

<b>MEETING:</b>	Cabinet
<b>DATE:</b>	Wednesday, 27 November 2019
<b>TIME:</b>	10.00 am
<b>VENUE:</b>	Reception Room, Barnsley Town Hall

## MINUTES

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

**Members in Attendance:** Councillors Franklin, Frost, Saunders and Tattersall  
Guest: Councillor Ennis (Scrutiny and Overview Chair)

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

Cllr Tattersall declared a non-pecuniary interest in the matters to be considered at item 6 by virtue of being a Berneslai Homes Board member.

There were no further declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest.

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

The Leader reported that no decisions from the previous meeting held on 13th November 2019 had been called in.

### 122. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 13th November 2019 (Cab.27.11.2019/3)

The minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

### 123. Decisions of Cabinet Spokespersons (Cab.27.11.2019/4)

The Record of Decisions taken by Cabinet Spokespersons under delegated powers during the week ending 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019 were noted.

### 124. Petitions received under Standing Order 44 (Cab.27.11.2019/5)

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

## Overview and Scrutiny Report

### 125. Recommendations to Cabinet further to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee regarding Void Properties (Cab.27.11.2019/6)

The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee presented a report on the recommendations from the Overview & Scrutiny Committee (OSC) Thriving & Vibrant Economy Workstream meeting held on 1st October 2019 in relation to Void Council Properties.

Members noted the important health and safety considerations associated with recommendation 5: 'Neighbourhood Services to consider machines which can collect grass as it is cut across the borough' and discussed the wider policy implications for both Berneslai Homes and private landlords.

**RESOLVED** that the report be received and the Executive Director for Core be requested to co-ordinate a response to the recommendations in the report within 28 days.

#### **Core Services Spokesperson**

#### **126. Corporate Plan Performance Report - Quarter 2 July to September 2019 (Cab.27.11.2019/7)**

##### **RESOLVED:-**

- (i) that the Corporate Plan Performance Report for Quarter 2 (July to September 2019), as detailed in the report now submitted, be noted;
- (ii) that a suggested follow up area at the end of Quarter 2 in relation to Performance Indicator EC4 (number of private sector jobs created) and business job growth, be noted;
- (iii) that the inclusion of the Stronger Communities quarterly narrative report which details the contribution of Area Council's and Ward Alliances to the Corporate Plan priorities and outcomes be noted; and
- (iv) that the report be shared with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to inform and support their ongoing work programme.

#### **127. Corporate Financial Performance - Quarter Ending 30th September 2019 (Cab.27.11.2019/8)**

##### **RESOLVED:-**

- (i) that the Corporate Financial Performance Report for the Quarter ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019, as set out in the report now submitted, be noted;
- (ii) that the current forecast General Fund revenue operational underspend for 2019/20 of £4.329m and agree that this be considered as part of the updated Reserves Strategy which will form part of the 2020/21 budget setting process be noted;
- (iii) that the current forecast Housing Revenue Account (HRA) operational underspend of £1.937m be noted;
- (iv) that approval be given to the writing off of historic bad debts totaling £0.646m (£0.578m General Fund/ £0.068m HRA);
- (v) that the forecast position on the 2019/20 and overall five year Capital Programme be noted;

- (vi) that approval be given to the scheme slippage of £13.392m predominately relating to the M1 J36/37 redevelopments;
- (vii) that approval be given for bringing forward plans totaling £10.000m on the Glassworks scheme as a result of a redeviised programme of works;
- (viii) that approval be given to a total net increase in scheme costs in 2019/20 and in total of £0.380m;
- (ix) that an additional loan advance to BBIC of £0.150m be approved; and
- (x) that the key messages from the Council's Treasury Management activities carried out during the quarter be noted.

### **Adults and Communities Spokesperson**

#### **128. Community Libraries Refurbishments Programme (Cab.27.11.2019/9)**

##### **RESOLVED:-**

- (i) that approval be given to the procurement of a provider (through Warwickshire Framework Agreement) to deliver the design and supply of the furnishing for the Community Libraries Refurbishment programme;
- (ii) that individual library refurbishment proposals be submitted for consideration by the Capital Oversight Board in line with existing governance arrangements be approved; and
- (iii) that further reports on individual library schemes as the designs are created be received.

### **Children's Spokesperson**

#### **129. Terms of Reference of the Barnsley Alliance and the Borough Education Improvement Strategy (Cab.27.11.2019/10)**

##### **RESOLVED:-**

- (i) that the proposed terms of reference of the Barnsley Alliance, including those of the Alliance's Board, Executive Group and Sub-Groups, together with the role of the Local Authority be noted; and
- (ii) that approval be given for the adoption of the Borough's Education Improvement Strategy (2019/21).

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Chair