

MEETING:	Cabinet
DATE:	Wednesday, 8 January 2020
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Reception Room, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present Councillors Houghton CBE (Chair), Andrews BEM, Bruff, Franklin (on behalf of Gardiner), Howard, Lamb and Platts

Members in Attendance: Councillors Saunders and Tattersall

147. Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

Councillor Tattersall declared a non-pecuniary interest as a member of the Berneslai Homes Board in respect of Minute Numbers 155 and 156.

148. Leader - Call-in of Cabinet decisions

The Leader reported that no decisions from the previous meeting held on 11th December 2019 had been called in.

149. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 11th December, 2019 (Cab.8.1.2020/3)

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th December 2019 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

150. Decisions of Cabinet Spokespersons (Cab.8.1.2020/4)

The Record of Decisions taken by Cabinet Spokespersons under delegated powers during the week ending 6th December 2019 were noted.

151. Petitions received under Standing Order 44 (Cab.8.1.2020/5)

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

Core Services Spokesperson

152. Calculation of Council Tax Base 2020/21 (Cab.8.1.2020/6)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the calculation of the Council's Tax Base for the year 2020/21 be approved including the necessary adjustments to reflect the revised Local Council Tax Support Scheme, as detailed in the report submitted;
- (ii) that the Council Tax Base for the year 2020/21 shall be £65,405.74. This figure has been calculated in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012;

- (iii) that, calculated in accordance with the above regulations, the Council Tax Base for the year 2020/21 in respect of each Parish being listed in the table below:-

Parish Area	Band D Equivalent Chargeable Properties	95% of Band D Equivalent Chargeable Properties
Penistone	4,431.00	4,209.45
Billingley	97.10	92.25
Great Houghton	674.80	641.06
Little Houghton	191.90	182.31
Shafton	969.80	921.31
High Hoyland	68.70	65.27
Hunshelf	161.60	153.52
Langsett	111.60	106.02
Cawthorne	609.20	578.74
Dunford	248.20	235.79
Gunthwaite and Ingbirchworth	298.10	283.20
Thurgoland	757.50	719.63
Tankersley	666.90	633.56
Wortley	304.20	288.99
Oxspring	470.20	446.69
Silkstone	1,214.30	1,153.59
Stainborough	163.90	155.71
Barnsley and other Non-Parish areas	57,409.10	54,538.65
Total	68,848.10	65,405.74

- (iv) that the empty property premium be increased to 200% for properties left empty for 5 years or more as outlined at paragraph 5.5 of the report; and
- (v) that one month 100% discretionary Council Tax discount be amended to become one month landlord discount and amend the criteria so only landlord/letting agent would be eligible for the discount.

153. 2020/21 Business Rates - Calculation of the Authority's Local Share (Cab.8.1.2020/7)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the process for estimating the retained Business Rate Local Share for 2020/21 set out in the report be noted and agree that the 'local share' for Barnsley will be £23.614m (excluding S31 Grants) in line with the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS); and
- (ii) that the final submission be approved by the Service Director Finance – Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Cabinet Spokesperson for Core Services.

154. Corporate Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policies (Cab.8.1.2020/8)

RECOMMENDED TO FULL COUNCIL ON 6TH FEBRUARY 2020 that approval be given to the policies with continued support and endorsement given to the corporate approach to minimise the risk of fraud, corruption and bribery within the Authority's overall ethical framework.

Regeneration and Culture Spokesperson

155. Billingley View - 'Barnsley Low Carbon Standard' Housing Development (Cab.8.1.2020/9)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that approval be given for the Council to progress the delivery of 10 x 2 bed and 6 x 3 bed semi-detached houses on a Council owned site off Billingley View, Bolton-on-Deane. The homes will be Council owned properties, managed by Berneslai Homes and to let to applicants on the Council's Housing Waiting list.

The homes will be delivered to the NEW Barnsley Low Carbon standard which seeks to deliver high energy efficient homes (on a fabric first basis) at SAP rating A. The homes will be 'off gas', low carbon/renewable focused and affordable to heat; and

- (ii) that approval be granted to appoint NPS Barnsley as Principal Contractor to construct the 16 residential units.

156. Berneslai Homes - Purchase, Conversion and Refurbishment of Former Council Offices, Berneslai Close by Berneslai Homes Ltd (Cab.8.1.2020/10)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that Berneslai Homes Ltd be approved to procure and deliver the conversion and refurbishment of the retained building at Berneslai Close;
- (ii) that the relevant authorisation for the monitoring and authorisation of specific project decisions be delegated to Berneslai Homes Senior Management Team, in line with the Council's approved Standing Orders; and
- (iii) that the 9 market rented units be held within Berneslai Homes Ltd ('The Company') and let at market rent.

157. South Yorkshire Digital Connectivity Strategy (Cab.8.1.2020/11)

RESOLVED that the South Yorkshire Digital Connectivity Strategy and the 'direction of travel' set out therein, be approved.

158. St Michael's Avenue Housing Development (Cab.8.1.2020/12)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that approval be granted 'in principle' for the direct development of the Council owned site off St Michael's Avenue, Monk Bretton by the Council. The site will provide 35 residential units with a mixture of open market sale, Council rented and market rented properties;
- (ii) that final scheme approval and responsibility for the appointment of suitably qualified contracts be delegated to the Executive Director Place, following consultation with the Executive Director Core Services. A final decision regarding the progression of the development will be made following a full financial appraisal at tender evaluation stage;
- (iii) that approval be granted to appropriate the 16 Council rented units into the Housing Revenue Account, which will be managed by Berneslai Homes; and
- (iv) that approval be granted to appropriate the 6 market rented units to Berneslai Homes Ltd ('The Company'), which will be held separately from the Housing Revenue Account and let at an affordable market rent.

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Chair