schools with the exception of 'Relief' employees. Teachers or other employees who are members of the Teachers Pension Scheme should refer to the [Redundancy \(Severance\) Payment and Selective Voluntary Early Retirement Scheme – Teaching Employees](#).

3.0 SELECTIVE VOLUNTARY EARLY RETIREMENT

3.1 SVER is available to employees on a voluntary basis subject to approval. An employee who is aged 55 or over and who is made redundant is allowed to access their accrued LGPS pension benefits and if eligible (i.e. two years continuous service with the Council or another

body included in the Redundancy Modifications Order) they will also receive a redundancy payment in line with current Council policy.

4.0 **VOLUNTARY SEVERANCE**

- 4.1 Voluntary Severance is available to employees subject to approval who are unable to access their Local Government Pension Scheme benefits either because they are under the age stipulated by the Local Government Pension Scheme (currently age 55 or over) or they are not members of the pension scheme.
- 4.2 Employees who take Voluntary Severance are entitled to receive a redundancy payment subject to having a minimum of two years continuous service either with the Council or with another body recognised under the Modifications Order.
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5.0 **SVER RESULTING FROM A REORGANISATION (PROPOSAL A)**

- 5.1 In order for an employee to be allowed to take SVER the policy requires that the savings made from an early retirement i.e. salary savings, are equal to or greater than the cost associated with the early retirement i.e. additional pension costs (known as **strain costs**, see 5.3), redundancy payments, pay in lieu of notice. These costs are calculated over the first full 3 years following retirement.

In the case of a compulsory redundancy, the savings may not comply with the criteria detailed in section 5.1 but will be expected to achieve a net nil effect within a reasonable timeframe of the compulsory redundancy taking effect. In the cases of compulsory redundancy it is expected that no suitable alternative posts will be available in the structure.

- 5.2 The payment of pay in lieu of notice (PILON) should only be necessary in exceptional circumstances i.e. when it has not been possible to issue full contractual notice to the employee concerned.
- 5.3 **Strain costs** are the additional pension costs that must be met by the Council and are paid back in 3 yearly instalments.
- 5.4 It is Council policy that there is no entitlement to any pension enhancements when taking SVER e.g. added years of service.
- 5.5 In order for an employee outside the Efficiency Agenda process to be allowed to take SVER to assist in the avoidance of the compulsory redundancy of another employee, it is required that the savings made from the proposal i.e. salary savings, are equal to or greater than the cost associated with the early retirement i.e. additional pension costs (known as **strain costs**, see 5.3 above), redundancy payments, pay in lieu of notice. These costs are calculated over the first full 3 years following retirement (bumped redundancy). All associated costings must be carried out with the HR Business Partner.
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6.0 **SVER INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT IN THE EFFICIENCY OF THE SERVICE (PROPOSAL B)**

- 6.1 Selective Voluntary Early Retirement in the efficiency of the service is entirely different to retirement on the grounds of redundancy and will be subject to a forensic examination of the circumstances before release is agreed. Retirement on these grounds will only be granted
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in exceptional circumstances.

6.2

Where there is a case for release in the efficiency of the service, robust evidence will need to be provided in the following areas: -

- Poor health/stress which does not fall into the scope of the 3 tiers of the ill health pension scheme, or
- Breakdown in trust and confidence which falls short of a breach of contract or
- Inability to adapt and respond effectively to the pace of change in the organisation.

6.3

There must be evidence to support the fact that the application of the Council's policies as they apply to these circumstances is not appropriate i.e. Managing Attendance Policy or Improving Employee Performance Policy.

6.4

It should be noted that an SVER agreed under this method do not carry the same requirement to achieve a saving as detailed above (see 5.1) but an assessment should be made of any cashable and non-cashable savings.

6.5

Applications for retirement on these grounds should be detailed on a **Report** and will be recommended by the Executive Director with agreement by the Chief Executive and Service Director of Human Resources and Business Support, and for approval by the Leader and Cabinet Spokesperson – Corporate Services.

6.6

In these circumstances the package would not include a redundancy payment.

6.7

However, the Council has a discretion to make an ex-gratia payment, not exceeding the cost of redundancy in circumstances where the proposal forms part of a wider restructure and the associated costs (known as strain costs, see 5.3.), ex-gratia payment, pay in lieu of notice will generate an overall net costs saving over the first full 3 years following retirement. Any such proposal will require the prior approval of the Service Director – Finance and Service Director Human Resources & Business Support.

6.8

There is no entitlement to any pension enhancements e.g. added years of service under this scheme.

6.9

Pension Augmentation will only be approved in exceptional circumstances. Approval of pension augmentation must be gained from the Service Director of Human Resources and Business Support.

7.0 **REDUNDANCY PAYMENTS**

7.1

Redundancy payments are made under the Employment Rights Act 1996, Section 227 which states that a redundancy payment should be calculated subject to a weekly earnings limit. The weekly limit is reviewed periodically.

7.2

However, current Council policy states that employees who are made redundant regardless of age will receive a Redundancy Payment based on age and length of service up to a maximum of 20 years' service and the calculation will be based on their **actual** weekly salary. Maximum payment equates to 30 weeks' pay.

7.3

To qualify for a redundancy payment an employee must have a minimum of 2 years continuous service with the Council or other body contained within the [Redundancy](#)

Payments Modifications Order.

- 7.4 A **Redundancy Calculation Table** detailing the number of week's redundancy entitlement is available via the Human Resources Intranet site or by contacting the appropriate directorate Human Resources Business Partner if access to the Intranet site is not available.
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8.0 **CONSIDERATION OF AN SVER/VS**

- 8.1 Prior to any request for SVER or VS is granted, the following factors will be taken into consideration: -
- Whether there is suitable alternative work available within the Council.
 - Whether there are any temporary appointments that might be offered pending the emergence of a more permanent solution.
 - Whether a cost /savings analysis has been undertaken and there are significant resultant savings. The cost/savings analysis will be considered for approval to release figures to the employee.
 - Whether the employee is already in receipt of an offer of employment from another employer, covered by the Redundancy Payments Modification Order, to start within 28 days of the termination of their current employment. If this is the case the employee will not be entitled to receive a redundancy payment.
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9.0 **ILL HEALTH RETIREMENT**

- 9.1 The process for effecting ill-health retirement is well established and to all intents and purposes lies outside of the control of the Council/School, with approval to release pensions being authorised by the Medical Advisor to the South Yorkshire Pension Authority.
- 9.2 In the case of a possible ill health retirement Managers should refer to the Council's Managing Attendance Policy and seek guidance from their directorate Human Resources Business Partner.
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10.0 **PROCESS TO FOLLOW FOR AN SVER/VS**

- 10.1 Managers should initially seek advice from the directorate Human Resources Business Partner when consideration is being given to allowing an employee to terminate under the SVER/VS Policy.
- 10.2 When an SVER/VS proposal is under consideration the manager should liaise with the directorate Human Resources Business Partner who will obtain the estimated pension figures from the SYPA and/or estimated redundancy figures from Financial Services.
- 10.3 These figures should only be requested if there is a clear possibility that the employee may be released for SVER/VS and that consideration has been made regarding all other options (see Section 8).
- 10.4 Employees should be made aware that any request for figures does not constitute any offer or agreement to SVER/VS.
- 10.5 When the estimated figures are received the directorate Human Resources Business
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Partner will carry out a preliminary cost/savings calculation.

- 10.6 For **Non Schools** Service Directors will be invited to discuss their proposals with the Service Director of Human Resources and Business Support and the Service Director of Financial Services.
- 10.7 For **Schools** Headteachers will be invited to discuss their proposals with The Director of People, the Schools Financial Services Manager and the Service Director of Human Resources and Business Support.
- 10.8 The Service Director/Headteacher will be asked to discuss the full implications of the proposed release, giving full details of the following:
- Associated Costs/ Savings
 - Post Deletions
 - Transfer of posts
 - Creation of new posts
 - Re-grading of existing posts
 - Honoraria payments either existing or proposed.
 - Any other associated re structuring proposal(s).
- 10.9 Under no circumstances should information be released to the employee concerned until these discussions are concluded and it has been agreed that the employee can be released.
- 10.10 If it has been agreed the employee can be released the estimates can be forwarded to the relevant Manager who should discuss the contents of the estimate (not the cost/savings information) with the individual employee.
- 10.11 If the SVER/VS is agreed the manager should ensure that the estimate/s are signed by the employee and these should then be forwarded to the directorate Human Resources Business Partner who will prepare the final Cost/Savings Form and will circulate this in turn to all necessary signatories.
- 10.12 All SVER/VS paperwork must be authorised by the following signatories:
Finance Manager responsible for the relevant Directorate/Service/School
Executive Director (**Non Schools**) or the Chair of Governors (**Schools**) for Schools
Service Director of Human Resources and Business Support.
Cabinet Spokesperson for Corporate Services.
- 10.13 Following approval the manager should issue the employee with the appropriate letter confirming the termination on the grounds of SVER or VS. Template letters are available from the directorate Human Resources Business Partner. The template letter contains an acceptance tear off slip which the employee must sign and return prior to any payment being processed.
- 10.14 Following completion of all necessary paperwork the directorate Human Resources Business Partner will forward all documents to the Business Support Services where any payments will be processed and documentation placed on the employee's personal file.
- 10.15 Managers must ensure that any changes made to the structure of the service as a result of the SVER/VS must be approved via a Cabinet report or Delegated Powers report if this change has not already been approved as part of a restructure.

10.16 Mangers must also ensure that the necessary Organisation Management Forms (**OM1/2/3**) are completed and forwarded to the Organisation Management Team to enable the SAP system to be updated with the structural changes.

11.0 **EMPLOYEES WHO ARE ABSENT FROM WORK DUE TO LONG TERM ILLNESS**

11.1 If an employee is absent from work due to long term illness then those employees should be allowed the same opportunity to be considered for SVER/VS as if they had been attending work. However, SVER/VS should not be used in place of the Managing Attendance Policy for employees who are on long term sick leave and advice regarding this should be sought from the directorate Human Resources Business Partner.

12.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY**

12.1 This policy has been impact assessed by Human Resources, if on reading this policy you feel there are any equality and diversity issues, please contact your Directorate Human Business Partner who will if necessary ensure the policy is reviewed.

13.0 **INCOME TAX AND NATIONAL INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS**

13.1 Redundancy payments that meet the definition of redundancy under Section 139 of the Employment Rights Act 1996 and any enhanced redundancy payments will be exempt from tax under Section 401 Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003 subject to the £30,000 limit available in respect of the exemption. No national insurance contributions are payable if the payment meets the redundancy condition even if the payments exceed the £30,000 limit.

13.2 Pay in Lieu of Notice (commonly known as PILON) is a complex area. Any PILON paid as a contractual entitlement should be subject to tax and national insurance contributions. HMRC also consider that in some circumstances tax and national insurance contributions are due on PILON even where there is no contractual arrangement. Therefore advice should be sought in connection within any PILON payments made.

13.3 Any other payments due such as holiday pay, unpaid wages etc. will be subject to tax and national insurance contributions at the appropriate rate.

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	and the associated costs will generate next costs savings over the first full 3 years.
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Appendix 1 Service (Years)

Age (years)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
18* (1)	1																				
19	1	1.5																			
20	1	1.5	2																		
21	1	1.5	2	2.5																	
22	1	1.5	2	2.5	3																
23	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4															
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44	3	4.5	5.5	6.5	7.5	8.5	9.5	10.5	11.5	12.5	13.5	14.5	15.5	16.5	17.5	18.5	19.5	20.5	21.5		
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55	3	4.5	6	7.5	9	10.5	12	13.5	15	16.5	18	19.5	21	22	23	24	25	26	27		
56	3	4.5	6	7.5	9	10.5	12	13.5	15	16.5	18	19.5	21	22.5	23.5	24.5	25.5	26.5	27.5		
57	3	4.5	6	7.5	9	10.5	12	13.5	15	16.5	18	19.5	21	22.5	24	25	26	27	28		
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59	3	4.5	6	7.5	9	10.5	12	13.5	15	16.5	18	19.5	21	22.5	24	25.5	27	28	29		
60	3	4.5	6	7.5	9	10.5	12	13.5	15	16.5	18	19.5	21	22.5	24	25.5	27	28.5	29.5		
61* (2)	3	4.5	6	7.5	9	10.5	12	13.5	15	16.5	18	19.5	21	22.5	24	25.5	27	28.5	30		

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20

18* (1) – It is possible that an individual could start to build up continuous service before age 16, but it is likely to be rare, and therefore this table starts at age 18.

61* (2) – The same figures should be used when calculating the redundancy payment for a person aged 61 and above.

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BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

This matter is a Key Decision within the council's definition and has been included in the relevant Forward Plan

Report of the Executive
Directors of PLACE &
COMMUNITIES

Changes to the Council's Lettings Policy 2018

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To present the findings from the review of the Lettings Policy that was carried out in 2018.
- 1.2 To request approval for the proposed amendments to be made to the existing Lettings Policy as summarised in the report at section 3.8.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is proposed that the recommendations made as a result of the review (noted at section 3.8 of this report) are supported and the proposed changes to the Lettings Policy are implemented.

3. Introduction

- 3.1 The current Lettings Policy was agreed by the Council and implemented from April 2014 (following the 2013/14 Review). Although there have been minor amendments to the Lettings Policy over the last four years, the policy is, and has remained, fit for purpose. In brief summary, the changes in the period since 2014 have included:
 - Revisions to the designated 'age restricted' properties
 - Changes in the ways in which vacant properties are advertised and the methods by which applicants are able to apply for properties following the Access to Services Review.
 - Changes required responding to Universal Credit regulations relating to housing costs for 18 to under 22 year olds.
- 3.2 On 3rd April 2018, the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 came into force. The Act significantly reforms England's homelessness legislation by placing duties on Local Authorities to intervene at earlier stages to prevent homelessness in their areas. It also requires housing authorities to provide homelessness services to all those affected, not just those who have 'priority need'.

- 3.3 In order to ensure compliance with new legislation, and as recommended in the accompanying statutory code of guidance, the Council's Lettings Policy has been reviewed jointly between BMBC, Berneslai Homes and representatives from the Tenant's Federation (the Review Panel) to give effect to the new duties set out in the 2017 Act. In reviewing the current policy documents, officers have also undertaken a more general overview of the Policy and propose a small number of other slight amendments to the wording of the Policy to ensure that it remains flexible enough to adapt to other legislative changes expected to be announced in the Secretary of State Guidance.

The changes to Homelessness Legislation:

- 3.4 Under the 2017 Act, the Council is under a duty to take reasonable steps to **prevent** homelessness where an applicant is threatened with homelessness within 56 days. Whilst the main objective is to take action to enable the applicant to remain in their current home, where remaining in the current home may not be suitable or appropriate the Council should seek to support applicants to secure suitable alternative accommodation to prevent homelessness. This is the Prevent Duty.
- 3.5 Where an applicant is homeless and eligible for assistance, the Council must take reasonable steps to **relieve** homelessness (within 56 days) by assisting the applicant to secure suitable accommodation. This duty may be brought to an end in a number of ways including making an offer of suitable accommodation. This is the Relief Duty.
- 3.6 Under both the **Prevention** and **Relief** duties there is a requirement to complete a personal housing support plan (PHSP) with customers, detailing what action is required. The actions contained within the plan should address the customer's circumstances, their housing and support needs. The actions will be identified as being actions either the Council or the customer will progress and set time scales for updates to be provided. This additional function clearly establishes an expectation that customers will take responsibility for resolving their housing issues and allows the Council to end their duties where customers do not comply with actions set out in the plan. It should be noted that the Housing Solutions Team are committed to assisting engaged customers to resolve their housing solutions either side of the 56 day period.
- 3.7 In reviewing the Lettings Policy, the Review Panel have identified a number of areas where minor changes would assist the Authority to best meet our duties under the new Act.

3.8 The recommendations contained in the sections below will help the Council to continue to meet its statutory and corporate obligations and to do so in a more effective manner:

3.81 **Banding:**

BAND	CURRENT	PROPOSAL
1	Full Duty Homeless cases ONLY (eligible, homeless, priority need, not intentional, local connection).	Keep this the same. Numbers should significantly reduce as the Prevention and Relief stages should assist. There are no proposed changes to other applicants who would currently qualify for Band 1 status.
2	Vulnerable Applicants defined as homeless under the 1996 Act but who are not owed Full Duty as they have made themselves intentionally homeless.	Band to provide reasonable preference to applicants threatened with homelessness and owed the Prevention Duty (section 195 (2)). There are no proposed changes to other applicants who would currently qualify for Band 2 status.
3	Non-Vulnerable applicants who are not owed Full Duty and who have not made themselves intentionally homeless.	Band to provide reasonable preference to applicants owed the Relief Duty (section 189B) There are no proposed changes to other applicants who would currently qualify for Band 3 status.
4	Out of district applicants with no local connection but who have emergency, very urgent or urgent re-housing needs	Reasonable preference to applicants that are threatened with homelessness (and have Prevention Duty) but who do not have a Local Connection There are no proposed changes to other applicants who would currently qualify for Band 4 status.
5	This band is for qualifying applicants who have no local connection with Barnsley and who have minor, or no, housing needs.	There are no proposed changes to other applicants who would currently qualify for Band 5 status.

A process map comparing the old legislation with the new is included at Appendix B. The proposed changes to the banding will be monitored and reviewed by the Panel at a six-monthly interval to ensure that the Council is

meeting its duties under the Act and that other applicants have not been unduly affected by the banding changes.

3.82 Section 6d - Ineligible applicants on the grounds of unreasonable behaviour:

In looking at the current policy, officers feel that the distinction between 'qualifying' and 'ineligible' applicants is not clear enough. The changes in the policy are designed to address this.

Ineligibility in the context of the policy relates to immigration control, people who have failed the habitual residence test, people from abroad determined 'ineligible' by the Secretary of State.

Qualifying people is more about our locally determined criteria taking into account Codes of Guidance, Local priorities and issues and covers things such as ASB, rent arrears.

It is proposed that section 6d should be amended to be identified as the 'qualification criteria' as it identifies those positive and negative individual circumstances that will be considered in determining the outcome.

It should be noted that there are no actual changes to the criteria on which decisions are made.

3.83 Section 7a (ii) - Local connection

It is proposed that this section of the Lettings Policy is amended to reflect the common working definition used for homelessness assessments for establishing a local connection. In short, this means changing the time that they, or a close family relative, must have spent living in the borough over the last 5 years from 2 years to 3 years. This policy change will be reviewed by the Panel at a six-monthly interval to ensure that the Council is able to best meet the needs of all applicants on the waiting list.

3.84 8g – Housing Applicants aged 18 to 21 years old

From 1st April 2017, the Government changed the benefits system; resulting in some single persons aged between 18 and under 22 years of age no longer being eligible for assistance with housing costs through Housing Benefit or Universal Credit.

As a result of these changes, the council reviewed the Lettings Policy and from 28th September 2017, any housing applicant aged between 18 and under 22 years of age, coming up for an offer of accommodation, was subject

to a financial assessment to ascertain if they were able to afford a tenancy. Where the assessment determined that a tenancy was unaffordable, the offer was withdrawn and further offers would not be made until the applicants circumstances changed.

On 29th March 2018, the Secretary of State announced that the Government were changing the benefits system and effectively reversed their decision to withdraw assistance with housing costs for some 18-under 22 year olds. The suggested change in the Lettings Policy is to reflect these changes in the welfare benefit system and withdraw the need for financial assessments for applicants in this age group. In short, this means removing paragraph 8g.

At the time of writing this report, the date the Government intends to change the welfare benefits system for this age group is not yet known. The suggested change in the Lettings Policy is in anticipation of these changes.

3.85 9a – what type of tenancy to be offered

The change basically strips out the existing definitions of secure, introductory and flexible tenancies and replaces them with simplified wording which states that the allocation of tenancies will be in accordance with the law at the time of allocation. This simplified wording prevents a further amendment should the Government take the decision to enact proposals in the Housing and Planning Act 2016, ending automatic lifetime tenancies, at some point in the future.

The primary tenancy offer remains as a secure lifetime tenancy, following the 12 month Introductory Tenancy period.

3.86 Lettings' Policy - Appendix 1 - Exclusion and Suspension Statement

1. Background

It is proposed that this section of the policy is amended with the term 'qualification criteria' for the reasons highlighted above at 3.82.

2. Exclusion - General principles

It is proposed that this section of the policy is amended to include the conditions where the council considers a Housing Register applicant to be ineligible for the allocation of accommodation, and sets out the three-stage test of 'suitability'. The examples of behaviour /conduct have also had slight amendment.

3.9 The current lettings policy has been re-drafted taking into consideration the recommendations set out in this report and a number of minor corrections to details and syntax have also been incorporated.

4. Consideration of alternative approaches

4.1 There are no other alternative approaches. In order to ensure compliance with new legislation, and as recommended in the accompanying statutory code of guidance, the Council's Lettings Policy has been reviewed jointly between BMBC and Berneslai Homes to respond to the new duties set out in the 2017 Homeless Reduction Act.

4.2 In reviewing the current policy documents, officers have also undertaken a more general overview of the Policy and have proposed a small number of other amendments to the wording of the Policy to ensure that it remains flexible enough to adapt to other legislative changes, as required.

4.3 The review panel agreed that the recommendations reflect the best opportunity to allow the Council to meet both our duties under the Homeless Reduction Act (prevent and relief) and our commitment to offer affordable accommodation to other qualifying applicants on the Housing Waiting List.

5. Proposal and justification

5.1 To approve the proposed changes to the Lettings Policy as identified at Section 3.8 of this report.

5.2 The review has taken into consideration compliance with current legislation and the most recent guidance. It is a key principle that allocations policies are seen to be fair and can be justified. It also acknowledges that there is a balance to be struck between the competing priorities of meeting the needs of applicants and developing balanced and sustainable communities.

5.3 Should the recommendations outlined in this report be approved, it is proposed that the changes are implemented and publicised at the earliest opportunity following approval via Full Council.

6. Implications for local people / service users

6.1 It is anticipated that that the proposed recommendations will enhance the existing policy and help the Council to maintain and improve the well-being and quality of life of people in Barnsley. This contributes to the Council's corporate priorities, in particular, assisting people to achieve their potential and the development of strong and resilient communities.

7. Financial implications

7.1 Consultations have taken place with representatives of the Service Director – Finance (S151 Officer).

7.2 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

8. Employee implications

8.1 There are no implications arising from this report.

9. Communications implications

9.1 All documentation will be updated to incorporate the approved recommendations. This will be published on the Berneslai Homes web-site (with links to the BMBC website) and will be available on request.

10. Consultations

- 10.1 Following the completion of the Housing Services Review, a strand of which reviewed the relationship between Berneslai Homes and the Council in the delivery of Community Safety and Allocations related services, a Review Panel (task and finish group) was established in late 2017 to review the existing Lettings Policy and code of guidance.
- 10.2 The Panel consisted of officers across Place and Communities directorates, Berneslai Homes (Rents and Lettings) and representatives from the Tenant's Federation who are supportive of the recommended changes to the policy. The Portfolio Holders for Place and Communities have also been consulted as part of review. A full member briefing will be held in advance of submission to White Cabinet.
- 10.3 As part of the consultation process, the report has been considered by officers from all three directorates and is presented to Cabinet as a joint report between PLACE and Communities.

11. Tackling Health Inequalities

11.1 Revisions to the Lettings Policy allow the Council to ensure that it fully complies with its legislative requirements and makes best use of its stock to ensure that residents in the borough are appropriately housed. As the proposed changes amend banding eligibility, a review will be undertaken at six-monthly intervals to ensure that applicants have not been unduly affected by the amendments to respond to the Homeless Reduction Act. The policy makes no changes to the eligibility criteria for those applicants who require specific accommodation due to their age/health

12. Climate Change & Sustainable Energy Act 2006

12.1 None.

13. Risk Management Issues

13.1 The recommendations are required to ensure that the Council meets its legislative duties. The impact of the proposed changes to accommodate the relief/prevent duties under the Homeless Reduction Act will be monitored at a six-monthly interval to ensure that banding/timescales etc. are addressing the aims of the Act and not unduly impacting upon other applicants/allocations.

14. Health & Safety Issues

14.1 None.

15. Compatibility with the European Convention on Human Rights

15.1 None. The changes respond to government legislation which is considered to be fair and justified.

16. Promoting Equality & Diversity and Social Inclusion

16.1 The recommendations have been fully assessed and comply with Equality and Diversity issues. An Equalities Impact Assessment was jointly produced by Berneslai Homes and the Council in August 2018 which considers the proposed changes to the Lettings Policy in light of the Homeless Reduction Act.

17. Reduction of Crime & Disorder

17.1 Within the existing and DRAFT policy, safeguards are in place to reduce ASB in new tenancies.

18. Conservation of Biodiversity

18.1 None.

19. List of Appendices

19.1 Appendix A- Financial Imps

Appendix B- Process Map

20. Background Papers

Lettings Policy 2018 presentation to Members (to be provided upon request).

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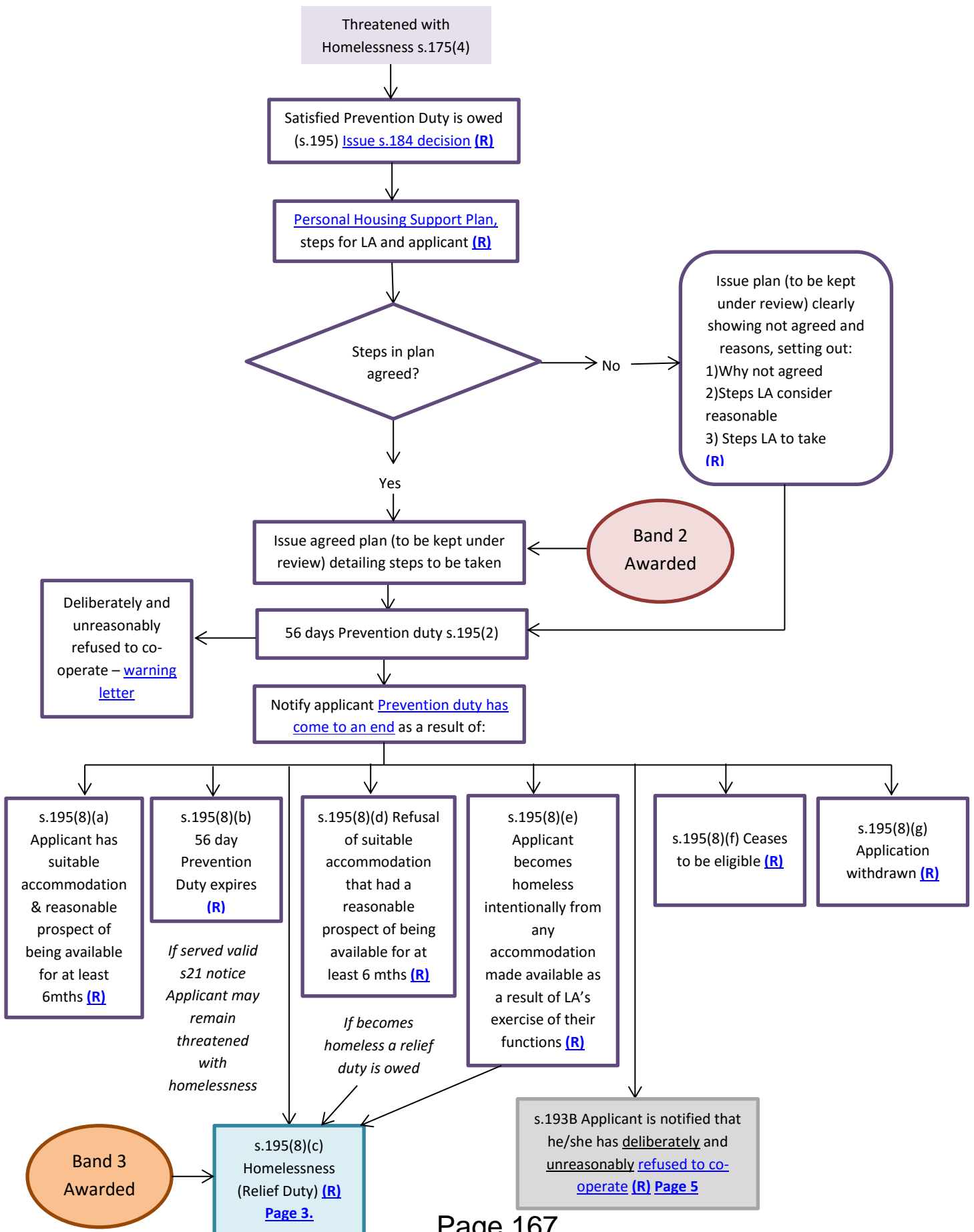
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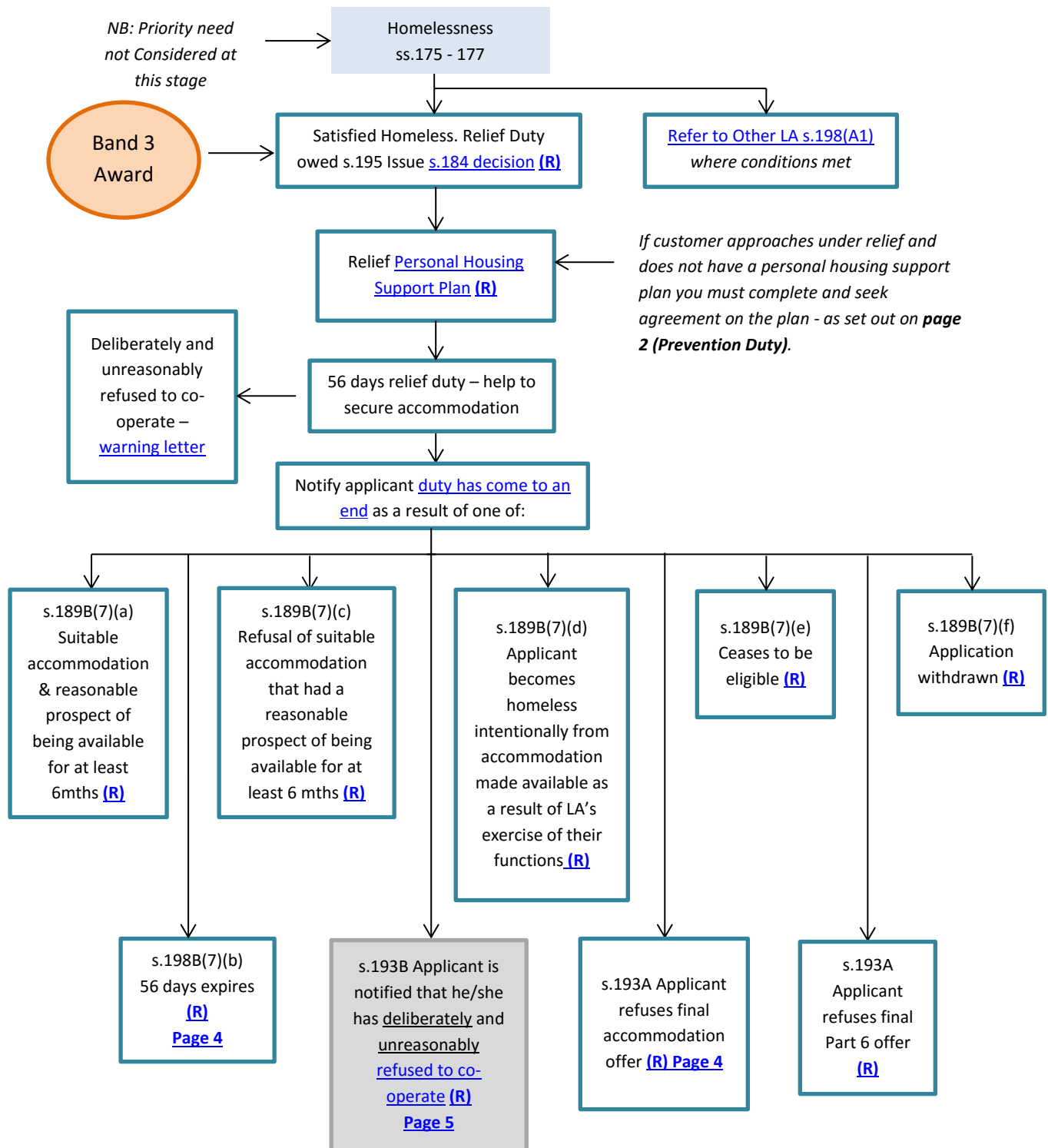
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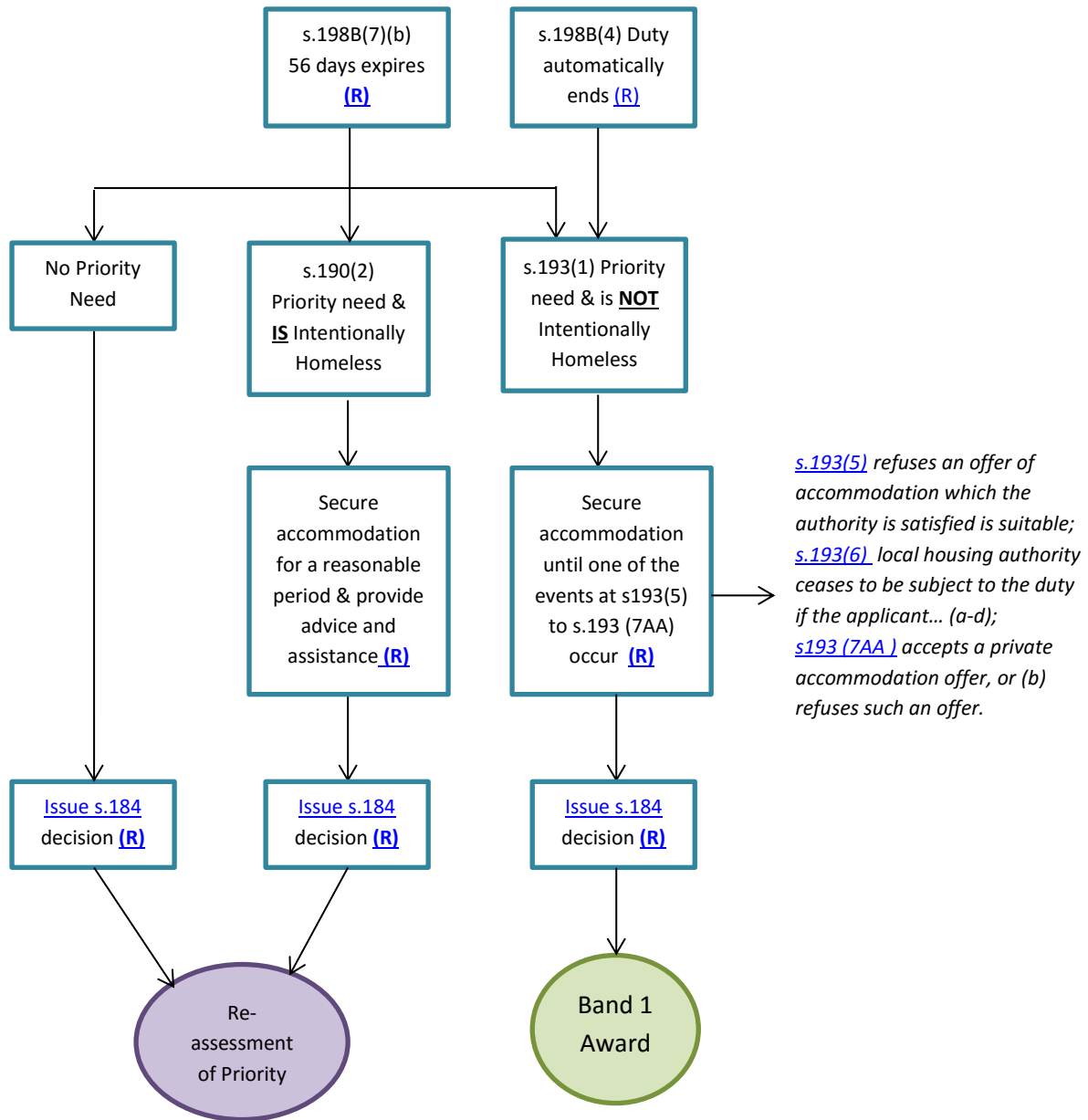
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Item 25



MEETING:	Cabinet
DATE:	Wednesday, 11 July 2018
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Reception Room, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present Councillors Andrews BEM (Chair), Cheetham, Gardiner, Howard, Miller and Pourali

Members in Attendance: Councillors Ennis, Franklin, Frost, Pourali and Tattersall

39. Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

Cllr Robin Franklin declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute 48 by virtue of being a director of Forge Community Partnership and due being an Associate Member of Voluntary Action Barnsley.

40. Leader - Call-in of Cabinet decisions

The Leader reported that no decisions from the previous meeting held on 2nd July, 2018 had been called in.

41. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 2nd July 2018 (Cab.11.7.2018/3)

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd July, 2018 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

42. Decisions of Cabinet Spokespersons (Cab.11.7.2018/4)

There were no Records of Decisions by Cabinet Spokespersons under delegated powers to report.

43. Petitions received under Standing Order 44 (Cab.11.7.2018/5)

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

Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

44. Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2018/19 (Cab.11.7.2018/6)

Cllr Jeff Ennis, The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee attended the meeting to present that Committee's Work Programme for 2018/19 to the Cabinet. In presenting the Work Programme, Cllr Ennis highlighted that the three Task and Finish Groups (TFGs) which were proposed for 2018/19 were regarding Adult Mental Health Services, Substance Misuse, and Social Housing. Cabinet commented that these were important topics and were vital for the Borough.

RESOLVED that the proposed Scrutiny Work Programme for 2018/19, as outlined in Section 5 of the report now submitted, be noted, whilst acknowledging that this be subject to change should any urgent issues arise.

Cabinet Spokesperson without Portfolio

45. Registration of Members Interests/Code of Conduct – Response to Audit Report (Cab.11.7.2018/7)

RECOMMENDED TO FULL COUNCIL ON 26TH JULY, 2018:-

- (i) that the recommendations arising from the Internal Audit review of the Registration of Member Interests be noted;
- (ii) that the revised Member Code of Conduct, amended in the light of the review as outlined in Section 4 of the report and attached at Appendix 1, be approved; and
- (iii) that forms for the Registration of Gifts and Hospitality and for the Declaration of Relationships, as set out at Appendices 2 and 3 respectively, be approved.

Core Services Spokesperson

46. Equality Diversity and Inclusion Strategy 2018-20 (Cab.11.7.2018/8)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the Council's proposed Equality Diversity and Inclusion Strategy for 2018-20, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report submitted, be approved;
- (ii) that the ten Equality Outcomes set out in the Strategy be implemented to ensure the Strategy makes a positive contribution towards the Council's Corporate Priorities; and
- (iii) that annual progress reports be provided to Cabinet to ensure that effective progress is being made.

47. Exclusion of Public and Press

RESOLVED that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items, because of the likely disclosure of exempt information as described by the specific paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended, as follows:-

<u>Item Number</u>	<u>Type of Information Likely to be Disclosed</u>
48	Paragraph 3

Place Spokesperson

48. Acquisition of the Core Building, County Way, Barnsley (Cab.11.7.2018/10)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the strategic acquisition of The Core building, as detailed in Section 4 of the report now submitted, be approved;
- (ii) that the Executive Director Place be authorised to acquire the leasehold interests in the building and adjacent car park and that the Corporate Asset Manager be authorised to agree Heads of Terms for the acquisition; and
- (iii) that the Executive Director Core Services be authorised to complete the proposed acquisition on those terms agreed.

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Item 26



MEETING:	Cabinet
DATE:	Wednesday, 25 July 2018
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 Franklin, Frost, Sheard and Tattersall

49. Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

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

50. Leader - Call-in of Cabinet decisions

The Leader reported that no decisions from the previous meeting held on 11th July, 2018 had been called in.

51. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 11th July 2018 (Cab.25.7.2018/3)

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th July, 2018 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

52. Decisions of Cabinet Spokespersons (Cab.25.7.2018/4)

The Record of Decisions taken by Cabinet Spokespersons under delegated powers during the week ending 13th July, 2018 were noted.

53. Petitions received under Standing Order 44 (Cab.25.7.2018/5)

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

People (Achieving Potential) Spokesperson

54. Notification of Barnsley MBC Successful Participation in Takeover Challenge 2017 (Cab.25.7.2018/6)

The People (Achieving Potential) Spokesperson presented a report on the success of the Takeover Challenge during the week of 20th November, 2017. Three young people who had been involved attended to give a presentation on their experience during the week. Members noted the insights gained by the young people involved and welcomed their comments on the way that the Council and its partners operated.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the achievement of the Authority's successful participation in the Children's Commissioners Takeover Challenge for a third consecutive year across all service areas, as detailed in the report submitted, be acknowledged;

- (ii) that the comments of the young people involved in the Takeover Challenge on their experience be welcomed and they be commended on the quality of their presentation and mature and perceptive comments; and
- (iii) that the service continue to highlight future opportunities to build on this success.

Core Services Spokesperson

55. Our Borough Profile (Cab.25.7.2018/7)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the contents of the Our Borough Profile, as detailed in the report now submitted, be noted; and
- (ii) that the Our Borough Profile report be approved and released to the general public.

Communities Spokesperson

56. Environmental Enforcement Policy (Cab.25.7.2018/8)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the amended Environmental Enforcement Policy, as detailed at Appendix 1 of the report now submitted, be approved; and
- (ii) that the Policy be in place for 3 years with annual reviews taking place and to be delegated to the Cabinet Spokesperson for Communities for approval.

57. Disabled Facilities Grant Framework (Cab.25.7.2018/9)

RESOLVED that the approval be given to go to market to establish a Framework Agreement contract for level access showers and bathroom adaptations utilising Disabled Facilities Grants funding, as set out in the report submitted.

Place Spokesperson

58. Meadstead Bungalows - Royston (Cab.25.7.2018/10)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that approval be given for the Council to build 13 x two bedroomed bungalows and 1x three bedroomed bungalow on 4 sites on the Meadstead Estate in Royston, as set out in Appendix B to the report now submitted, the homes to be Housing Revenue Account (HRA) properties, managed by Berneslai Homes and let to applicants on the Council's Housing Waiting List; and

- (ii) that the appointment of R.J. Cadman Construction Limited be approved and the scheme be funded from the HRA Capital Programme at a total project cost of £1,654,967 including all associated fees.

59. Glass Works Public Realm - Palette of Materials (Cab.25.7.2018/11)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the proposed palette of materials for the Glass Works Public Realm Scheme, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report submitted, be approved for installation;
- (ii) that the Public Spaces Strategy be revised and updated to reflect the changes to the palette of materials; and
- (iii) that the potential increased burden on Council resources covering the maintenance of trees, shrubs and the adopted highway, following completion of the scheme, be noted.

60. Exclusion of Public and Press

RESOLVED that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items, because of the likely disclosure of exempt information as described by the specific paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended, as follows:-

<u>Item Number</u>	<u>Type of Information Likely to be Disclosed</u>
61	Paragraph 3
62	Paragraph 5

Place Spokesperson

61. Keresforth Close Barnsley - One Public Estate (Cab.25.7.2018/13)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that approval be given to the principles set out in the report and support the continued collaborative working with public sector partners under the One Public Estate Programme in relation to the Keresforth Close, Barnsley site;
- (ii) that the Corporate Asset Manager be authorised to agree terms for the acquisition of the properties, associated buildings and land (as set out in Appendix B and shown in hatched) from South West Yorkshire Foundation Trust for conversion from offices to 13 units for residential use;
- (iii) that on completion of the purchase of the properties identified in paragraph 2.2 above they be appropriated to the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and used for new Council housing stock;

- (iv) that budget be set aside from HRA Reserves for the purchase and conversion of the former offices identified in paragraph 2.2 above to provide 13 residential units of the new Council housing be approved;
- (v) that the Corporate Asset Manager be authorised to market the site on behalf of the public sector partners and invite offers for the proposed scheme and on receipt of an acceptable offer finalise heads of terms for a sale to the successful bidder;
- (vi) that the Executive Director Core Services be authorised to complete the above transactions as part of the proposed development, subject to the necessary planning permissions being gained where necessary; and
- (vii) that an indicative sum from the capital receipt generated for the Council be earmarked to provide for statutory improvements to buildings occupied by the Day Opportunities Service, where service users have been moved to, as a result of these proposals, subject to a further report on the actual amount in due course.

62. A628 Dodworth Road/Broadway Junction Improvement (Cab.25.7.2018/14)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that approval be given to the A628 Dodworth Road/Broadway Junction Improvement totalling £4.352m (as detailed in Section 7 Financial Implications of the report now submitted) and the Council's approved capital programme be amended accordingly;
- (ii) that the Executive Director Place be authorised to undertake all necessary steps to secure the scheme;
- (iii) that the Service Director Environment and Transport be authorised to:
 - Seek planning permission for the scheme attached detail in Appendix 1 of the report;
 - Under the terms of the Barnsley Contract Procedure rules, if necessary, seek tenders for any aspect of the project and appoint the successful tender on the basis of most economically advantageous bid; and/or consider whether the works, services or goods can be provided in-house, subject to value for money considerations;
 - Agree the relocation of the area designated for the emergency helicopter landing within the retained area of greenspace;
- (iv) that the Executive Director Core Services in consultation with the Executive Director Place be authorised to:
 - Negotiate the terms and conditions of a Funding Agreement with Sheffield City Region, and the Cabinet Spokesperson Place be authorised to give final approval to the terms of the funding agreement;

- Make and publish a Side Roads Order under sections 14 and 125 of the Highways Act 1980 to deal with the required changes to the existing highway network to accommodate the scheme, to submit the order to the Secretary of State for Transport for confirmation and to take all necessary steps to secure confirmation of the Order including (if necessary) supporting the order at a local public inquiry; and
- (v) that approval in principle be given for the appropriation of up to 6 hectares of land identified in the plan attached at Appendix 1 of the report, from public open spaces to highway purposes and the Service Director Regeneration and Property, be authorised to undertake statutory consultation and:
- If no relevant objections to the consultation are received, to appropriate the land for highway purposes;
 - If relevant objections to the notice are received, a report to be brought to Cabinet to consider making a decision whether to appropriate.

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Item 27



MEETING:	Cabinet
DATE:	Wednesday, 5 September 2018
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Reception Room, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present Councillors Andrews BEM (in the Chair), Bruff, Cheetham, Gardiner, Howard, Miller and Platts

Members in Attendance: Councillors Franklin, Frost, Daniel Griffin, Pourali, Sheard and Tattersall

63. Leader - Call-in of Cabinet decisions

The Leader reported that no decisions from the previous meeting held on 25th July, 2018 had been called in.

64. Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

Councillor Pourali declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute 76 in her capacity as a Berneslai Homes Board Member.

65. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 25th July, 2018 (Cab.5.9.2018/3)

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th July, 2018 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

66. Decisions of Cabinet Spokespersons (Cab.5.9.2018/4)

The Record of Decisions taken by Cabinet Spokespersons under delegated powers during the weeks ending 20th July and 17th August, 2018 were noted.

67. Petitions received under Standing Order 44 (Cab.5.9.2018/5)

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

People (Safeguarding) Spokesperson

68. Annual Report of the Barnsley Local Safeguarding Adults Board 2017/18 (Cab.5.9.2018/6)

Bob Dyson, the Chair of the Barnsley Local Safeguarding Adults Board, attended the meeting to present the Board's Annual Report for 2017/18. The meeting noted the Board's priorities and achievement during the year, as set out in the report.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the Annual Report of the Barnsley Local Safeguarding Adults Board for 2017-18 as detailed in the report now submitted, be noted; and

- (ii) that the progress of the Board in meeting its responsibilities to keep adults in Barnsley safe, be noted.

69. Annual Report of the Barnsley Local Safeguarding Children's Board 2017/18 (Cab.5.9.2018/7)

Bob Dyson, the Chair of the Barnsley Local Safeguarding Children's Board, attended the meeting to present the Board's Annual Report for 2017/18. The meeting noted the Board's priorities and achievement during the year, as set out in the report.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the Annual Report of the Barnsley Local Safeguarding Children's Board for 2017-18, as detailed in the report submitted, be noted; and
- (ii) that progress made by the Board in relation to its statutory role and functions, be noted as part of Cabinet's continued consideration of the Borough's framework for safeguarding vulnerable adults and children.

70. Annual Report of the Corporate Parenting Panel 2017/18 (Cab.5.9.2018/8)

RECOMMENDATION TO FULL COUNCIL ON 27TH SEPTEMBER, 2018:-

- (i) that the Annual Report of the Barnsley Corporate Parenting Panel for 2017-18, as detailed in the report now submitted, be noted; and
- (ii) that the progress and achievements made by the Corporate Parenting Panel in supporting children and young people in care, together with care leavers, be noted.

Core Services Spokesperson

71. Corporate Plan Performance Report - Quarter 1 ending 30th June 2018 (Cab.5.9.2018/9)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the Corporate Plan Performance Report for Quarter 1 (April to June 2018), as detailed in the report now submitted, be noted;
- (ii) that it be noted that there are no suggested areas for improvement or achievement for follow-up at the end of Quarter 1 as initiatives are already in progress to address areas of concern; and
- (iii) that the report be shared with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to inform and support their ongoing work programme.

**72. Corporate Financial Performance - Quarter 1 ending 30th June 2018
(Cab.5.9.2018/10)**

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the Corporate Financial Performance Report for the Quarter Ending 30th June, 2018, as set out in the report now submitted, be noted;
- (ii) that Executive Directors/Service Directors (where appropriate) be requested to provide detailed plans on how their forecast overspends will be brought back into line with existing budgets on a recurrent basis;
- (iii) that approval be given to the write off of £1.402m historical debt as shown within the Corporate Budgets section; and
- (iv) that the budget virements detailed at Appendix 1 of the report, be approved.

**73. Capital Programme Performance - Quarter 1 ending 30th June 2018
(Cab.5.9.2018/11)**

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the Capital Programme Performance for the Quarter Ending 30th June, 2018, as set out in the report now submitted, be noted;
- (ii) that both the 2018/19 and overall five year Capital Programme positions be noted;
- (iii) that approval be given for the 2018/19 scheme slippage totalling £6.095m (paragraphs 4.4, 4.5 and Appendix B refer);
- (iv) that the total net decrease in scheme costs for 2018/19 of £0.936m (as detailed in paragraph 4.6 and Appendix B) be approved; and
- (v) that approval be given to the net increase in scheme costs in future years totalling £0.017m (as set out in paragraph 4.7 and Appendix B).

74. Treasury Management Activities and Investment Performance - Quarter 1 ending 30th June 2018 (Cab.5.9.2018/12)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the Treasury Management and Leasing Activities undertaken in the Quarter Ending 30th June, 2018, as set out in the report now submitted, be noted; and
- (ii) that the Prudential and Treasury Indicators detailed in Appendix 1 of the report be noted.

75. Health, Safety and Emergency Resilience Annual Report 2018 (Cab.5.9.2018/13)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the 2017/18 Health and Safety Annual Report, as detailed at Appendix A of the report now submitted, be noted; and
- (ii) that the Authority's health and safety performance for 2018/18 and the continuous efforts made to improve upon performance in this area be welcomed.

Place Spokesperson

76. Barnsley Homes Standard - Elemental Heating Replacement Programme 2 (Cab.5.9.2018/14)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the Barnsley Home Standard – Elemental Heating Replacement Programme 2 of replacing old, inefficient and worn out systems with new gas boilers and heating installations in Council homes, as detailed in the report now submitted to the value of £850,000, be approved;
- (ii) that funding be released from the Capital Programme in accordance with Financial Regulations; and
- (iii) that Berneslai Homes be authorised to appoint a suitable contractor for the works in consultation with the Executive Director Place and following a procurement exercise and containment of cost within the approved sum.

Communities Spokesperson

77. Digital First - SAP Success Factors Business Case (Cab.5.9.2018/15)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that funding as set out at Section 7 of the report be approved as part of the Digital First Programme to procure SAP SuccessFactors Human Capital Management (HCM) Solution, for a fixed term of 3 years, with an option to maintain the contract for a further 2+2 years, as detailed in the report submitted;
- (ii) that the scheme to the value of £258,000 be included in the Capital Programme and funding be released in accordance with Financial Regulations; and
- (iii) that a procurement process be initiated to procure a SAP implementation partner, to provide consultancy, development and support capability on behalf of the Council for the lifespan of the implementation.

78. Exclusion of Public and Press

RESOLVED that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items, because of the likely disclosure of exempt information as described by the specific paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended, as follows:-

<u>Item Number</u>	<u>Type of Information Likely to be Disclosed</u>
79	Paragraph 3

Communities Spokesperson

79. Digital First - Enabling Digital Mobility Business Case (Cab.5.9.2018/17)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that funding as set out at Section 7 of the report be approved as part of the Digital First programme to fund the replacement of the town centre network infrastructure, as detailed in the report submitted;
- (ii) that the scheme to the value of £537,606 be included in the Capital Programme and funding be released in accordance with Financial Regulations; and
- (iii) that a procurement process be initiated to award a contract to a third party supplier to provide a supported network infrastructure for a maximum five year contract term by March 2019.

Note: In accordance with Part 2, Paragraph 5(6) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee had given approval for the above item to be considered at a private meeting of Cabinet where it had not been possible to give 28 days' notice.

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