

MEETING:	Full Council
DATE:	Thursday, 26 September 2019
TIME:	10.30 am
VENUE:	Council Chamber, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present

The Mayor (Councillor Markham)

Central Ward

- Councillors D. Birkinshaw and Bruff

Cudworth Ward

- Councillors Hayward, Houghton CBE and Wraith MBE

Darfield Ward

- Councillors Saunders and Smith

Darton East Ward

- Councillors Charlesworth, Hunt and Spence

Darton West Ward

- Councillors A. Cave, T. Cave and Howard

Dearne North Ward

- Councillors Gollick and Phillips

Dearne South Ward

- Councillors C. Johnson and Noble

Dodworth Ward

- Councillors P. Birkinshaw, Fielding and Wright

Hoyland Milton Ward

- Councillors Franklin, Shepherd and Stowe

Kingstone Ward

- Councillors Murray and Williams

Monk Bretton Ward

- Councillors Felton and Green

North East Ward

- Councillors Cherryholme, Ennis OBE and Higginbottom

Old Town Ward

- Councillors Lofts, Newing and Pickering

Penistone East Ward

- Councillors Barnard, Hand-Davis and Wilson

Penistone West Ward

- Councillors Greenhough, David Griffin and Kitching

Rockingham Ward

- Councillors Andrews BEM, Lamb and Sumner

Royston Ward

- Councillors Cheetham, Makinson and McCarthy

St. Helen's Ward

- Councillors Leech, Platts and Tattersall

Stairfoot Ward

- Councillors Bowler, Gillis and W. Johnson

Wombwell Ward

- Councillors Eastwood, Frost and Daniel Griffin

Worsbrough Ward

- Councillors Carr and Lodge

107. Declarations of Interests

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

108. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 25th July, 2019 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

109. Communications

(a) Barnsley Museums Learning Service – Sanford Awards

The Chief Executive was pleased to announce that the Barnsley Museums Learning Service had been awarded two prestigious Sanford Awards for their work at Elsecar and Cannon Hall.

The Sanford Award was an independently judged, quality assured assessment of education programmes in museums. It represented a 'kite mark' for high quality education provision which was recognised by schools and other education institutions across the United Kingdom and provided national recognition among the heritage sector.

Barnsley Museums Learning Service was to be congratulated for its excellent work in yet again securing Sanford Award status for their efforts. Ally Beckett from the Barnsley Museums Learning Team was present in the Chamber this morning to hear this citation.

Councillor Cheetham, Cabinet Spokesperson for Place (Regeneration and Culture), asked to add his own congratulation to the Team. This was a really prestigious award and was not the first time that the Service had won it and this demonstrated that the Museums Service was not just a place of history and culture but actually also thrived in educational establishments.

The Mayor also expressed her own personal congratulations to the Team.

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

(b) Barnsley in Bloom Awards Evening – 25th September, 2019

The Chief Executive reported on the Barnsley in Bloom Awards Evening held on the 25th September, 2019 when Barnsley had done extremely well. Two hundred and fifty communities participated in the Royal Horticultural Society Yorkshire Region (RHS) competition this summer.

Barnsley had welcomed three new entries this year, two in the 'Its Your Neighbourhood' category and the third in the Young People's Award taking the In Bloom family to a staggering 28 entries.

All in Bloom entries were judged on their community participation, environmental awareness and horticultural quality and the Council was

delighted with this summer's results. Indeed she had been informed that Barnsley had received far more awards than anywhere else in Yorkshire.

Barnsley's communities continued to work tirelessly in their local green spaces and these awards showed the commitment to improving these for the benefit of everyone.

Councillor Lamb, Cabinet Spokesperson for Place (Environment and Transportation) commented on the fabulous awards evening last night which was a moment of great pride for everyone in the Borough.

He felt that it would be wrong not to recognise every individual contribution that had been made that had enabled those 28 awards to be won. He asked, therefore, to briefly go through the various categories and the various winners including all of those were present at the ceremony in the Town Hall last night:

Charitable Organisations

Barnsley Hospice – Gold Medal and joint category winners for the whole of the region

Large Businesses

Tankersley Manner – Silver Gilt

Parks and Open Spaces – the largest category with 12 entries

Dearne Valley Country Park – Silver Gilt

Cudworth Park Friends Group – Silver Gilt

Friends of Locke Park – Gold

Friends of Monk Bretton Park – Gold

Friends of Monk Bretton Memorial Garden – Platinum

Elsecar Park and Local nature Reserve – Platinum

Fiends of Royston Canal Club – Platinum

Friends of Thurnscoe Park – Platinum

Friends of Wilthorpe Park – Platinum

Churchfields Peace Garden – Platinum

Friends of Wombwell Cemetery – Platinum

Carlton Marsh Nature Reserve – a hat trick – Platinum – the third year in succession it had received such an award

It's Your Neighbourhood – this was a Royal Horticultural Society category with 5 levels of achievement going from Level 1 Blooming, through Improving, Advancing, Thriving to level 5 Outstanding:

Barnsley main Heritage Group – Level 4 Thriving

Cudworth Environmental Group – Level 4 Thriving

Grimethorpe War and Miners Memorial Group – Level 4 Thriving

Goldthorpe Railway Embankment – Level 4 Thriving

Grimethorpe Community Farm – Level 5 Outstanding

Owd Marthas yard – Level 5 Outstanding

Robert Street Community Allotments – Level 5 Outstanding

Royson in Bloom – Level 5 Outstanding

Wortley Hall Walled Garden – Level 5 Outstanding

Youth Enterprise Award

Greenacre Primary School – Silver Gilt

Gooseacre Primary School – Silver Gilt

Birkwood Primary School – Gold

Oxpring Primary School – Gold medal and for the second year were awarded Overall Category Winner

Parks Services Community Award

Cudworth Environmental Group

The surprise of the night was the Award given to Mick and Lynne White from the Robert Street Community Allotment whose outstanding involvement and contribution to the scheme encouraging volunteers and school children over a number of years had been recognised by being given the RHS It's Your Neighbourhood Award of Distinction for 2019.

The Cabinet Spokesperson also congratulated the staff of Parks and Neighbourhood Services for the fantastic work they undertook in supporting this competition.

Several other Members echoed the comments made by the Cabinet Spokesperson and particularly thanked the work of officers, school children and volunteers all of whom had made these successes possible.

The Mayor added her own personal congratulations to all involved. She commented that she had attended the Awards Ceremony in York recently when

Barnsley had won all these awards. To say she was proud was an understatement.

The Mayor and Members of the Council then expressed their thanks to all involved in the usual manner.

110. Management of Business at Council Meetings - Proposed Amendments to Standing Orders

The report of the Chief Executive proposing amendments to the Council's Standing Orders in relation to the management of business at Council Meetings was:

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

RESOLVED:

- (i) That appropriate amendments be made to the Council's Standing Orders to provide for the following as set out in the report now submitted:
 - (a) That meetings of the Council commence at 10.00 am and last not move than three hours in duration unless it is expressly agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow for the consideration of business to continue
 - (b) That responses to questions be limited to five minutes
 - (c) Subject to recommendation (i)(d) that the duration of speeches be limited to five minutes including any right of reply
 - (d) That the mover of a recommendation to Council or of a Motion to consider a substantive report requiring Council approval be permitted to speak for up to ten minutes
 - (e) That the length of time for the consideration of Notices of Motion submitted under Standing Order No 6 not exceed one hour
 - (f) That the Order of business set out in the Summons for the meeting follow the order set out in paragraph 5 of the report
- (ii) That the recommended changes be implemented forthwith and take effect for this and future meetings of the Council and that Standing Order 41 be waived accordingly.

111. Developing a Zero Carbon Strategy for the Council and the Borough and Declaration of Climate Emergency (Cab.18.9.2019/9)

The report of the Executive Director Place setting of the Council's proposed approach to achieving zero carbon in its operations by 2040 (Zero40) and to supporting, through its Place Leadership role, the transition of the Borough to zero carbon by 2045 (Zero45) was:

Moved by Councillor Lamb – Seconded by Councillor Cheetham.

An Amendment was:

Moved by Councillor Fielding – Seconded by Councillor Lodge:

- (i) That the Council declare a Climate Emergency to support the transition to a zero Carbon Council and Borough;
- (ii) That the Council brings forward the existing commitment set out in the Energy Strategy 2015-2025 to be zero carbon by 2030 with the aim of achieving this earlier if practicable;
- (iii) That approval be given to enhanced carbon reduction targets set for the Council's own activities, (formerly Zero40 as detailed in Section 5.4) to a new Zero30 target (zero carbon by 2030) and for the wider Borough, (formerly Zero45 as described in Section 6.2) to a new Zero 35 (zero carbon by 2035) target be adopted as Key Corporate Indicators. That these targets be reviewed on an annual basis following development of Strategic Energy Action Plans with the aim of achieving zero carbon at an earlier date if practicable;
- (iv) That a programme be developed of funded five year Strategic Energy Action Plans (SEAPs) with the aim of achieving the enhanced targets;
- (v) That effective governance arrangements are put in place to lead the Council towards achieving the Zero30 and Zero35 targets;
- (vi) That financial resources to fund the necessary measures to achieve the carbon reduction targets need to be provided;
- (vii) That a Barnsley Citizens Assembly on Climate Change be established to guide the means by which the carbon reduction targets are met and to assist in informing the Citizens of Barnsley of the nature of the emergency and the steps being taken to address it. The Citizens Assembly will be structured and operate in line with good practice in other Local Authorities but will include 50 residents and will be adequately funded. The Citizens Assembly must be established and hold its first meeting before 31st March 2020.

Upon being put to the vote, the Amendment was lost.

The original Motion was then put as the Substantive Motion and:

RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the Council declare a Climate Emergency to support the transition to a zero carbon Council and Borough;
- (ii) that the Council endorses the existing commitment set out in the Energy Strategy 2015-2025 to be zero carbon by 2040 with the aim of achieving this by 2035 or earlier if practicable;
- (iii) that approval be given to the carbon reduction targets set for the Council's own activities, Zero40 (as detailed in Section 5.4) and for the wider Borough, Zero45 (as described in Section 6.2) be adopted as Key Corporate Indicators. That these targets be reviewed on an annual basis following development of Strategic Energy Action Plans with the aim of achieving zero carbon at an earlier date if practicable;

- (iv) that a programme be developed of funded five year Strategic Energy Action Plans (SEAPs) as set out in Section 5.4 of the report;
- (v) that a Place Leadership role be adopted in delivering zero carbon through the Zero40 and Zero45 approach as set out in Sections 5 and 6 of the report; and
- (vi) that a Zero 40 Zero 45 Feasibility and Enabling Fund be established to facilitate project development.

112. Advertising and Sponsorship Policy (Cab.18.9.2019/6)

Moved by Councillor Franklin – Seconded by Councillor Howard; and

RESOLVED that the updated Advertising and Sponsorship Policy be approved.

113. Appointments to Regulatory Boards and Outside Bodies

Moved by Councillor Howard – Seconded by Councillor Charlesworth; and

RESOLVED that the following changes be made to the bodies indicated for the remainder of the Municipal Year:

General Licensing

2 Vacancies (Labour)

Statutory Licensing Regulatory Board

Councillor Cherryholme

Planning Regulatory Board

Councillor Fielding

Barnsley Magistrates Court Liquor Licensing Forum)

1 Vacancy (Scrutiny Committee Member)

South Yorkshire Police Crime Panel

1 Substitute Vacancy

Migration Yorkshire

Leader (Chair) and Councillor Platts (Observer)

Barnsley Business Innovation Centre

Councillor Howard (Substitute)

South Yorkshire PCP – Violence Reduction Unit Reference Group

Cabinet Spokesperson for Adults and Communities

114. Planning Regulatory Board - 23rd July, 2019

Moved by Councillor D. Birkinshaw - Seconded by Councillor Makinson; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Planning Regulatory Board held on the 23rd July, 2019 be received.

115. Planning Regulatory Board - 3rd September, 2019

Moved by Councillor D Birkinshaw – Seconded by Councillor Makinson; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Planning Regulatory Board held on the 3rd September, 2019 be received.

116. General Licensing Regulatory Board - 4th September, 2019

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

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the General Licensing Regulatory Board held on the 4th September, 2019 be received.

117. Statutory Licensing Regulatory Board - 4th September, 2019

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

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Statutory Licensing Regulatory Board held on the 4th September, 2019 be received.

118. Standards Regulatory Board Panel - 29th August, 2019

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

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Standards Regulatory Board Panel held on the 29th August, 2019 be received.

119. Councillor Greenhough - Statement

Councillor Greenhough stated that he would like to formally apologise for the derogatory language he used about Councillor P Birkinshaw at the Council meeting held on the 25th July, 2019. He acknowledged that this was unacceptable and he unreservedly withdrew those comments and apologised for his choice of language.

It had been a long and hot meeting and emotions were running high and he had used words that should never have been used and certainly not in a Council meeting.

This apology had been send directly to Councillor P Birkinshaw the day after the Council meeting. He was making this apology in full Council today at the request of the Standards Regulatory Board Panel and he hoped that this would now draw the matter to a close.

120. General Licensing Panel - Various

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

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

121. 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.

122. Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Strong and Resilient Work Stream) - 16th July, 2019

Moved by Councillor Ennis OBE – Seconded by Councillor Lofts; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Strong and Resilient Work Stream) held on the 16th July, 2019 be received.

123. Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Special Meeting) - 24th July, 2019

Moved by Councillor Ennis OBE – Seconded by Councillor Lofts; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Special Meeting) held on the 24th July, 2019 be received.

124. Overview and Scrutiny Committee - 10th September, 2019

Moved by Councillor Ennis OBE – Seconded by Councillor Lofts; and

RESOLVED that the minutes now submitted of the proceedings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on the 10th September, 2019 be received.

125. Central Area Council - 1st July, 2019

Moved by Councillor W Johnson - Seconded by Councillor Wright; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Central Area Council held on the 1st July, 2019 be received.

126. North Area Council - 22nd July, 2019

Moved by Councillor Leech – Seconded by Councillor Lofts; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the North Area Council held on the 22nd July, 2019 be received.

127. North East Area Council - 25th July, 2019

Moved by Councillor Hayward – Seconded by Councillor Wraith MBE; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the North East Area Council held on the 25th July, 2019 be received subject to it being noted in Minute 11 ‘Notes of Ward alliances’ that Mr Les Holt was appointed to the Grimethorpe Ward Alliance and not the Cudworth Ward Alliance.

128. Dearne Area Council - 29th July, 2019

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

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Dearne Area Council held on the 29th July, 2019 be received.

129. Penistone Area Council - 1st August, 2019

Moved by Councillor Barnard – Seconded by Councillor David Griffin; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Penistone Area Council held on the 1st August, 2019 be received.

130. Dearne Area Council (Special Meeting) - 6th August, 2019

Moved by Councillor Noble – Seconded by Councillor Gollick; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Dearne Area Council (Special Meeting) held on the 6th August, 2019 be received.

131. South Area Council - 6th September, 2019

Moved by Councillor Daniel Griffin - Seconded by Councillor Stowe; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the South Area Council held on the 6th September, 2019 be received.

132. Cabinet Meeting - 24th July, 2019

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

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the Cabinet Meeting held on the 24th July, 2019 be received.

133. Cabinet Meeting - 21st August, 2019

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

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the Cabinet Meeting held on the 21st August, 2019 be received.

134. Cabinet Meeting - 4th September, 2019

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

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the Cabinet Meeting held on 4th September, 2019 be received.

135. 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.

136. Sheffield City Region Mayoral Combined Authority Board - 3rd June, 2019

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

137. Sheffield City Region Mayoral Combined Authority Board - 29th July, 2019

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

138. Police and Crime Panel - 1st July, 2019

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

139. South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority - 22nd July, 2019

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

140. Questions by Elected Members

The Chief Executive reported that she had received a number of questions from Elected Members in accordance with Standing Order No. 11.

Note: A maximum of 30 minutes was allocated for this item in accordance with Standing order No 11(2)(d).

(a) Councillor Lodge – Roads in Worsbrough

‘As a gateway to the town, it is essential that roads in Worsbrough can withstand the increased demand on them, and still ensure that residents are as safe as possible. Unfortunately, this isn’t the case in Worsbrough, as residents and business owners across the Ward are seeing damage to their properties as well as vehicles being regularly damaged by lorries attempting to use smaller roads. So, will the Cabinet Member responsible, commit to ensuring that all roads in Worsbrough are fit for purpose and if they aren’t, will they invest to improve the safety of all in the areas affected?’

Councillor Lamb, Cabinet Spokesperson for Place (Environment and Transportation), responded by stating the earlier this year, Cabinet had approved the 2019 – 2022 Highways Capital Programme which detailed how £30.9m would be invested into repairing and maintaining the Highway infrastructure over the next 3 years. This included an additional £6m of capital investment made available by the Council to support the core maintenance allocation.

Investments were determined and prioritised in line with the Highway Asset Management Strategy 2016 -2021 which adopted the principles of whole life asset costs with the aim of maximising the available resources to extend the life of the asset. This was applied to all assets including:

- Carriageways
- Bridges and other structures (retaining walls etc.)
- Drainage
- Traffic signals
- Safety fencing and barriers
- Footways and cycleways
- Street lighting
- Signs
- Roadmarkings and studs

This year, £13.6m would be used to repair, maintain and protect assets with £3.5m invested directly in the local road network (Class B and C roads) and a further £4m identified for the Principal Road network (Class A roads). This £7.5m of investment in footways and carriageways was directed to the areas where it was needed most and was informed by the annual network survey carried out on the Council's behalf by a third party specialist.

With specific reference to roads in Worsbrough, this year's programme would see investment in Ardsley Road, Briar Rise, Haverlands Ridge and Highstone Lane as well as the full footway construction of Wellington Crescent. The value of this work was estimated to be in excess of £150,000.

In addition, each year the Traffic Team undertook an analysis of Personal Injury data collected by the South Yorkshire Police to determine which locations within the borough attracted the highest rates of road traffic collisions. This year the junction of Park Road and Kingwell Road had been identified as a collision cluster site which would be assessed by Highways Engineers to determine what additional road safety interventions could be introduced to improve road user safety at this location. Thankfully, no other locations in Worsbrough presented themselves as needing intervention at this time.

It was interesting to note that the borough currently had 751 miles of Highway Network the equivalent of a one way trip from here to Switzerland and whilst every effort was made by officers and front line teams to repair, maintain and make safe the network for all road users it shouldn't be overlooked that the network continued to grow, making this challenge greater every year. The Highway Programmes and strategies reflected the priorities and ambitions of the Council and the Authority would continue to invest the funding that was available in areas where it was needed most (despite the fact that there had been 10 years of cuts in funding).

In summary he asked to place on record his thanks and appreciation to all officers and staff involved in maintaining the road network.

Councillor Lodge did not ask a supplementary question.

(b) Councillor Wilson – Speed Indicator Devices

‘Speeding traffic on our rural roads and through our villages in Barnsley has long been an issue for all our residents. Could I ask when Highways will have purchased the Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) as these were promised some time ago?’

Councillor Lamb, Cabinet Spokesperson for Place (Environment and Transport), stated that the Traffic Team were currently evaluating the recently submitted tender responses for the supply of two new Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs). This would be concluded in the coming weeks after which an order could be placed and the devices could be sited at locations across the Borough on a rolling basis.

Councillor Wilson thanked the Cabinet Spokesperson for the response and asked as a supplementary question whether the Council was a Member of the Camera Partnership, which had been undertaking a review of all the cameras across the borough, and he questioned when that report would be completed (as this matter had been ongoing for many years) and how this would be presented to Members.

Councillor Lamb stated that he did not have this information with him but he assured all elected Members that he would take that question away and provide Councillor Wilson with a response and copy this to all other Members.

(c) Councillor Fielding – Location of new Secondary School in Barnsley

‘Has a site been offered by Barnsley Council to Trinity Multi-Academy Trust for the location of their new 900 place secondary school in Barnsley and if so, where is that site? If no site has yet been offered, which sites have been shortlisted?’

Councillor Cheetham, Cabinet Spokesperson for Place (Regeneration and Culture), thanked Councillor Fielding for his question. As Members may remember when he had responded to Councillor Wright’s question at a previous Council meeting the Council had not reached this stage of the process as yet.

The Trinity Multi Academy Trust had been successful in gaining monies from the DfE (Wave 13 Free School Programme) to provide a new 900 place secondary school in the central area of Barnsley where a need had been established.

A meeting had taken place with the DfE/Trinity Multi Academy Trust/the Council and LocatED to discuss the site requirements for a school of this nature.

LocatED had been commissioned by the Department for Education to source a site for a building of approximately 73,000 sq ft. LocatED were a government-owned property company, responsible for buying and developing sites for new schools in England and was one of the largest purchasers of land in the UK.

LocatED was currently preparing an independent report following a site search across the Borough and would make recommendations to the DfE and Trinity Multi Academy Trust in the coming weeks.

Councillor Fielding thanked the Cabinet Spokesperson for the response and asked as a supplementary question if he could give an assurance to parents whose children were due to move into secondary education in 2021, and for which the extra capacity was needed, that if the school was not built or was not open by then what plans were

in place to accommodate their secondary education given that they would be applying for places in 12 months' time.

Councillor Cheetham stated that he was happy to give that reassurance as it was the Council's statutory obligation to ensure that there were sufficient school places and the school estate would be able to cope with the influx of pupils at that time. It was, of course, extremely difficult for the Local Authority as the Free School process was designed to exclude Local Authorities from most of the practical measures. If the authority was allowed to build the school itself he would be able to give even greater assurances but sadly it was not permitted to do so. It was not a simple task to build a secondary school of this size and was not something that could be done quickly. From the Council's point of view it would certainly do all that was possible to facilitate the progress of the proposal if it was suitable but in reality the only input would be at the planning stage when the MAT brought more concrete proposals as to where they would like to site the school. In terms of the assurances, however, sufficient school places would be made available via the current school estate if the school was not open as anticipated.

(d) Councillor Lodge – Events outside Barnsley Town Centre

'With the success of Our Dancing Town, will the Cabinet Member responsible look at ways in which the Council can deliver events like this in areas outside of the Town Centre?'

Councillor Cheetham, Cabinet Member for Place (Regeneration and Culture) stated that the Town Centre Events Programme, which included the Dancing Town Event, had been designed and funded to drive footfall to the town centre particularly during the development of the new Town Centre. Following the evaluation of the 2019 Dancing Town event and the resources available, it was proposed that the event duration be contracted and augmented to feature a core high impact town centre offer utilising key venues and locations, with the development of an associated 'fringe' events programme to compliment and expand the impact of the core offer.

The Fringe would enable new and existing events and activities to be organised by dance clubs/schools, local communities and other key partners such as Barnsley Museums and Public Health to be promoted pre and post the core festival activity in key locations and venues to create a wider borough 'Dance Festival' that would be promoted alongside the core offer.

The Events Team did not have the capacity or resources to directly organise and deliver a borough wide event of this nature.

Councillor Lodge did not ask a supplementary question.

(e) Councillor Hand-Davis – Weed Killer usage

'Following on from a previous question regarding Glyphosate spraying would the Cabinet Member agree with me that this weed killer is all we have available to deal with pernicious weeds? It is not a banned substance and our operatives need the support and policy direction from this Chamber to continue its usage'

Councillor Lamb, Cabinet Spokesperson for Place (Environment and Transportation), thanked Councillor Hand-Davis for his question.

Glyphosate was a broad spectrum (non-selective) weed killer that was fundamentally the key pesticide available and was widely used by local authorities across the country and the world. Currently the Council was still in a position to use glyphosate based products under Health and Safety guidance.

Following the recent Future Council Improvement Review, Neighbourhood Services had this year adopted a targeted approach to weed killing across the borough which now covered primary highway routes and high footfall economic areas including Barnsley Town Centre and the Principal Towns. Nomix Dual was a mixture of Glyphosate and other active ingredients and, therefore, had a lower proportion of Glyphosate in it. This was now used as part of the targeted approach as this product claimed a five month kill, therefore, reducing the need for re-applications. Glyphosate, on the other hand, only acted when it touched weeds and had no residual impact. It was estimated that through the adoption of target-based approaches, Neighbourhood Services would reduce the use of Glyphosate weed killing products by 70% when compared to previous years.

It was important to note that Glyphosate products were assessed in line with the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) legislation and could only be used by trained and certificated staff in accordance with the Health and Safety Executive approved control measures which the Council rigorously applied. The move to a pre-mixed residual solution added another level of protection for the operational staff when working with such products.

The Service currently had Blitz Teams working throughout the Borough and every Councillor should have received an email asking them to identify to the Service areas of concern. These Blitz Teams had two operatives in each local area who would manually remove any weed build up. The Service was also currently looking at different approaches for the next season which would limit the use of Glyphosate based products whilst ensuring that local communities were clean, green and attractive places for all residents and visitors.

This was another example of this Labour controlled Council investing in issues that really mattered to people in local communities, things that they saw on a daily basis. The Council had invested in those Teams and they were now operational in all areas.

Councillor Hand-Davis did not ask a supplementary question.

(f) Councillor Fielding – Penny Pie Park Gyrotory and Job Creation

‘The Sheffield City Region funding for the Penny Pie Park Gyrotory requires that the construction of the gyrotory will result in the creation of 115 new jobs by the end of March 2021 (18 months’ time) and if that target is not achieved, Barnsley Council will have to repay £10,000 for each job by which it fails to meet the 115 job target.

- (i) *How many jobs currently exist at Capitol Park?*
- (ii) *How many more jobs can be created at Capitol Park if the gyrotory is not constructed?*
- (iii) *How many more jobs can be created at Capitol Park as a result of the gyrotory being constructed?*

Councillor Cheetham, Cabinet Spokesperson for Place (Regeneration and Culture) stated that the exact figure of current jobs at Capitol Park was not held by the Council. The Council's Enterprising Barnsley Service directly supported 4 existing businesses at Capitol Court, that between them had 64 employees. Using the standard Homes and Communities employment destinies guide, the total development capacity equated to 1,113 jobs.

Aecom consultants identified that the crossroads, without mitigation, only had capacity for just over 36,000 sq. m of employment space, which, using the Homes and Communities employment destinies guide was equivalent to 946 jobs.

The approved gyratory scheme would enable the entire Capitol Park to be developed to its full potential, which using the same destinies guide, would allow a further 115 jobs to be delivered, however, this was dependent on specific end users, and it was envisaged that this would be much more due to the new NHS blood building which would open in 2020 providing approximately 350 jobs.

Councillor Fielding thanked the Cabinet Spokesperson for the response and, as a supplementary question whether it was expected that these jobs would be created within the required timescales, whether the target would be met or whether grant provided by Sheffield City Region would have to be repaid. A condition of the grant was that the Council would demonstrate that these jobs had been created. How would it be demonstrated adequately that these jobs had been created rather than just building warehouses that would remain empty?

Councillor Cheetham stated that the Council was quite confident that these jobs would be created. The site was in an excellent location for businesses to locate and there was a great deal of interest in doing so. Employers and organisations were already lined up for as yet unbuilt units and indeed the NHS facility to be built would more than cover the required number of jobs to be created.

(g) Councillor Lodge – Missed Bin Collections in Worsbrough Dale

'Can the Cabinet Member responsible explain the reasons behind the numerous missed bin collections in the Worsbrough Dale area? Residents in Worsbrough ensure their bins are out on time and we should collect them on time'

The Cabinet Spokesperson of Place (Environment and Transportation) thanked Councillor Lodge for the question. To a large extent in relation to bin collections over recent years the Council had become a victim of its own success in that the Service and the staff involved had set a very high bar. The Service had experienced a spike in August in relation to reported missed bins in the Worsbrough Dale area (22 for the month) out of a possible 23,856 bin lifts – one bin was missed for every 1084 collected – so whilst it was accepted that some bins had been missed this was not considered to be a complete disaster. However, a number of issues had been experienced by the domestic waste collections service in the area including gas works and access issues. Delays had been experienced with the delivery of 2 smaller refuse collection vehicles which had limited the ability to access some of the backings to properties and narrow access streets. The Service had now taken receipt of these vehicles and missed bins recorded in September had significantly reduced to three – 1 missed bin in Worsbrough for every 7,952 bins collected which he considered to be a very good standard of service.

The Service was also on the verge of implementing in cab technology in many of the vehicles which would also improve performance and efficiency even further.

Councillor Lamb encouraged Councillor Lodge, and indeed all other Councillors, to visit Smithies Lane Depot to meet the officers and staff so that they could have a real understanding of the enormity of the task that staff faced and how they rose to that challenge on a daily basis.

Councillor Lodge did not ask a supplementary question.

(h) Councillor Lodge – Establishment of Citizen Assembly in Barnsley

‘There is support across the UK for Citizen Assemblies, to address issues which affect everyone. Our neighbours in Sheffield City Council have supported the idea, establishing their own Assembly to address Climate Change and associated issues, including Public Transport. As such, does the Cabinet Spokesperson for Place (Environment and Transport) agree with Sheffield Labour Councillor and Cabinet Member for Environment, that it is wrong to think that any one person has solutions for everything and will they agree to establish a Citizen Assembly in Barnsley to investigate issues around Public Transport, Climate Change and other urgent issues?’

Councillor Sir Steve Houghton CBE, Leader of the Council responded to this question and thanked Councillor Lodge for his question. The Council had, for a number of years, been innovative in the way it engaged with its citizens and, more importantly, in ensuring that their voice was heard and that they were able to help influence and shape planning and decision making.

Work would commence shortly in respect of the Borough Plan for 2030 which would see all households in the Borough invited to participate in what would be a significant exercise in ensuring services continued to develop and that there was effective engagement with citizens. There would be an all Member Seminar shortly which would outline how Members and Partners in indeed residents themselves could help shape the future and ensure that the Council achieved its 2030 vision.

Our Area Councils and Ward Alliance initiative, which complemented the Council’s governance arrangements and increased opportunities for community empowerment, were viewed with great envy across the county and beyond. They had been seen as a beacon of excellence by many other Authorities who had sought to model their own neighbourhood arrangements on Barnsley’s. The recent Peer Review had also recognised this point. He had met staff from the Area Councils and Ward Alliances yesterday at their ‘Away Day’ and one Member of Staff had informed him that she had been invited to Sheffield to meet active citizens at their conferences and very complimentary comments had been made to her about the arrangements in Barnsley and suggestions had also been made that other Council’s may wish to learn from us.

On another level, Councillors Surgeries were an important means of ensuring the Councillors, as the citizen’s representatives, remained in touch with local sentiments and help capture citizens answers to the question ‘what do people think should happen’.

The strong area governance arrangements provided for devolved decision making right down to a local level and empowered communities to work alongside the Council to design and deliver local solutions to local issues.

The Council valued these arrangements as part of its neighbourhood engagement. He, therefore, proposed that the town was already, in a wider sense, a Citizen's Assembly, somewhere every citizen and community group had a voice and the opportunity to use that voice to help shape what should happen.

Councillor Lodge did not ask a supplementary question.

141. Notice of Motion - Change from Cabinet to Committee Structure

A Motion Submitted in Accordance with Standing Order No 6 was;

Moved by Councillor P Birkinshaw – Seconded by Councillor Gillis:

'that this Council change from the existing Cabinet System to the Committee Structure as was previous which is a more democratic system allowing all 63 Members to play a part in decision making'.

Upon being put to the Vote, the Motion was lost.

In accordance with Standing Order No 18(b) at the request of Councillor P Birkinshaw, supported by more than 10 other Members, a recorded vote was taken on this Motion.

In favour of the Motion:

Councillors P Birkinshaw, Carr, Felton, Fielding, Gillis, Greenhough, Hunt, Kitching, Lodge and Smith.

Against the Motion:

The Mayor, Councillor Markham, and Councillors Barnard, D Birkinshaw, Bowler, Bruff, A Cave, T Cave, Charlesworth, Cheetham, Cherryholme, Eastwood, Ennis OBE, Franklin, Frost, Green, Daniel Griffin, David Griffin, Hand-Davis, Hayward, Higginbottom, Sir Steve Houghton CBE, Howard, W Johnson, Lamb, Leech, Lofts, Makinson, McCarthy, Murray, Newing, Pickering, Platts, Saunders, Shepherd, Spence, Stowe, Sumner, Tattersall, Williams, Wilson, Wraith MBE and Wright.

There were no abstentions

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

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Chair