

MEETING:	Full Council
DATE:	Thursday, 26 September 2019
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 in the Minute Book).

2. Minutes (*Pages 7 - 32*)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 25th July, 2019.

3. Communications

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

4. Management of Business at Council Meetings - Proposed Amendments to Standing Orders (*Pages 33 - 36*)

The Chief Executive will submit a report proposing amendments to the Council's Standing Orders in relation to the management of business at Council Meetings.

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.

5. Developing a Zero Carbon Strategy for the Council and the Borough and Declaration of Climate Emergency (Cab.18.9.2019/9) (*Pages 37 - 48*)

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL 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.

6. Advertising and Sponsorship Policy (Cab.18.9.2019/6) (Pages 49 - 58)

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL that the updated Advertising and Sponsorship Policy be approved.

7. Appointments to Regulatory Boards and Outside Bodies

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

General Licensing Regulatory Board

Proposed – 2 Vacancies (Labour)

Statutory Licensing Regulatory Board

Proposed – 1 Vacancy (Labour)

Planning Regulatory Board

Proposed – 1 Vacancy (Lib Dem)

Barnsley Magistrates Court Liquor Licensing Forum

Proposed – 1 Vacancy (Scrutiny Committee Member)

South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel

Proposed – 1 Substitute Vacancy

Migration Yorkshire

Proposed – Leader (Chair) and Councillor Platts (Observer)

Barnsley Business Innovation Centre

Proposed – Councillor Howard (Substitute)

South Yorkshire PCP - Violence Reduction Unit Reference Group

Proposed – Cabinet Spokesperson Adults and Communities

Minutes of the Regulatory Boards

8. Planning Regulatory Board - 23rd July, 2019 (*Pages 59 - 62*)
9. Planning Regulatory Board - 3rd September, 2019 (*Pages 63 - 64*)
10. General Licensing Regulatory Board - 4th September, 2019 (*Pages 65 - 66*)
11. Statutory Licensing Regulatory Board - 4th September, 2019 (*Pages 67 - 68*)
12. Standards Regulatory Board Panel - 29th August, 2019 (*Pages 69 - 72*)
13. Councillor Greenhough - Statement
14. General Licensing Panel - Various (*Pages 73 - 76*)
15. Appeals, Awards and Standards - Various (*Pages 77 - 78*)

Minutes of the Scrutiny Committees

16. Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Strong and Resilient Work Stream) - 16th July, 2019 (*Pages 79 - 82*)
17. Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Special Meeting) - 24th July, 2019 (*Pages 83 - 86*)
18. Overview and Scrutiny Committee - 10th September, 2019

Minutes of the Area Councils

19. Central Area Council - 1st July, 2019 (*Pages 87 - 92*)
20. North Area Council - 22nd July, 2019 (*Pages 93 - 96*)
21. North East Area Council - 25th July, 2019 (*Pages 97 - 100*)
22. Dearne Area Council - 29th July, 2019 (*Pages 101 - 104*)
23. Penistone Area Council - 1st August, 2019 (*Pages 105 - 110*)
24. Dearne Area Council (Special Meeting) - 6th August, 2019 (*Pages 111 - 112*)
25. South Area Council - 6th September, 2019 (*Pages 113 - 118*)

Minutes of the Cabinet Meetings

26. Cabinet Meeting - 24th July, 2019 (*Pages 119 - 122*)

27. Cabinet Meeting - 21st August, 2019 (Pages 123 - 126)
28. Cabinet Meeting - 4th September, 2019 (Pages 127 - 132)

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

29. 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.

30. Sheffield City Region Mayoral Combined Authority Board - 3rd June, 2019 (Pages 133 - 142)
31. Sheffield City Region Mayoral Combined Authority Board - 29th July, 2019 (Pages 143 - 150)
32. Police and Crime Panel - 1st July, 2019 (Pages 151 - 158)
33. South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority - 22nd July, 2019 (Pages 159 - 174)
34. 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.

1 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?’

2 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?’

3 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?’

4 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?’

5 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.’

6 Councillor Fielding – Penny Pie Park Gyrotory and Job Creation

‘The Sheffield City Region funding for the Penny Pie Park Gyrotory requires that 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 £10,100 for each job by which it fails to meet the 115 job target.

- a) *How many jobs currently exist at Capitol Park?*
- b) *How many more jobs can be created at Capitol Park if the gyrotory is not constructed?*
- c) *How many more jobs can be created at Capitol Park as a result of the gyrotory being constructed?’*

7 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.’

8 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 Transportation) 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?’

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

Notice of Motion submitted in accordance with Standing Order No 6

Proposer – Councillor P Birkinshaw

Seconder – 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.’



Sarah Norman
Chief Executive

Wednesday, 18 September 2019

MEETING:	Full Council
DATE:	Thursday, 25 July 2019
TIME:	10.30 am
VENUE:	Council Chamber, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present

The Mayor (Councillor Markham)

- Central Ward - Councillors D. Birkinshaw, Bruff and Dyson
- 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 T. Cave and Howard
- Dearne North Ward - Councillors Gardiner and Phillips
- Dearne South Ward - Councillors Danforth, C. Johnson and Noble
- Dodworth Ward - Councillors P. Birkinshaw, Fielding and Wright
- Hoyland Milton Ward - Councillors Franklin, Shepherd and Stowe
- Kingstone Ward - Councillors Mitchell and Williams
- Monk Bretton Ward - Councillors Felton, Green and Richardson
- North East Ward - Councillors Cherryholme, Ennis OBE and Higginbottom
- Old Town Ward - Councillors Lofts and Pickering
- Penistone East Ward - Councillors Barnard
- 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 and Frost
- Worsbrough Ward - Councillors Carr and Lodge

62. Mrs S Norman - Chief Executive

The Mayor and Members of the Council welcomes Mrs S Norman, Chief Executive, to this her first meeting of the Council.

63. Declarations of Interests

Councillor Lodge declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute nos.76 and 77 'South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority minutes' in view of the fact that he worked for an organisation which received funding from the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority.

64. 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 65 only 'External Annual Governance Report – Presentation' insofar as it relates to restrictions on Members speaking more than once.

65. External Annual Governance Report - Presentation

Mr G Mills (Engagement Lead) and Mr T De Zoyza (Engagement Manager) representing Grant Thornton, the Authority's External Auditor, made a presentation on the External Annual Governance Report 2018/19.

Mr Mills outlined the roles and responsibilities of the External Auditor with specific reference to the work undertaken in relation to the Accounts Audit, Use of Resources and Value for Money conclusion as well as explaining how this role was undertaken.

The following points were noted:

- In relation to the findings in the 2018/19 accounts
 - An unqualified 'clean' audit opinion was expected to be issued
 - Regular liaison had been undertaken with the Finance Team and wider Management Team
 - Good working papers had been provided and feedback sessions had been held
 - No major weaknesses in the financial systems had been identified
 - There were no audit adjustments impacting on useable reserves
 - A small number of other audit adjustments and presentation amendments had been suggested. The key accounting matters related to the valuation of the Council's land and buildings and pensions reserves and an adjustment to the prior year accounts for a school disposal

- In relation to the Key findings in 2018/19 in respect of Value for Money
 - Risk assessment had identified two areas of focus relating to the financial standing of the Council and the arrangements in place for the Glassworks development
 - There was an unqualified 'clean' conclusion on the Use of Resources/Value for Money conclusion and a good outcome for the Council based on positive findings with regard to:

- The delivery of the 2018/19 budget and savings
- The 2019/20 budget, reserves level and updated Medium Term Financial Strategy
- Governance and Risk Management arrangements for the Glassworks
- The views of other regulators including the Ofsted 'good' report of October 2018
- Key challenges for the Council remained particularly in relation to the ongoing financial environment for all Councils and the continued need to maintain strong governance, risk management and financial management of the Glassworks scheme

The External Auditors also recorded their thanks for the work for the Service Director Finance, for staff within the Finance Directorate and within Internal Audit, for SMT and all other staff who had contributed to ensuring that the Council received an unqualified opinion.

Councillor Sir Steve Houghton CBE (Leader of the Council) also placed on record thanks and appreciation for the work of the External Auditors for the way in which the audit had been conducted, to the Director of Finance and his Team and to the Senior Management Team and to all officers involved in the process.

66. Audit Committee - 22nd June, 2019

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 22nd June, 2019 be received.

67. Final Annual Governance Statement 2018/19

Moved by Councillor Gardiner – Seconded by Councillor Franklin; and

RESOLVED that the final Annual Governance Statement 2018/19 be approved and adopted.

68. External Audit Annual Governance Report 2018/19

In moving the report Councillor Gardiner thanked the External and Internal Auditors as well as the Service Director Finance and his team for all their hard work in preparing the Annual Governance Report, the financial statements and final accounts.

Moved by Councillor Gardiner – Seconded by Councillor Franklin; and

RESOLVED

- (i) That the External Auditor's Annual Governance Report 2018/19 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 2018/19 financial statements be noted and accordingly, the final accounts 2018/19 (as appended to the Annual Governance report now submitted) be approved.

69. Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on the 1th May, 2019 (Annual Council) and the 23rd May, 2019 (Ordinary meeting) were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

70. Councillor Lamb

Councillor Lamb stated that he had posed questions at the Council meeting held on the 23rd May, 2019 that he believed to be in the public interest. He had subsequently received further information that made it clear that Thurlstone Property Ltd was not a property letting company and did not need to be declared on Councillor Kitching's Register of Interests Form. He had now received further reassurances from Councillor Kitching that this company did not operate within the Borough and had no link with the private rental market.

Given the additional information and the assurances offered he was happy that Councillor Kitching did not need to declare the interest and did not act at all in an improper way. He, therefore, considered this matter to be amicably closed.

71. Communications

(a) Soaring to Success

The Chief Executive reported that Monday 10th June 2019 saw the start of the 'Soaring to Success' programme; a collaboration between Barnsley Council and the Air League Trust.

The Air League Trust was a Charity originally founded in 1909 at the beginning of powered flight whose role was to organise programmes to promote UK aviation, aerospace and space particularly amongst young people.

This was the first time that the Air League had worked with a local authority to bring aviation experiences and job opportunities to the young people in one area of the UK. To this end they had entered into a partnership with Barnsley Council to bring their programme to the young people of Barnsley.

The Air League Trust's programme contained four progressive stages.

The earlier stages involved a series of **Introduction to Aviation** careers events for 1000 young people, exploring the breadth of careers available within the aviation and space sectors

There would be a series of **Air Experience** days in which successful applicants would visit an operating airfield to gain an understanding of the roles involved in its operation. As part of this, students would have the opportunity of a taster glider flight. Later stages comprised a series of **Flying Days** and would see 20 year 12 students return to an airfield to gain further tuition in how to fly a glider leading to some students experiencing **Powered Flight** to transfer learning from their glider flying to the piloting of a light aircraft.

. The proposal created the opportunity for Barnsley learners to:

- have meaningful employability encounters with leaders in the aviation industry;
- gain further understanding of potential career opportunities
- develop skills that build confidence and raise aspiration irrespective of whether a career in aviation was their intention.

The contribution which Barnsley was making was acknowledged at the recent Annual Awards of the Air League organised with the permission of HRH the Duke of Edinburgh Patron of the Air League at a reception at St James's Palace held on 30th May. The Council was represented at the reception and Alastair Parker who was invited to address the reception and who was present this morning in the Council Chamber together with Lauren Surtees who had supported him in the delivery of the Project.

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

(b) Barnsley Museums Archive Service

The Chief Executive was very pleased to announce that the Archive Service has been successful in securing two grants recently. £30,000 has been awarded from the National Archives to catalogue the archives department's extensive and important collection of Non-Conformist records. There was a high demand for access to this collection.

A further £5,000 has been secured from The National Manuscripts Conservation Trust (NMCT) grants scheme. The money would be used as part of an ongoing project to conserve and make more accessible the well-known Dransfield collection of antiquarian papers, currently stored at Penistone Library. The collection includes some 19th century letters relating to football teams in the Penistone area, which were of national importance.

Congratulations were expressed to congratulate Paul Stebbing and David Blunden for securing this much needed extra funding for the service.

Councillor Cheetham, Cabinet Support Member for Place (Regeneration and Culture) asked to add his own thanks to Paul Stebbing and David Blunden of their hard work in achieving such a success as he was aware of how competitive it was to obtain such funding. He understood that only one in six of a hundred applications was successful and it was down to their hard work that this had been achieved. The Archives Service was exemplary and it was great that the Council provided the service for residents who valued their history and heritage.

Councillor Richardson, as the Council's representatives on the South Yorkshire Joint Advisory Committee on Archives asked to add his own personal congratulations to all involved. He also stated that the Archives Service was a true jewel in the crown for Barnsley.

Councillors Greenhough (Penistone West Ward Member) and Councillor Barnard (Penistone East Ward Member) also added their own congratulations to all involved as these archives were a vital part of Penistone's history

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

(c) Helen Jagger – Berneslai Homes Chief Executive

The Chief Executive reported that Helen Jagger was to retire as Chief Executive of Berneslai Homes next month and she was pleased to say that she has joined Members in the Council Chamber this morning. Helen had been at the helm at Berneslai Homes since 2007 and she was sure everyone would wish to join her in wishing Helen well in her retirement and thanking her for her huge contribution to Barnsley

Councillor Sir Steve Houghton CBE asked to express his sincere thanks to Helen for all that she had done in Barnsley. Helen had worked in the public sector for 39 years becoming professionally qualified in Housing whilst working for the London Borough of Camden, extending her portfolio to Human Resources and Organisational Development with Leeds City Council.

She was a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Housing and Chartered Institute of Personal Development. Before joining Berneslai Homes in 2007 she was Chief Executive of one of the 6 Almo's in Leeds. Helen had maintained a broad interest in Partner and outside organisations including, until recently, the Chair of the Leeds Federated Housing Association, she represented Northern Almo's on the National Federation of Almo's Board, Vice Chair of Barnsley College Board, Chair of the Housing Customer Experience Committee, Board Member/Director of the Barnsley and Rotherham Chamber of Commerce and Chair of the Sheffield City Region Housing Provider Forum.

Helen's philosophy was that residents were at the heart of everything we did and she believed very strongly that Partnership with the Council must be at the centre of all that Berneslai Homes did. Under Helen's leadership the Authority had seen Berneslai homes go from strength to strength becoming one of the top performing housing organisations in the country and year on year Berneslai Homes was one of the top three performing organisations in the country which was a remarkable achievement.

There were so many achievements that could be mentioned; the three stars excellent rating from the Audit Commission in 2009; Berneslai Homes regularly featured in the Sunday Times top 100 companies list in the UK; the Investors in People Gold and Health and Well Being awards; and recently the building of new Council homes within Barnsley for the first time in decades. With that great performance and supporting the Council's priorities Berneslai Homes was named the No1 housing landlord by 24 Housing Magazine in 2017 and in 2015 Helen had been named Chief Executive of the Year

The Council had always prioritised the provision of decent homes for its residents and the Decent Homes Programme and the work that Berneslai Homes had done had been exemplary. In many areas Council housing was seen as a problem but here in Barnsley, because of the work Helen had done, council housing was seen as a solution and this was a fantastic achievement for all the residents.

Once again, he thanked Helen for all she had done and wished her well for the future.

The Mayor added her own congratulations to Helen and wished her a long and happy retirement.

The Mayor and Members of the Council expressed their thanks in the usual manner.

(d) Library@theLightbox

The Chief Executive stated that she was very fortunate that her first week as Barnsley Council's Chief Executive coincided with the opening of the Library @ the Lightbox. This was a fantastic facility. Over 5,000 people visited the Saturday it opened and she knew it has been extremely busy since. All the media coverage had been very complimentary including lots and lots of positive comments on social media. This was definitely a facility to be very proud of and a real boost to the town centre. She asked to place on record her congratulations to everybody who had been involved in making it happen.

Councillor Platts, Cabinet Spokesperson for Adults and Communities knew that many people had joined her at the opening of the Library and all who had attended were immensely proud to see this fabulous building open its doors. Many members of the public had posted on the day and had posted on social media since stating their appreciation for the development and enthused at the richness of the offer inside the building. She had been blown away by the diversity, the fabulous technology, the activities for children and the information and support. These facilities would continue to develop in the months ahead. The Lightbox would be hosting the 100 years celebration of social housing in August. She asked to place on record her thanks to Library Team, the IT Team, Henry Boot and the Regeneration Team who had all contributed in developing this fantastic community hub and making it such a success.

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

72. Notice of Motion - Penny Pie Park

The following Motion in relation to Penny Pie Park submitted in accordance with Standing Order No 6 was:

Moved by Councillor Fielding – Seconded by Councillor Kitching

This Council notes:

- (i) The overwhelming public opposition to the construction of a gyratory road junction on Penny Pie Park
- (ii) The widespread harm to the community that will be caused by the construction of the gyratory on Penny Pie Park
- (iii) The proximity of the proposed gyratory road junction to the 2,100 pupil Horizon Community College

Furthermore, this Council believes that:

- (iv) The felling of over 75 mature urban trees should be avoided at all costs

- (v) The increase in air pollution that the scheme will cause in the vicinity of Horizon Community College is unacceptable given the increasing evidence of harm it causes to children
- (vi) The protection of safe, useable urban green spaces is of vital importance for local communities
- (vii) Plans to relocate the play and gym equipment immediately next to the gyratory system will expose children to unacceptable levels of air pollution
- (viii) The increase in noise levels to houses in the area caused by this scheme will significantly harm the quality of life for local residents
- (ix) The scheme will not work as promised to reduce traffic congestion and improve travel times
- (x) More sustainable solutions to traffic congestion need to be used, including deterring the use of single occupancy cars and promoting the use of active travel in a determined and meaningful way

Therefore, this Council calls for:

- (xi) The proposal to construct a gyratory junction on Penny Pie Park to be scrapped immediately
- (xii) A further comprehensive traffic management assessment to be carried out by independent consultants on behalf of the Council, taking into account any new proposed development in the area, the increased evidence of harm caused by air pollution and that more sustainable solutions are meaningfully examined and promoted
- (xiii) The public to be fully and rigorously consulted on future proposal and that their views be taken into account.

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

73. Questions by Elected Members

The Chief Executive reported that she had received a number of questions from Councillors 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 Carr – School Meals Service

‘Should a Labour controlled Council be considering removing its school meals service when we have one of the highest levels of high deprivation in the country?’

Should we expect the service to make a profit or should we be happy just to cover the costs of providing that service?’

I am led to believe that a consultant was recently employed to look at the service. What was the cost of this and what were the recommendations?

Would a decision to terminate the Service be a matter for consideration at full Council and what would be the costs to schools for providing a new service in terms of catering equipment and all that is required to deliver nutritious food?

Councillor Platts, Cabinet Spokesperson for Adults and Communities, responded by stating the Council had considered options for the future of the Barnsley Council School Catering Service (BCSCS) following a review of the school catering marked and the challenges facing the service. It had been decided to fully support BCSCS to explore all avenues so that it had a sustainable future.

The Council was not seeking to make a profit from providing the school meals service and wished to achieve a break-even financial position. The Council would support the service whilst it was operating a deficit in 2019/20 to allow time for a sustainable service to be developed.

A full market analysis report had been commissioned in November 2018 and the information it contained alongside other information informed the Cabinet report and the subsequent Council decision, namely, to continue to explore how the Service may achieve a sustainable position. The work and report cost £21,600 inclusive of VAT and this had been funded through a council development fund 'Invest to grow fund'. The Council had a resource of £55,000 had been made available through the Improvement and Growth Fund and this had enabled the market analysis to be completed and the balance of the fund would enable progress to be made on the recommendations.

In relation to any decision about the future of the Service, the usual governance arrangements would apply.

There was no additional cost to schools if they chose to purchase a different service to the Council's. The schools were responsible for their kitchen and already owned the heavy equipment they contained that was required to provide a hot nutritious meal. The schools Governing Body would decide who provided their school meals service. The BCSCS currently service 44 primary schools within Barnsley.

Councillor Carr did not ask a supplementary question.

(b) Councillor Barnard – Modern Foreign Language at GCSE

'Could the Cabinet Spokesperson inform the Council of the percentage of pupils in Barnsley Schools who studied a modern foreign language to GCSE level in the most recent year for which figures are available?'

Councillor Bruff, Cabinet Spokesperson for Children's Services thanked Councillor Barnard for his question and responded by stating that given the current climate of national political leadership, the persistent squeeze on school budgets and the ongoing Brexit dilemma, the future of young people would rest more and more on their need to have as wide a range of skills and knowledge as possible to enable them to compete in the employment market. Modern Foreign Languages could open doors to more options for work and travel. She believed that the opportunity to study another language would while still in secondary education was essential

The figures for 2018 were as follows. Of the 2,011 pupils at the end of Key Stage 4, 602 were entered for a Modern Foreign Language GCSE exam. Of those, 367 achieved a grade 4 or above and 251 achieved a grade 5 or above. Unfortunately she could not report on Modern Foreign Language activity in primary schools as she didn't have access to this information and it may only be known at an individual school level.

Councillor Barnard thanked the Cabinet Spokesperson for the response and, as a supplementary question, asked if any pupils in Barnsley studied for the International Baccalaureate which included at least one Foreign Language.

Councillor Bruff responded by stating that she was aware that some schools were encouraging pupils to study for the International Baccalaureate but she did not have the figures for that. She would, however, provide Councillor Barnard with those figures.

(c) Councillor Wright – Penny Pie Park Redevelopment

'Many will know my stance on the current Penny Pie Park redevelopment through various conversations I have had over the past 12 months.

However given that we are now keen to demonstrate to residents we are listening to concerns surrounding the scheme, could I therefore ask that a footbridge over the railway line be considered within the new developments that would link Penny Pie Park with Pogmoor Rec in order to effectively utilise as much of the remaining green space as possible?'

Councillor Cheetham, Cabinet Spokesperson for Place (Regeneration and Culture) stated that, as mentioned earlier in the meeting, the Council fully supported the principle of providing a footbridge over the Sheffield-Penistone railway line linking Penny Pie Park and Pogmoor Recreation Ground. This was to be provided as part of the mitigation measures in the area. The Council had recently made the decision to allocate funding towards the provision of a footbridge as had been mentioned in the meeting and to this end the Council had already opened dialogue with Network Rail. It must be borne in mind, however, that Network Rail was a legislative body that would approve the principle and facilitate the provision of any footbridge over the railway line. This meant that whilst the Council supported the provision of the bridge, the actual decision to install a footbridge was that of Network Rail.

Councillor Cheetham said that it was worthwhile stating that Councillor Wright was not allowing his personal principles and stance on Penny Pie Park to prevent him from pragmatically working for the best interests of his residents under any eventuality. Also, he understood that later on the agenda there was a question on networking and hospitality. At a recent event where the possible establishment of a Borough wide Rail Partnership was being discussed at which representatives attended from Rail Providers and indeed Network Rail, during a 'tea break' he was able to lobby quite strongly for the provision of a footbridge with the representative of Network Rail. Whilst considering hospitality, therefore, it was also important to consider the potential outcomes

Councillor Wright did not ask a supplementary question.

(d) Councillor Fielding – Demolition of Council Houses

‘Why has the Council instructed Berneslai Homes to evict the tenants and then demolish a pair of 4 bedroomed semi-detached council houses on South Road at Dodworth? ‘

Councillor Cheetham, Cabinet Spokesperson for Place (Regeneration and Transportation) stated that the land between South Road and the motorway slip road was allocated for housing in the Local Plan. The Persimmon Homes application submitted last year, which proposed to access part of the housing allocation from Bark Meadows, had not progressed because of concerns regarding the access. Alternative accesses were, therefore, being considered and one option included taking access from South Road. On that basis, Berneslai Homes had relocated tenants from a pair of semi-detached dwellings. Any demolition would be picked up as part of the planning process if that was felt necessary.

Councillor Fielding stated that the tenants had already been moved out of the properties he understood as long ago as January in one case and one family had to be relocated into a newly bought house in Dodworth as there were no other four bedroom houses available. The total cost to Berneslai Homes was £140,000. Berneslai Homes had stated to him that they would demolish these properties as soon as possible and one neighbour had said this could be as soon as the end of this week as all the services had been disconnected. Given that Persimmon had not reached any agreement with the Council about access arrangements, given that they may not go ahead with this development and given that planning permission may not be granted for this site he asked as a supplementary question why demolition was going to take place so early and what would happen if the site was not progressed? Would the houses be rebuilt?

Councillor Cheetham responded by stating that the cost had arisen as there was not sufficient housing stock in Dodworth and this demonstrated the need for more housing. The demolition of properties to open up sites allocated for housing in the area was obviously indicated. It was very important that the housing required within the area could be built. It did not cost £140,000 just to relocate a family within the area but also included the cost of bringing another property back into social ownership.

(e) Councillor Felton - Hospitality

‘Following the submission of a question by Councillor Greenhough on hospitality to the last Council and the response provided by Councillor Gardiner (Cabinet Spokesperson for Core Services) I submitted a request for further information to the finance team. I would firstly like to thank that team for taking time to gather the information I requested. Can I please, therefore, confirm that the hospitality on Armed Forces events is less than £5,100 and not what was quoted on a social media post?’

Councillor Gardiner, Cabinet Spokesperson for Core Services responded by stating that in accordance with Council policy, refreshments were only provided at meetings/events where external parties were present.

The Council had recently reported expenditure totalling £216,210 in 2018/19 on Catering and Hospitality. Upon further investigation and analysis it was apparent that only £91,300 had actually been spent on hospitality and catering in accordance with

the policy, with the remaining amount being spent on the provision of support staff for the Council's kitchen/breakout areas (Facilities Management costs) or costs that were subsequently recovered from external organisations using Council facilities.

It should also be noted that these costs were attributable to over 2000 meetings and over 100 events held during the year. The breakdown and further analysis of the expenditure incurred was as follows:

	£	£
TOTAL 2018/19 SPEND REPORTED		216,210
LESS:		
Cost of Kitchen/Breakout area support staff - Amounts paid to Barnsley Norse for the provision of staff to maintain the breakout/kitchen areas in Gateway Plaza, Westgate and the Town Hall.	(72,325)	
Cost of milk provision in staff breakout areas: • Milk is provided for employees and visitors in Town Centre buildings for the purposes of making drinks. Significant additional costs would be incurred in providing adequate space and equipment to store personal milk supplies. The cost to provide milk equates to around £3.40p per employee per year.	(11,963)	
Non BMBC costs recovered from external organisations using the Council's facilities: • These costs are fully recovered from the individual organisations using Council facilities. E.g South Yorkshire Fire Authority / Pension Authority meetings.	(20,300)	
Costs funded by external grant • A number of events held (e.g cultural and heritage events) are fully funded via external grants inc. Heritage Lottery Fund, National Lottery and Arts Council grants.	(20,322)	
TOTAL HOSPITALITY & CATERING		91,300
<i>Of Which:</i>		
Incurred at meetings Teas, coffees and catering (where appropriate) provided at meetings and events where external parties are present in accordance with the Council's catering policy. These include: • Safeguarding Children Board; • Training courses e.g Foster Carers, Mental Health, Health & Safety, Volunteering, training for ex-service personnel; • Barnsley Economic Partnership; • School visits to Town Hall inc. achievement/awards events; • Cabinet/Full Council/Other Council meetings e.g Planning board/schools appeals board; • External visitors to the Mayors parlour & Leaders Office.		56,825
Incurred on events Costs of catering etc at events. Key Events include: • <u>Mayor Making £9.9k</u> – Each new Mayor can invite upto 40 members of their family and friends to the event. Any elected member pays £30 to attend. • <u>Mayoral Events £5.1k</u> - Mayors social events, Barnsley Armed Forces day, Remembrance Sunday, Refugee Social Group Event, Civic Carol Service, Organ Donation Celebration Event.		34,475

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Business events £14k</u> – including Landlord Liaison, 0-19 Service Conference, Barnsley in Bloom Awards, Celebration of Learning event. • <u>Cultural events £5.5k</u> - includes launch events at Experience Barnsley , 5th anniversary celebration, Cooper Gallery exhibition launches and Regency Ball at Cannon Hall. 		
TOTAL		91,300

As Members were aware, the Council had lost over 1,500 full time staff since 2010. Financial Services had also lost hundreds of staff. To prepare this response had taken 1 ½ weeks which was a resource that the Service couldn't afford and the capacity was not available without taking staff of their normal full time duties. This question had been put, though he acknowledged that this was not the questioners fault, during an audit period which was the busiest part of the Financial Service's year. This had put extreme pressure on the staff within Financial Services. He, therefore, suggested that whilst being fully aware of the democratic right to ask questions, all Members should take into consideration the pressure being put on staff. In a recent staff satisfaction survey the biggest staff related issue was stress and all Members should recognise this and be aware of it when asking questions.

With regard to the second part of the question, the £5,100 referred to in social media, he had commented on this within the expenditure reported on Mayoral Events he was not, however, going to comment any further on social media posts.

Councillor Felton stated that she had thanked the Financial Services Team for their response as she understood that things had been very difficult, however, she didn't feel that her question had been answered. Councillor Gardiner had mentioned on a social media post that Veterans got most of the money and when she had attended veterans events they had asked her to seek clarification of this as they were extremely concerned and upset that they were being 'blamed' for the hospitality bill. She asked if Members could avoid using veterans as a political tool and then asked as a supplementary question if she could be provided with details of the amount spent on veterans from the hospitality budget.

Councillor Gardiner responded by stating that he had made no such post as he did not use social media he would, however, provide Councillor Felton with details of the expenditure.

(f) Councillor Wright – Development of new school

'I have been contacted by numerous residents in regards to the proposed new school and particularly as to where the new school will be built.

Can I therefore ask the cabinet member to explain how such a planning application is processed and what participation we as a Council will have within the proposed development?'

Councillor Cheetham, Cabinet Spokesperson for Place (Regeneration and Culture) stated that this was one of the most frequently asked question both in his current and previous portfolio position. In this particular case and indeed with any application, an organisation which wished to develop and run a school had to apply to the DfE to express an interest in doing so. They were required to identify an area and the

authority always attempted to work with applicants to take matters forward but such approaches did not have to be taken up.

The location of the proposed new school was yet to be determined and the Council had worked on a limited capacity on this, however, the site would be announced as soon as it was formally confirmed with the DfE. A planning application was then required to be submitted and would be publicised widely and well beyond the prescribed statutory requirements. The application would then be assessed by officers taking into account all relevant Local Plan policies and need for school places in a particular area in order to ensure that any potentially adverse impact was mitigated against and to ensure a high quality design which would provide an outstanding learning environment for Barnsley children. The application would then be determined by the Planning Regulatory Board.

Councillor Wright did not ask a supplementary question

(g) Councillor Hunt – Barnsley Market

‘Traders in the new Barnsley Market have signed up to 5-year leases with a break clause after 3 years. What assumptions has the council made as to the likely numbers of market traders that will activate the break clause?’

Councillor Cheetham, Cabinet Spokesperson for Place (Regeneration and Transportation) stated that no assumptions had been made. The break clause took effect on 30th September, 2021, however, the right to break could be served anything up to 31st March, 2012 and as yet no tenants had served notice to break.

Councillor Hunt thanked Councillor Cheetham for the response and asked, as a supplementary question whether the Council was aware of dissatisfaction amongst the market traders, many of whom were sole traders, in relation to the requirement for six day working and the effect on their work life balance and if so what the Councils plans were to address this.

Councillor Cheetham responded by stating that on this particular issue the Council was with market traders on issues they had. The Council had a very good relationship with them currently and if there were any issues that needed resolving the Council would endeavour to do so as had been the case this week in respect of a stolen vehicle. The Council had an open dialogue with the market traders.

(h) Councillor Felton – Assisted Bin Collection

‘Why do people who qualify for assisted bin collection have to pay the fee for a replacement bin when the damage has obviously been caused by a council employee or equipment?’

Councillor Lamb, Cabinet Spokesperson for Place (Environment and Transportation) responded by stating that he had received similar questions from Ms S Peacock MP and Mr D Jarvis MP to whom he would respond personally in writing.

The process for damaged bins was the same for all residents. A five year warranty was offered on all bins and if they broke during this period a preplacement would be delivered without charge. Residents were asked to contact the Council if they

suspected that their bin was damaged during the process of emptying. Each case was investigated on an individual basis using the bin wagons camera systems and if it was found that the bin had dropped into the back of the wagon or was damaged by the collections crew, a replacement would be delivered without charge.

Indeed, his wife had recently been required to use the online system for ordering a new bin and this had proved to be very effective and efficient and staff involved in this process were thanked.

If this question was directed towards removing the cost of the delivery of the bins then consideration would have to be given to the impact this would have to the standard of service generally.

In relation to those standards, it was important to celebrate the success of the service as 99.7% of bins were collected on time, 97.1% of all waste was diverted from landfill, there was a 47% recycling rate and in the last year 6,221 bulky items had been collected. These were stunning statistics and he wouldn't want to see the diminution of service in order to recover the cost of the delivery of replacement bins.

He was aware that Councillor Felton had been handling an issue on behalf of a resident and she had contacted him some time ago. This matter had been referred to the appropriate officers and he had thought that this matter had been resolved but if this was not the case he would gladly take this matter up on Councillor Felton's behalf.

Councillor Felton referred to the Assisted Bin Collection Service and to the fact that residents never touched the bins. Sometimes the residents concerned were not even aware that the bin had been broken until notified by a relative/carer and this could be some time after the bins had been damaged. In many cases it was not possible, therefore, to give actual dates to the service so that an investigation of the CCTV could be undertaken. Councillor Felton asked, therefore, if a guarantee could be given in such instances that a replacement bin could be delivered free of charge.

Councillor Lamb stated that whilst he understood and sympathised with Councillor Felton's comments, there were significant financial implications to such a decision and he could not give an absolute assurance that such costs could be waived today. He would, however, welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter further with Councillor Felton outside the Council Chamber to see if an appropriate solution could be found.

Note As the time limit of 30 minutes had now been reached written answers would be provided for all Members in relation to the outstanding questions.

74. 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.

75. Police and Crime Panel (Annual) - 3rd June, 2019

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

76. South Yorkshire Pensions Authority (Annual) (Draft) - 13th June, 2019

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

77. South Yorkshire Pensions Authority (Ordinary) (Draft) - 13th June, 2019

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

78. South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority (Extra Ordinary) - 14th June, 2019

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

79. South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority (Annual) (Draft) - 24th June, 2019

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

80. Planning Regulatory Board - 21st May, 2019

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

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Planning Regulatory Board held on the 21st May, 2019 be received.

81. Audit Committee - 5th June, 2019

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 5th June, 2019 be received.

82. Planning Regulatory Board - 25th June, 2019

Moved by Councillor D Birkinshaw - Seconded by Councillor Richardson; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Planning Regulatory Board held on the 25th June, 2019 be received.

83. General Licensing Regulatory Board - 26th June, 2019

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

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the General Licensing Regulatory Board held on the 26th June, 2019 be received.

84. Statutory Licensing Regulatory Board - 26th June, 2019

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

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Statutory Licensing Regulatory Board held on the 26th June, 2019 be received.

85. General Licensing Panel - Various

Moved by Councillor C. Wraith, MBE – Seconded by Councillor Tattersall; 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.

86. 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.

87. Health and Wellbeing Board - 4th June, 2019

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

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Health and Well Being Board held on the 4th June, 2019 be received.

88. Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Thriving and Vibrant Economy Work Stream) - 4th June, 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 (Thriving and Vibrant Economy Work Stream) held on the 4th June, 2019 be received.

89. Overview and Scrutiny Committee (People Achieving their Potential Work Stream) - 18th June, 2019

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

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (People Achieving their Potential Work Stream) held on 18th June, 2019 be received.

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

Moved by Councillor Ennis OBE - Seconded by Councillor Tattersall; and

RESOLVED that the minutes now submitted of the proceedings of the special meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on the 24th July, 2019 be received.

91. Dearne Area Council - 13th May, 2019

Moved by Councillor Noble – Seconded by Councillor Gardiner; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Dearne Area Council held on the 13th May, 2019 be received.

92. North Area Council - 13th May, 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 13th May, 2019 be received.

93. North East Area Council - 23rd May, 2019

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 23rd May, 2019 be received.

94. Central Area Council - 3rd June, 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 3rd June, 2019 be received.

95. Penistone Area Council - 13th June, 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 13th June, 2019 be received.

96. South Area Council - 14th June, 2019

Moved by Councillor Shepherd - 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 14th June, 2019 be received.

97. North Area Council - 27th June, 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 27th June, 2019 be received.

98. Statutory Polling District and Station Review

The report of the Executive Director Core Services on the final proposals arising from a Review of Polling Districts and Polling station provision as required to be undertaken under the Electoral Administration Act 2006 was:

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

RESOLVED:

(i) that the review of Polling District and Polling Station provision be approved;

(ii) that the formal consultation involve:

- All Elected Members
- Members of Parliament for the Barnsley Central, Barnsley6 East, Penistone and Stocksbridge and Wentworth and Dearne
- Area Councils
- Town and Parish Councils
- Disability Groups
- Returning Officers from Rotherham MBC and Sheffield City Council in relation to Penistone and Stocksbridge and Wentworth and Dearne Constituencies

(iii) that following the formal consultation process all Members of the Council be consulted on current polling stations with a view to final recommendations on future polling station arrangements being submitted to the Council meeting in November; and

(iv) that the process of dialogue to bring about the final recommendations be co-ordinated by the Executive Director Core Services in consultation with the Deputy Leader and other Group Leaders as appropriate in order to ensure that every Member's local knowledge is taken into account to provide the best location for polling stations for the residents of the borough.

99. Representation on Regulatory Boards, Overview and Scrutiny Committee 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 ensuing year:

Appeals, Awards and Standards

Delete - S Carvell and M Moore

Add – Mrs J Cairns

General Licensing Regulatory Board

Delete – Councillors Phillips, Pickering, Spence and Wright

Add – Councillors Clarke and Williams and one Vacancy (2 Labour)

Statutory Licensing Regulatory Board

Delete – Councillor Phillips and Spence

Add – Councillor Williams and one Vacancy (Labour)

Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Delete – Councillor Wright
Add – Councillor Pickering

Overview & Scrutiny Committee (People Achieving their Potential Work Stream)

Delete – Councillor Smith
Add – Councillor Felton

Overview & Scrutiny Committee (Thriving and Vibrant Economy Work Stream)

Delete – Councillors Felton, Stowe and Wright
Add – Councillors Gollick, Pickering and Smith

Overview & Scrutiny Committee (Strong and Resilient Communities Work Stream)

Delete – Councillors Gollick
Add – Councillor Stowe

Planning Regulatory Board

Delete – Councillors Clarke, Lofts and Williams
Add – Councillors Pickering, Phillips and Wright and one Vacancy (Liberal Democrat)

Berneslai Homes Board

Add – Councillor Tattersall and one Vacancy

Cooper Art Gallery

Delete – Councillor D Birkinshaw
Add – Councillor Makinson

Environmental Protection UK

Add – Councillor Williams

Fostering Panel

Add – Councillor Hayward

George Beaumont Foundation

Add – Councillor Hunt

Safer Barnsley Partnership

Add – Councillor Mitchell

Schools Forum

Add – Councillor Lodge

Sheffield City Region Housing Board

Delete – Councillor Lamb
Add – Councillor Cheetham

Virtual School Governors

Add – Councillors Felton, Lodge, Williams and Wilson

100. Cabinet Meeting - 15th May, 2019

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 15th May, 2019 be received.

101. Cabinet Meeting - 29th May, 2019

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 29th May, 2019 be received.

102. Cabinet Meeting - 24th June, 2019

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 24th June, 2019 be received.

103. Cabinet meeting - 10th July, 2019

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 10th July, 2019 be received.

104. Notice of Motion - Standing Orders of the Council - Public Questions at Council Meetings

The following Motion submitted in accordance with Standing Order No 6 in relation to Public Questions at Council Meetings having been deferred from the Council Meeting held on the 23rd May, 2019 in accordance with Standing Order No.41 was:

Moved by Councillor Kitching – Seconded by Councillor Hunt.

This Council believes that:

- (1) Its primary role is to both serve and empower local residents and to work with them to help Barnsley achieve its full potential.
- (2) In order to do this effectively it is imperative that it is a Council that actively engages with and listens to its residents and acts on local people's issues.
- (3) Accepting Public Questions delivered by residents at Full Council meetings is an excellent and widely adopted way of starting to ensure that culture of engagement, openness and listening.

Therefore, this Council calls for:

- (4) A portion of every Full Council meeting to be reserved for questions and relevant supplementary questions asked by Members of the Public to Cabinet Members.
- (5) That appropriate amendments be made to Standing Orders.

The following amendment was:

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

This Council believes that:-

- (1) Its primary role is to both serve and empower local residents and to work with them to help Barnsley achieve its full potential.
- (2) In order to do this effectively it is imperative that it is a Council that actively engages with and listens to its residents and acts on local people's issues.
- (3) Allowing formal questions delivered by residents to be reported at Full Council meetings is an effective mechanism to facilitate that culture of engagement, openness and listening.

Therefore, this Council resolves:-

- (4) That any formal questions asked by residents relating to the business of the Council, together with an appropriate response approved by the relevant Cabinet Spokesperson or Committee or Regulatory Board Chair be attached to the Summons of the next available Council meeting.
- (5) That a copy of such responses be placed on the Council's web-site for a period of three months following the relevant Council meeting.
- (6) That appropriate amendments be made to Standing Orders.

Upon put to the vote, the amendment was carried.

The amendment was then put as the Substantive Motion and was carried:

RESOLVED:

- (i) that any formal questions asked by residents relating to the business of the Council, together with an appropriate response approved by the relevant Cabinet Spokesperson or Committee or Regulatory Board Chair be attached to the Summons of the next available Council meeting;
- (ii) that a copy of such responses be placed on the Council's web-site for a period of three months following the relevant Council meeting; and

(iii) that appropriate amendments be made to Standing Orders.

105. Notice of Motion - Improving air quality in Barnsley

The following Motion submitted in accordance with Standing Order No 6 in relation to improving air quality in Barnsley was:

Moved by Councillor Fielding – Seconded by Councillor Hunt

This Council notes:

- (i) Breathing clean air is essential to health and well being
- (ii) Air pollution from vehicles has a significant and detrimental impact on the health of all people, but particularly children
- (iii) The areas of particular concern in the authority are the Air Quality Management Areas such as the M1 corridor and Dodworth Road where air quality objectives are known to be regularly breached
- (iv) The Council, through its actions, has the ability to significantly affect the levels of exposure to harmful air pollution within its area by all people, but particularly children

Furthermore, this Council believes that:

- (v) Local authorities should not be facilitating or encouraging the building of houses, schools or leisure facilities or the siting of play areas in areas with high levels of air pollution, particularly in air quality management areas
- (vi) Efforts should be made during all planning processes to minimise the exposure of people to poor air quality

Therefore, this Council calls for:

- (vii) An end to all new housing, school and leisure development (including outdoor play areas, sports pitches and gyms) in air quality management areas
- (viii) In the light of the adoption of the Local Plan and the consequent expected high levels of development in the area, and the increasing body of evidence of the significant harm that poor air quality has on children, the Councils Air Quality Management Strategy is fully reviewed immediately, rather than waiting for the permitted 5-year review period
- (ix) An immediate review of the Local Plan to remove all proposed development sites that are situated within an air quality management area

The following amendment was:

Moved by Councillor Cheetham – Seconded by Councillor Frost

The Council notes

- (i) Breathing clean air is essential to health and wellbeing
- (ii) Air pollution from vehicles has a significant and detrimental impact on the health of all people, but particularly children

Furthermore the Council believes

- (iii) Local Authorities should continue to give appropriate care and consideration to air quality, in all areas, including those specifically designated for AQM, when undertaking their duties as local planning authorities, and continue to make representations to national bodies where further development outside their remit may impact air quality in their local authority areas (trains, trams, airports etc)

Upon put to the vote, the amendment was carried.

The amendment was then put as the Substantive Motion and was carried.

106. Notice of Motion - Improving affordability of school uniform

The following Motion submitted in accordance with Standing Order No 6 in relation to improving the affordability of school uniforms was:

Moved by Councillor Greenhough – Seconded by Councillor Kitching;

This Council notes:

- (i) That schools in the authority are implementing ever stricter school uniform policies, forcing families to purchase uniform from just one supplier
- (ii) That the cost of school uniform, including required footwear, bags and sportswear can be in excess of £250 per child
- (iii) That such practice disproportionately affects families from more deprived backgrounds, including but not limited to refugees
- (iv) That children have been missing school due to their family's financial inability to purchase the required uniform to allow them to attend

Furthermore, this Council believes that:

- (v) No child should be prohibited from attending school by the cost of uniform
- (vi) It is possible for schools to take measures, such as those recently brought into statutory legislation in Wales, to make school uniform affordable, accessible and gender neutral

Therefore, this Council calls for:

- (vii) The Leader of the Council to write to all Head Teachers in the authority, stating this Council's wishes that:

- (a) The cost of uniform should never prohibit a child from attending school
 - (b) That they exercise discretion in implementing and policing uniform policy to take account of family's abilities to meet the policy's requirements
 - (c) That uniform policies are reviewed, to facilitate purchase of uniform from a range of suppliers, including affordable options and the second hand market
 - (d) That consideration is given as to whether school logos are necessary, or if a generic, more affordable option should be permitted
- (viii) The Leader of the Council to write to the Secretary of State for Education, stating this Council's wishes that the Government makes efforts to introduce statutory guidance to mirror that recently implemented in Wales, which provides a pupil development grant of £125 if the pupil qualifies for free school meals, and £200 to help with the costs of beginning secondary school for eligible Year 7 pupils.

The following amendment was:

Moved by Councillor Bruff – Seconded by Councillor Saunders:

The Council notes:-

- (i) The ever increasing financial pressure on families on low incomes and on our schools caused by deliberate decisions of the Liberal Democrat/Conservative Government
- (ii) Recognises that school uniform is important to schools as is discipline within schools to encourage a strong learning environment to all our children
- (iii) The work done by Labour MPs Emma Hardy and Stephanie Peacock on this matter

Furthermore, this Council believes

- (iv) No child should be prohibited from attending school by the cost of uniform
- (v) Officers should continue to encourage schools to support parents in meeting those costs

Therefore the Council notes

- (vi) Many of these problems were caused by the Liberal Democrat/Conservative Coalition
- (vii) The Council congratulate SIGOMA on the work that it continues to do on our behalf, challenging those government financial policies and seeking fair funding for schools and parents so that the cost of school uniforms are no longer an issue

Upon put to the vote, the amendment was carried.

The amendment was then put as the Substantive Motion and was carried.

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Chair

Item 4

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 CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Management of Business at Council Meetings – Proposed Amendments to Standing Orders

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To propose amendments to the Council's Standing Orders

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That appropriate amendments be made to the Council's Standing Orders to provide for the following as set out in the report:

- i. That meetings of the Council commence at 10.00 and last not more than three hours in duration unless it is expressly agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow for the consideration of business to continue
- ii. That responses to questions be limited to five minutes
- iii. Subject to recommendation 2.1 iv that the duration of speeches be limited to five minutes including any right of reply
- iv. 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
- v. That the length of time for the consideration of Notices of Motion submitted under Standing Order No 6 not exceed one hour
- vi. That the Order of business set out on the Summons for the meeting follows the order set out in paragraph 5 of the report

- 2.2 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

3. INTRODUCTION

- 3.1 Protocol – Comments to be addressed through the Mayor

The general protocol is that members should address their comments through the Mayor and not address each other directly across the Council Chamber. This is expressly provided for in Standing Order 13(3). Observance of this requirement needs to be followed consistently and will facilitate the need to focus on the principle under consideration and not the person.

There is a role for the Mayor as the Chair of the meeting in enforcing this if necessary and the Mayor would have the discretion to ask a member persistently failing to observe this requirement to sit down.

3.2. Time of and duration of meetings

The following changes to timing are proposed for formal consideration.

- The Council Meeting to commence at 10.00am rather than at 10.30 as at present to facilitate the completion of business by lunchtime
- The meeting should therefore be no longer than three hours duration which could be viewed as a sufficient period of time to ensure essential business is dispatched and to allow for reasonable debate. It is proposed (see below) to limit the overall amount of time available for the debating of Notices of Motion submitted by members under Standing Order 6 to one hour.
- This should be formalised by Standing Orders providing for guillotine at 1.00pm. Any item of business under consideration at that time would proceed to the vote. There is always the facility to suspend Standing Orders if there was particularly urgent business which had to be concluded following a refreshment break at that time. Other substantive business outstanding would be deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

3.3. Order of Business

It would assist in concluding the business within the above timeframe to structure the order of agenda items as set out on the Summons with reference to relative importance in terms of what requires formal Council approval. So recommendations to Council and substantive reports requiring a decision of the Council which are the essential items which require formal consideration and approval should be considered earlier in the meeting.

The following order of business is suggested:

1. Announcements.
2. Minutes of previous meeting
3. Cabinet Recommendations to Council
4. Substantive Reports requiring a decision of the Council
5. Receipt of Minutes
6. Questions by Elected Members
7. Notices of Motion from elected members under Standing Order 6

3.4. Questions from Elected Members

Standing Orders now provide for the total period for Questions not to exceed 30 minutes.

It is also proposed that provision be made for an answer to a question including an answer to a supplementary question not to exceed five minutes.

Members should be encouraged to consider other mechanisms to secure answers where the question is essentially seeking information and to consider whether the matter raised may be better dealt with by Motion.

3.5. Notices of Motion brought by Elected Members under Standing Order 6

It is proposed for formal consideration that the maximum overall period for debate of Notices of Motion from elected members does not exceed one hour. At the end of one hour the motion under debate would be put to the vote unless decision taken by meeting to extend duration of the debate. Any Notices of Motion not considered would be deferred for consideration at the next meeting of the Council.

With the reduction in the length of speeches it could be anticipated that an acceptable number of motions could be debated at any meetings and any motions not considered could be deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

3.6. Length of Speeches

It is proposed for formal consideration that duration of Speeches during debate be limited to five minutes rather than ten including five minutes for a right of reply.

In the case of debates on Cabinet recommendations or substantive reports requiring a decision of the Council the mover of the item should properly be permitted to speak for up to ten minutes. This reflects the relative significance of these items of business on the Council agenda as these are the matters that require authorisation by full Council.

3.7. Proposal

These proposed changes overall should still allow sufficient time within the recommended maximum three hours duration of the meeting for the proper consideration of Council business ; in particular recommendations to or substantive items for full Council which represent its essential business.

It would be helpful to secure cross party support to these suggested changes and if so it is proposed that they be implemented forthwith and take effect for this and future meetings of the Council. This will require the waiver of Standing Order 41 which otherwise would require the recommended changes to be deferred for consideration to the next meeting of the Council.

Sarah Norman

Chief Executive

17th September 2019

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Item 5

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 PLACE TO CABINET

DEVELOPING A ZERO CARBON STRATEGY FOR THE COUNCIL AND THE BOROUGH AND DECLARATION OF CLIMATE EMERGENCY

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The report sets out the Council's 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)

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Council declare a Climate Emergency to support the transition to a zero carbon Council and Borough.
- 2.2 That the Council endorse 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.
- 2.3 That the Council approve the carbon reduction targets set for Council's own activities, Zero40 (section 5.4) and for the wider Borough, Zero45 (section 6.2) are adopted as Key Corporate Indicators. That these targets are 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.
- 2.4 That the Council develop a programme of funded five year Strategic Energy Action Plans (SEAP's) as set out in Section 5.4 of this report
- 2.5 That the Council adopt a Place Leadership role in delivering zero carbon through the Zero40 and Zero45 approach as set out in Section 5 and Section 6 of this report
- 2.6 That the Council establish a Zero40 Zero45 Feasibility and Enabling Fund to facilitate project development.

3. INTRODUCTION

- 3.1 Since the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) reported in October 2018 the Climate Emergency movement has emerged. The report warned of the rapid and far reaching consequences of the earth's warming of over 1.5°C. It concluded that limiting global warming to 1.5°C would require rapid, far-reaching and unprecedented changes in all aspects of society.

- 3.2 The Council has already agreed and delivered many projects and programmes to help reduce carbon emissions. These include replacing coal boilers at the Metrodome, installing low energy street and internal office lighting, introducing ULEV vehicles into the service's fleet and installing solar PV to its office and housing stock. In addition the Council administers a successful affordable warmth programme with aim of improving energy efficiency in privately owned housing stock in the Borough.
- 3.3 By the end of March 2019, carbon emissions from Barnsley Council's operations had reduced by 39% from 2012/13. This puts the Council ahead of the target to reduce emissions by 30% by 2020/21 as set out in the Energy Strategy 2015/2025
- 3.4 The IPCC report stated that limiting global warming to 1.5°C had clear benefits to people, localities and natural ecosystems. Programmes of development which are designed to keep global warming below 2°C could go hand in hand with ensuring a more inclusive economy and equitable society.
- 3.5 At the end of June 2019 the UK Government set down primary legislation for the UK to be zero carbon by 2050 mirroring the UK's Committee for Climate Change advice that the UK should aim to be net-zero by 2050.
- 3.6 Since November 2018, over 80 UK Local Authorities have declared Climate Emergencies as a means of galvanising support for the climate change agenda at a local level. Many have set targets to be carbon neutral by 2030-35, with smaller numbers stating 2040 or no date at all.
- 3.7 A Climate Emergency declaration issued by a council can only be a powerful catalyst for action if paired with a clear deliverable action plan. Several early adopters with shorter end dates have had to extend their time frames because they found the dates were unachievable and unaffordable.
- 3.8 This report addresses how Barnsley Council can publically respond to the IPCC report and the developing Climate Emergency movement in a way that is ambitious but also sets targets which are based on a practicable action plan

4. PROPOSAL AND JUSTIFICATION

- 4.1 That the Council declares a Climate Emergency as a means of demonstrating its commitment to be zero carbon by 2040 to partners and residents and as a means of demonstrating its Place Leadership role in the Borough's transition to zero carbon by 2045. See appendix 1 for the Climate Emergency Declaration
- 4.2 The IPCC recommend that global emissions of carbon dioxide are reduced by 45% from a 2010 baseline by 2030 and reach net zero by 2050 to limit the rise in global temperatures to 1.5°C. The UK's Committee on Climate Change (CCC) also advised the Government to legislate to be net zero carbon by 2050.
- 4.3 BMBC's Energy Strategy (2015-25) has an existing commitment to be zero carbon by 2040; it is proposed that the Council reaffirm its current Energy Strategy making the commitment to be zero carbon in its operations by 2040 as its main carbon target. This internal programme will be known as Zero40 and will become a Key Performance Indicator for the Council.

- 4.4 The Council will work with its key partners (NPS Barnsley, Berneslai and BPL) to assist them in achieving zero carbon in their operations by 2040.
- 4.5 In relation to the Borough's overall emissions, the Council is a relatively small emitter of carbon accounting for only 2% of emissions

Sectoral Emissions of Carbon within Barnsley	Share
Industry and Commercial	36%
Domestic Housing	37%
Transport	27%
BMBC's contribution via its operations	2%

However, through its policies and strategies and by example the Council can exercise its Place Leadership role by promoting and enabling carbon reduction across the Borough and by aligning by its strategies with other anchor institutions in the Borough.

It is recommended, as part of the wider programme, that the Council sets a reporting target for the emissions generated in the Borough as a whole. The Council will look to support the Borough, through facilitation enabling and example to become zero carbon by 2045 (ahead of the new Government target which is 2050); this will be known as Zero45.

5.0 Zero40

- 5.1 Zero40 will focus on improvement in the Council's environmental performance as measured by the reduction in its carbon emissions; this will be measured against agreed milestones and will result in the Council being zero carbon in its operations by 2040.
- 5.2 The majority of the Council's carbon emissions come from gas and electricity used to heat and power buildings. Some also come from fuel and mileage from transport and travel.

The proposal to become zero-carbon by 2040 will include emissions from the following

- Scope 1 - direct emissions such as combustion of mains gas or oil for heating
- Scope 2 - indirect emissions such as emissions associated with generation of electricity
- Scope 3 - other indirect such as business mileage or rail travel

As of year-end 2018, BMBC emitted 28,000 tonnes of carbon when measured against these three categories. A full review of the current reporting scope will be undertaken as part of the preliminary activities.

- 5.3 To keep within the IPCC recommendations it is proposed that the Council commits to reduce its carbon emissions by 60% by 2030 and become zero carbon in 2040 when benchmarked against the most recent years' emissions (2017-18). This will

equate to the Council reducing its carbon emissions by 1,600 tonnes per annum in the early years of delivery reducing to 1,000 tonnes in the later years.

5.4 Zero40 will be underpinned by four evidence based Sustainable Energy Action Plans (SEAP's) for 2020-25, 2025-30, 2030-35, and 2035-40. Each SEAP will have carbon targets and be driven by five themes and will build on existing carbon reduction programmes for the Council:

- Energy Efficiency and Procurement of Energy
- Resource Efficiency
- Sustainable Transport
- Renewables
- Decentralised Heating

Importantly each SEAP will set out the projects and programmes and that are required to achieve our ambitions by 2040.

	2018 baseline	60 % reduction by 2030		To zero carbon by 2040	
SEAP period		2020-25	2025-30	2030-35	2035-40
Emissions (tonnes)	28,000	19,600	11,200	5,600	zero

5.5 The resourcing of the first two Strategic Energy Action Plans; 2020-2025 and 2025-2030 will be a key consideration when developing the new Barnsley 2030 Plan.

5.6 A critical element of both zero40 and 45 programmes will be increasing the number of trees across the Borough. The Government sponsored Trees 2020 initiative will play a role in these plans and with local communities we will increase our existing tree planting projects. This will mean that during the first 5 years of zero40 (2020-2025) an additional 10,000 trees will be planted across the Borough.

5.7 Zero40 will require that all new programmes are approved on the basis of 'no harm' in relation of the Council's existing carbon emissions. Where a proposal does result in an increase in current emissions, mitigations such as offsetting should be identified.

5.8 While Zero40 is an internal carbon reduction programme, in outlook it is essentially outward facing and will link into Inclusive Economy programmes ensuring that the business and communities within the Borough are able to participate and share in the benefits of transitioning to a low carbon economy. For example, skills based programmes will be developed to ensure that Barnsley's residents can benefit from new employment opportunities. In additional measures will be put in place to ensure that local SME's are ready to exploit the future investment programmes to deliver Zero40.

5.7 Zero40 will align with the financial, delivery and reporting requirements of the Council's 2030 strategy. By identifying the source of carbon emissions within the Council's operations, practical ownership of carbon reduction targets can be cascaded to different Directorates and Services and mitigations built into their existing and proposed programmes.

5.8 The Council is reducing the level of carbon it emits via a number of existing and planned programmes. Projects which are not directly described as carbon reducing have the capacity to significantly reduce the carbon emitted through their design or as a consequence of the primary measure. These Council funded projects include:

- Replacement of the Metrodome’s coal fired boilers
- Updating the heating and ventilation to BMBC corporate buildings
- Affordable warmth programmes
- Deployment of renewable technologies via Berneslai Homes
- The design and build out of Solar PV and thermal into the Glassworks
- Deployment of Solar PV onto existing corporate buildings.

Building carbon reduction into the delivery of existing and planned programmes will give local accountability and will be the most cost effective method of delivery.

6.0 Zero45

6.1 Zero45 is essentially a programme where the Council is facilitating and enabling the Borough’s transitions zero carbon by 2045. The longer time frame recognises the loss of direct control which the Council has and the greater role for National Government bringing through capital programmes and regulatory control.

6.2 It is clear that the Government’s commitment to achieve zero carbon by 2050 will require considerable financial resource amounting to many billions of pounds our ability to achieve the more ambitious zero 45 target will be dependent upon these resources being made available by central government.

2018 Sectoral Emissions of Carbon within Barnsley	Tonnes of Carbon
Industry and Commercial	436,000
Domestic Housing	438,000
Transport	324,000
Total	1,199,000

6.2 To meet the IPPC and CCC recommendations it is proposed that the Borough sets targets to achieve a 45% reduction in carbon emissions by 2030 and to be zero carbon by 2045 and to mirror the 5 year delivery plans of the zero40 programme

SEAP period	2018 baseline	45% reduction to 2030		To zero carbon		
		2020-25	2025-30	2030-35	2035-40	2040-45
Emissions tonnes	1,199,000	850,000	503,000	378,000	253,000	0

6.3 In common with zero40, zero45 will have five broad themes and offer a wide range of possible support which can be led by National, Regional and Local Authorities:

Energy efficiency: is where the largest reduction in emissions are possible; developing a major energy retrofit programme for non and domestic buildings, setting new zero carbon in construction and operation targets, working with the

largest employers to set targets for energy reduction; working with commercial property owners to reduce carbon, develop a smart energy town centre; implementing new technologies for monitoring energy in buildings, and retrofitting lighting. Behaviour change will be an important component of this programme.

Resource Efficiency: this programme will encourage resource efficiency across the town with businesses and consumers. Actions will include: zero waste projects and evaluating opportunities for capturing waste heat and power; promoting circular economy, promoting resource efficiency to SME; engaging with organisations involved in reuse and repair activities in the town.

Sustainable Transport: a reduction programme will support the Local Transport Strategy, aiming to reduce the need to travel, encourage active travel and decarbonising travel. This includes a range of measures in the Active Travel Action Plan, walking and cycling. Other initiatives include: working with large employers to set travel targets; promoting Green Fleet Health checks; working with a town Car Club; supporting Buses on decarbonising public transport and engaging with other transport providers and publishing an electric vehicle strategy aiming to substantially increase the number of charging points across the town.

Renewables: aims to increase the use of renewables in both the domestic and non-domestic sectors and encourage innovation in adopting new technologies. Actions to be taken forward include: piloting the wider use of ground source heat pumps to serve existing housing, assessing the potential for renewables in the Council's estate; providing new guidance for community groups and householders; and assessing opportunities for a number of specific renewables projects such as biodiesel, solar P.V. and microhydro.

Decentralised Heating: A key objective of the SEAPs is to decentralise energy. This aims to increase the use of decentralised heating in the Borough, evaluating the potential for expanding schemes and the use of geo thermal resources such as mine water. Actions will include: publishing an Barnsley District Heating Strategy and heat maps; evaluating the potential from our own estate; providing guidance for developers; working with partners to assess opportunities from new domestic and non-domestic developments.

7.0 Governance

7.1 Zero40 carbon reduction targets will be a key corporate KPI for the Council with progress monitored by the existing carbon management group; targets initially will be:

- Progress toward the Council's 2030 emissions target
- Progress toward the emissions target set by each 5 year SEAP
- Corresponding Departmental and Service KPI's will be set to ensure that the Council's Corporate KPI is met

7.2 Zero45 as an outward facing programme will be monitored by a new Advisory Group which is likely to include stakeholders from the private public and third sectors Its function will be to monitor the Borough's progress to achieving zero carbon status in 2045. It will initially monitor:

- Progress toward the Borough's emissions target
- Progress toward the Borough's emissions target including the SEAPs

8. CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES

8.1 Do nothing

The Council's existing Energy Strategy 2015-2025 includes a commitment to be zero carbon by 2040 and two specific carbon reduction targets:

- Reduce carbon emissions from Barnsley MBC operations by 30% by 2020/21 from 2012/13 baseline: at the end of March 2019, carbon emissions had been reduced by 39%.
- Generate 20% of energy used in Barnsley MBC operations from on-site renewable sources by 2020/21: at the end of March 2019, while the Council had an installed renewable capacity of 20%, they were only providing 16% of the energy used by the Council. The reasoning behind this shortfall is understood and an action plan to close the gap is being developed.

The Council has been successful in achieving these targets however this in turn raises several issues:

- The Energy Strategy's delivery targets will need refreshing from 2020; any update to its carbon targets should reflect the current reality of climate change and the need for urgent action.
- Some of the reduction in the Council's emissions has been due to the 'greening' of the grid and the disposal of Council buildings. Research for Sheffield and Leeds City Regions shows that to achieve more ambitious carbon reduction targets more focus and ownership is needed locally.
- To achieve a zero carbon Council in 2040 (and more so for the Borough to become zero carbon by 2045) a significant step change in delivery is required. This will only be achieved if the Council acts on its civic leadership mandate and assists its residents and businesses to access the opportunities which will be presented.

8.2 Set a more challenging target

The Council may be challenged that 2040 is not ambitious enough; most other local authorities who have declared climate emergencies have carbon neutrality targets of 2030 or 2035. Environmental activists have openly challenged targets of even 2035.

While a 2030 target may be unobtainable it is however a statement of intent, many Local Authorities have declared for 2030 on that basis.

Zero40 is an existing commitment and is a reaffirmation of an existing carbon reduction commitment; it also sets out the mechanism by which this can be achieved. It is a purist approach in that it aims to eliminate not only Scope 1 but

also Scope 2 and 3 emissions (See para 5.2 for definitions) something which many of the shorter dates do not do.

The Council could:

- Declare a target for its own emissions of 2030 in the knowledge that it would be largely undeliverable and is uncostered.
- Declare a target of 2035; to achieve this delivery plan should assume an 80% reduction in carbon emissions by 2030 followed by full carbon neutrality in 2035.
- Retain zero40 but caveat it with 'working toward to 2035'.

Consideration should also be given to the scheduling of Borough's zero carbon status by 2045, as the Council only emits 2% of the Borough's emissions in main be seen as inequitable that we expect the Borough to be zero carbon only 5 years after the Council.

9. IMPLICATIONS FOR LOCAL PEOPLE/SERVICE USERS

- 9.1 Integral to the delivery of the Zero40 and Zero45 will be social value considerations; creation of community/social enterprises, apprenticeships, mentoring ex-offenders to gain employment and supporting disabled people into the workplace, supporting Area Councils and the 'Love Where You Live initiative
- 9.2 Outputs will include a cleaner greener Borough, healthier residents due to Active Transport programmes, reduction in fuel poverty and an improvement in the quality of the housing stock.
- 9.3 The transition to a zero carbon Borough will include significant opportunities for SMEs to deliver the required programmes and technologies. Currently there are known skill shortages within the key areas of delivery which the residents will be able to access following tailored learning and training programmes

10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 Consultations have taken place with representatives of the Service Director – Finance (S151 Officer).
- 10.2 There are no direct financial implications to the Council as a result of changing the Council's Energy Efficiency Strategy as proposed in this report.
- 10.3 The Council is currently investing in a number of projects that support the strategies outlined in this report. For example, a £2M investment has been made to replace the heating systems at the Metrodome Leisure Centre with more energy efficient systems, significantly reducing the Council's carbon emissions.
- 10.4 In addition funding totaling £0.250M earmarked for the Affordable warmth programme, supports energy efficient projects delivered by the private sector.

- 10.5 A number of projects are currently the subject of business case outline proposals including the installation of Electric Vehicle charging points, Council's Green Fleet and numerous Solar Energy projects. Other innovative ideas are also being explored and researched for example work is under way to test viability of mine water to heat Council owned properties.
- 10.6 Whilst the Council remains committed to delivery of the strategies outlined in this report, there are no resources earmarked to fund any specific proposals brought forward to compliment these strategies. Any proposals submitted will need to be considered against the Council's other competing priorities in line with the approved Capital Investment Strategy.
- 10.7 Officers are however currently considering options to establish a feasibility and enabling fund to provide more detail on energy saving initiatives. Once complete, any associated cost will be considering as part of the update to the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy.

11. EMPLOYEE IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 Can be delivered from existing resources within the Housing and Energy teams working in partnership with existing internal and external teams.

12. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1 The UK Government has passed legislation which commit the UK to being net Zero carbon by 2050.

13. CUSTOMER AND DIGITAL IMPLICATIONS

- 13.1 None

14. COMMUNICATIONS IMPLICATIONS

- 14.1 A an internal and external marketing campaign will be used to introduce and report on progress

15. CONSULTATIONS

- 15.1 Leeds and Sheffield City Regions
APSE
BMBC Finance

16. THE CORPORATE PLAN AND THE COUNCIL'S PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

- 16.1 New carbon measurements will be introduced to track performance.

17. PROMOTING EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND SOCIAL INCLUSION

- 17.1 An additional benefit of zero40 will be the opportunities for learning and training for individuals and for Barnsley based SME's to participate in the significant capital programmes which will underpin the transition to a low carbon economy.

18. TACKLING THE IMPACT OF POVERTY

- 18.1 Reduction in fuel poverty, greater training opportunities and access into higher skilled jobs

19. TACKLING HEALTH INEQUALITIES

- 19.1 Cleaner and Greener environment will reduce the impact of the NHS and existing housing stock.

20. REDUCTION OF CRIME AND DISORDER

- 20.1 No impact

21. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

- 21.1 Regular reporting to the zero40 steering group will manage the risk of not achieving the overall target of being zero carbon by 2040 or each of the SEAPS

22. HEALTH, SAFETY AND EMERGENCY RESILIENCE ISSUES

- 22.1 No specific health and safety issues however the report does address issues of the Borough's resilience given likely climate change events

23. COMPATIBILITY WITH THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

- 23.1 Not applicable

24. CONSERVATION OF BIODIVERSITY

- 24.1 The report addresses the issue of climate change which has significant implications for conservation and biodiversity

25. LIST OF APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Climate Change Declaration.

26. BACKGROUND PAPERS

References:

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If you would like to inspect background papers for this report, please email governance@barnsley.gov.uk so that appropriate arrangements can be made

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Financial Implications/Consultation



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*(To be signed by senior Financial Services officer
where no financial implications)*

Appendix 1: Climate Change Declaration

The Council notes:

1. That the impacts of climate change are already causing serious damage around the world.
2. That the 'Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C', published by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in October 2018,
 - a. describes the enormous harm that a 2°C average rise in global temperatures is likely to cause compared with a 1.5°C rise, and
 - b. confirms that limiting Global Warming to 1.5°C may still be possible with ambitious action from national and sub-regional authorities, civil society and the private sector.
3. That all governments (national, regional and local) have a duty to act, and local governments that recognise this should not wait for their national governments to change their policies;
4. That strong policy to cut emissions also has associated health, wellbeing and economic benefits for residents and business of the Borough.

Council therefore commits to:

1. Declare a 'Climate Emergency' that will require the Council to:
 - a. Ensure that all strategic decisions, budgets and approaches to the delivery of its services and place making are in line with a shift for the Council to be zero carbon in its operations by 2040.
 - b. Exercise its role of community leadership by supporting and working with all other relevant agencies and bodies towards making the Borough zero carbon through all relevant strategies, plans and shared resources by 2045.

Item 6

Barnsley 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 of Core Services

Advertising and Sponsorship Policy

1. Purpose of report

The purpose of this report is to gain approval of the updated advertising and sponsorship policy.

2. Recommendations

It's recommended that cabinet approves the updated advertising and sponsorship policy (appendix A) and agrees that this can be presented to Full Council for approval.

3. Introduction

3.1 We offer advertising and sponsorship opportunities to:

- provide a powerful marketing tool for local businesses and the local economy
- provide a communication and engagement channel for local public and third sector organisations
- channel national advertising campaign spends into the council which can then be re-invested.

3.2 All of our advertising and sponsorship opportunities are available to view on our [website](#).

There is currently a project team looking at this to see how we can make more and better use of advertising on our assets and sponsorship of our events.

4. Proposal and justification

It's proposed that we implement the updated advertising and sponsorship policy (Appendix 1).

4.1 This proposed advertising and sponsorship policy is intended to provide guidelines as to the type of advertising and sponsorship that may be permitted and the technical standards associated with their display. It means we can better regulate what can and cannot be advertised on our assets.

The policy enables us to make sure that any advertising or sponsorship doesn't conflict with our priorities, services or campaigns.

4.2 The policy gives our employees and elected members:

- clear guidance on our expectations of advertising on, or sponsorship of, council assets
- an approved list of prohibited products, services and advertisers that protects our services and upholds our values
- protection around the removal of advertising or sponsorship in unforeseen circumstances.

4.3 The Communications and Marketing service has carried out research into other local authority advertising and sponsorship policies to ensure that the proposed policy is comprehensive and reflects best practice.

4.3 If approved, the policy will be available to read on our [website](#). The Communications and Marketing service will provide a copy of the policy to any companies that manage advertising or sponsorship on our behalf, and it will be part of the contract for any future opportunities. The Communications and Marketing service will use it as a benchmark to approve any advertising requests on council assets.

4.4 The policy has been redrafted using plain and engaging language which makes the guidance easier to understand and use. It also includes hyperlinks to key policies and documents.

5. Consideration of alternative approaches

5.1 The alternative approach is to continue working under the [existing advertising policy](#). This is not recommended, as the current policy focusses heavily on website advertising and doesn't cover the list of [assets advertised on our website](#). The current policy doesn't provide clear guidance on prohibited lists, nor does it set out our expectations for companies wanting to advertise on council assets or sponsor our events.

6. Implications for local people / customers

No implications identified

7. Financial impacts

7.1 Whilst there are no direct financial implications to updating the Advertising and Sponsorship policy, income is generated from the opportunities it provides. This is considered by the Council's Commercial Board.

8. Employee impacts

8.1 The recommended advertising and sponsorship policy provides a clear benchmark for staff and elected members to approve any advertising or sponsorships requests regarding council assets.

9. IT impacts

9.1 The proposed advertising and sponsorship policy includes information about website cookies and links to more information on our website about [cookies, information and privacy](#).

10. Communications activity

- 10.1 If approved, the advertising and sponsorship policy will be communicated internally to all employees and elected members (both networked and non-networked). A section on the intranet will be created to give employees and elected members access to information and guidance on advertising.

The policy will be available on our website and will be distributed to companies who manage advertising or sponsorship on our behalf.

11. Promoting equality, diversity and social inclusion

- 11.1 An essential addition to the proposed policy is a more robust position on what we consider acceptable areas of advertising or sponsorship on council assets. The proposed policy clearly outlines that the council will not allow any advertising which:

- features an overtly sexual tone, innuendo or a subtext that may offend, partial or complete nudity or which appears to promote illegal or inappropriate behaviour
- is of a mocking nature, which makes fun of particular groups of people, types of behaviour or situations
- disadvantages current or formerly armed service personnel, their families or veterans
- contains racial stereotypes, where the stereotyping begins causing offence, and with the potential to cause serious or widespread offence when referring to different races, cultures, nationalities or ethnic groups.
- is discriminatory on the grounds of:
 - Age
 - Disability
 - Gender reassignment
 - Marriage and civil partnership
 - Pregnancy and maternity
 - Race
 - Religion or belief
 - Sex
 - Sexual orientation

12. Consultations

The following people have been consulted in the development of the policy:

- Communications and Marketing service
- Senior Management Team
- IT
- Equalities and Inclusion
- Legal services
- Public Health

13. List of appendices

- Appendix 1 – Advertising and Sponsorship Policy

Report author: Katie Rogers

Financial impacts / Consultation



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*(To be signed by senior financial services officer where
no financial impacts)*



Advertising and sponsorship policy

For our partners and local businesses, there's never been a better time to advertise in Barnsley.

This policy explains how advertising and sponsorship is managed on council owned sites

Barnsley council is referred to as we/our throughout this policy.

1 Introduction

1.1 We offer advertising and sponsorship opportunities to:

- provide a powerful marketing tool for local businesses and the local economy
- provide a communication and engagement channel for local public and third sector organisations
- channel national advertising campaign spends into the council, which can then be re-invested.

We welcome the opportunity to publicise information that is likely to be of interest to residents and is proper and lawful through its various communication channels. This policy provides guidelines for all forms of advertising and sponsorship, including:

- Boundary signs and roundabout advertising
- Planter sign advertising
- Car park ticket advertising
- Vehicle advertising
- Parks (via Park Partners)
- Our websites
- Barnsley Museums, arts, events and exhibitions programmes

Find out more about our [advertising and sponsorship opportunities](#).

1.2 General principles

We have approved categories of advertising that are acceptable for placement on our assets. All adverts are subject to approval before they are placed. We reserve the right to refuse to promote or to remove any individual advertisement, which, in our opinion, is considered inappropriate. We may check the suitability of individual advertisers with Trading Standards.

The placement of advertisements within our website will be coordinated to ensure that adverts do not compromise the prime purpose and functionality of the website.

All adverts must adhere to the codes of conduct laid down by the [Advertising Standards Authority](#).

All companies wishing to advertise on our assets must comply with our terms and conditions for advertising and sponsorship.

Any advertising must comply with all relevant regulations, and must not conflict with our aims and priorities set out in our [Corporate Plan 2017-20](#).

The Advertising Standards Authority code includes provisions that marketing communications:

- must be legal, decent, honest and truthful
- must not bring advertising into disrepute, in addition, must not bring the council into disrepute
- must conform to the Advertising Standards Authority code
- must respect the principles of fair competition
- will be subject to the Code of Practice on Local Government Publicity and the requirements of the Financial Conduct Authority.

In addition to the categories listed immediately below, there may also be some specific controls and policies associated with individual placements which are available on request.

2 Prohibited products, services and advertisers

The lists below are not definitive, and we retain the sole and non-negotiable right to determine what behaviour we consider inappropriate and to refuse advertising at any time.

On an ad-hoc basis, we reserve the right to check advertisers against third party-data, for example, Trading Standards, to ensure services advertised meet the standard required.

We may check that the organisation does not have an outstanding debt with the council and has secure financial standing before authorising any advertising. During times of heightened political sensitivity, e.g. in the pre-election period, we'll carefully consider any adverts.

2.1 Advertising will not promote any of the following:

- Political organisations
- Lobby groups
- Tobacco, alcohol, e-cigarettes or drug-related companies, distributors and products
- Weaponry and related companies, distributors and products
- Faith, religion and equivalent systems of belief
- Violence or anti-social behaviour of any description
- High interest / Payday lenders / speculative financial companies and products
- Fast food / sugary drinks companies, distributors and products (manufacturers of food that is considered unhealthy)
- Baby/infant formula companies, distributors and products
- Pornography and adult products, services, companies, distributors and content
- Betting, gaming, gambling, casinos and lottery companies, distributors and services
- Artificial weight control, e.g. weight loss pills companies, distributors and products
- Dating services
- Tanning salons and beds
- Cosmetic surgery companies and services

2.2 We will not accept advertising that:

- conflicts with our [cores values or policies](#) in any way
- affects public support for a political party, a person identified with such a party, or a point of view or question of political controversy
- content that disadvantages current or formerly armed service personnel, their families or veterans
- associates us with organisations in a financial or legal conflict with the council
- discriminates on the grounds of race, colour, national origin, religion, sexual orientation or disability
- that infringes copyright, patent rights or trademarks
- does not comply with our [external links policy](#)
- contains offensive or profane language
- may bring us into disrepute
- is for any product or service which shares a name or trademark with a prohibited product or service, sometimes referred to as 'surrogate advertising'. For example, a product which shares its name with a tobacco brand, or a product which shares its name with an alcohol brand in a territory where alcohol cannot be advertised.

3 Sponsorship

Sponsorship is defined as: "An agreement between Barnsley Council and the sponsor, where the Council receives either money or a benefit in kind for an event, campaign or initiative from an organisation which gains publicity or other benefits by its association".

Sponsorship implies a deeper connection between the sponsor and the council than just standard advertising.

We'll carefully consider any potential sponsorship following these guidelines:

- Will sponsorship be detrimental to our commercial activity?
- Will sponsorship be detrimental to our messages?
- Will sponsorship conflict with our values or priorities?
- Is the potential sponsor's business activity relevant to the event or activity being sponsored?
- Is it reasonable to assume there would be no objections from the public or local business community to the sponsorship?

4 Style and content

We keep an open mind to different styles of advertising, though we will not accept advertising which contains the following content:

- Sexual nature, which features an overtly sexual tone, innuendo or a subtext that may offend, partial or complete nudity or which appears to promote illegal or inappropriate behaviour.
- Mocking nature, which makes fun of particular groups of people, types of behaviour or situations.
- Racial stereotype, where the stereotyping begins to cause offence, and with the potential to cause serious or widespread offence when referring to different races, cultures, nationalities or ethnic groups.
- Discrimination on the grounds of:
 - Age
 - Disability
 - Gender reassignment
 - Marriage and civil partnership
 - Pregnancy and maternity
 - Race
 - Religion or belief
 - Sex
 - Sexual orientation

Designs should not imitate official highways signage, which may confuse our residents.

We reserve the right to review all advertising and sponsorship artwork before we accept it.

We reserve the right to decline any advertising we consider to be inappropriate, in conflict with, or detrimental to our strategic priorities.

Where an advertising or sponsorship activity may have planning implications, we'll seek advice from our planning control service about the consent required.

5 Unforeseen circumstances

We reserve the right to withdraw advertising with no guarantee of a refund at any time to meet the demands of unforeseen circumstances.

This includes:

- Force majeure (i.e. major environmental events)
- Periods of heightened sensitivity or developments following the installation of advertising (i.e. an external event deems previously acceptable advertising as in bad taste).

We'll let advertisers know of such circumstances at the earliest available opportunity.

6 Sponsored links

We do not endorse any externally linked sites contained on the website or social media and we are not responsible for their content. We cannot guarantee that these links will work all of the time and have no control over the availability of the linked pages.

We do not accept responsibility for errors, omissions or for any consequences arising when visiting third party websites when following an advertising link.

7 Providing company testimonials and endorsements

As a council, we do not provide testimonials or individual company endorsements. This includes customer feedback surveys. We can provide factual references on request for work that has been completed on our behalf.

8 Our advertising disclaimer

While every effort has been made to make sure the accuracy of the content of the advertisements, we cannot accept any liability for errors or omissions contained in any of the advertisements provided by an advertiser. We do not accept any liability for any information or claims made by the advertisement or by the advertisers. Any inclusion of the Barnsley Council name on a publication should not be taken as an endorsement by Barnsley Council.

We reserve the right to refuse to place an advert or accept any sponsorship.

We also reserve the right to withdraw any advert or any sponsorship at any time, which is not in accordance with this policy or the terms and conditions of advertising and sponsorship.

Cookies

Advertisers may place cookies directly from their site. We do not see or control these cookies, and we do not control how other sites use them, so we advise all users to check their privacy settings.

Read more information about [cookies, information and privacy](#).

MEETING:	Planning Regulatory Board
DATE:	Tuesday, 23 July 2019
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Council Chamber, Town Hall, Barnsley

MINUTES

Present

Councillors D. Birkinshaw (Chair), T. Cave, Danforth, Eastwood, Frost, Gillis, Greenhough, David Griffin, Hayward, Makinson, Mitchell, Noble, Richardson, Smith, Spence, Stowe and Williams

In attendance

17. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary interest in respect of any of the items on this agenda.

18. Minutes

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

19. Westfield Farm, Royd Moor Road, Thurlstone - 2018/1445 - For Approval

The Head of Planning and Building Control submitted a report on **Planning Application No. 2018/1445** [Erection of agricultural workers' dwelling] at Westfield Farm, Royd Moor Road, Thurlstone, Sheffield S36 7RD

RESOLVED that the application be approved in accordance with the Officer recommendation and subject to conditions

20. The Stables, Willow Bank, Wilthorpe, Barnsley - 2019/0732 - For Approval

The Head of Planning and Building Control submitted a report on **Planning Application No. 2019/0732** [Siting of an additional static caravan, erection of an extension to the amenity building and amendments to the site layout approved under application 2017/0392] at The Stables, Willow Bank, Woodstock Road, Barnsley, S71 1PS

RESOLVED that the application be approved in accordance with the Officer recommendation and subject to conditions

21. Barnsley Crematorium, Doncaster Road, Barnsley - 2019/0694 - For Approval

The Head of Planning and Building Control submitted a report on **Planning Application No. 2019/0694** [Erection of a single storey extension to provide memorial display showroom] at Barnsley Crematorium, Doncaster Road, Barnsley, S71 5EH

RESOLVED that the application be approved in accordance with the Officer recommendation and subject to conditions

22. Library at the Lightbox, 1 The Glassworks, Barnsley - 2019/0655 - For Approval

The Head of Planning and Building Control submitted a report on **Planning Application No. 2019/0655** [Display of illuminated signage above entrance canopy (retrospective)] at Library at the Light Box, 1 The Glass Works, Barnsley, S70 1GW

RESOLVED that the application be approved in accordance with the Officer recommendation and subject to conditions

23. Land off Bismarck Street, Worsbrough - 2019/0342 - For Approval

The Head of Planning and Building Control submitted a report on **Planning Application No. 2019/0342** [Erection of 5 no. dwellings] at Land off Bismarck Street, Worsborough Common, Barnsley, S70 4NA

RESOLVED that the application be approved in accordance with the Officer recommendation and subject to conditions

24. Planning Appeals - 1st to 30th June 2019

The Head of Planning and Building Control submitted an update regarding cumulative appeal totals for 2019/20.

The report indicated that 7 appeals were received in June 2019. No appeals were withdrawn in June 2019, however 1 appeal was out of time. One appeal was decided in June 2019.

It was reported that 12 appeals have been decided since 1st April 2019, 8 of which (67%) have been dismissed and 4 of which (33%) have been allowed.

25. Enforcement Update

The Head of Planning and Building Control introduced this item and provided Members with an update on Planning Enforcement service activity covering the Quarter 1 Period of this reporting year 2019/2020 (April-June 2019). The report included a breakdown of the requests for service received; key actions and enforcement case outcomes during the quarter together with a summary of case activity (including issuing Formal Notices, legal action and enforcement appeals).

It was highlighted that the Planning Inspectorate is taking on average 41 weeks to determine enforcement appeals by written representation and longer for Matters considered under the informal hearing and public inquiry procedure. Work is currently underway within the Planning Inspectorate to improve this performance, which has led to frustration for complainants, the Council and those wishing to appeal enforcement notices.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

Chair

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MEETING:	Planning Regulatory Board
DATE:	Tuesday, 3 September 2019
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Council Chamber, Town Hall, Barnsley

MINUTES

Present

Councillors D. Birkinshaw (Chair), T. Cave, Danforth, Eastwood, Frost, Gillis, Greenhough, Hayward, Higginbottom, Leech, Makinson, McCarthy, Mitchell, Phillips, Pickering, Richardson, Smith, Spence, Stowe and Wright

26. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary interest with respect to any of the items on the agenda.

27. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd July 2019 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

28. Land at Capitol Park, Capitol Close, Dodworth - 2019/0286 - For Approval

The Head of Planning and Building Control submitted a report on **Planning Application 2019/0286** [Hybrid planning application for an extension to Capitol Park comprising a) development of 2no warehouses (floorspace of 9,755m² and 7,804m²) for general industrial and storage and distribution purposes (use classes B2 and B8) with provision of ancillary office accommodation - Outline with all matters reserved apart from means of access; and b) full application for provision of associated earthworks] at land at Capitol Park, Capitol Close, Dodworth.

Mr Mark England addressed the Board and spoke in favour of the officer recommendation to approve the application.

Mr Gary Hunt addressed the Board and spoke against the officer recommendation to approve the application.

RESOLVED that the application be approved in accordance with the Officer recommendation subject to amendment to condition 8 (archaeology) and to include reference to a need to carry out a geophysical survey.

29. Land off Maple Grove/Maple Court Tankersley - 2019/0664 - For Approval

The Head of Planning and Building Control submitted a report on **Planning Application 2019/0664** [Erection of Class B8 Storage and distribution warehousing

and ancillary Class B1 office space and associated access (Approval of reserved matters relating to the layout, scale, design and external appearance and landscaping of the development approved under outline planning permission 2017/0599) at land off Maple Grove/Maple Court, Tankersley, Barnsley.

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

30. Darton Park, Church Street, Darton - 2019/0612 - For Approval

The Head of Planning and Building Control submitted a report on **Planning Application 2019/0612** [Proposed new car park at Darton Park, Church Street, Darton].

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

31. Planning Appeals - 1st to 31st July, 2019

The Head of Planning and Building Control submitted an update regarding cumulative appeal totals for 2019/20.

The report indicated that in July 2019 one appeal was received, no appeals were withdrawn and 6 were decided.

It was reported that 18 appeals have been decided since 1st April 2019, 13 of which (72%) have been dismissed and 5 of which (28%) have been allowed.

Chair

MEETING:	General Licensing Regulatory Board
DATE:	Wednesday, 4 September 2019
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Reception Room, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present

Councillors Wraith MBE (Chair), P. Birkinshaw, Cherryholme, Danforth, Gillis, Green, Greenhough, C. Johnson, W. Johnson, Kitching, Saunders, Shepherd, Tattersall, Williams and Wilson

6 Declaration of Interests

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

7 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 26th June, 2019 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

8 Hackney Carriage Tariff Increase - Objection

Further to Minute No 5 of the previous meeting held on the 26th June, 2019, the Service Director Legal Services submitted a report requesting Members to determine the objection received to the proposed increase in the current Hackney Carriage Tariff.

The proposal to increase the tariff had been published in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976 and an objection in the form of a petition had been received from 37 Hackney Carriage Licence Holders, however, upon closer inspection it was noted that a number of licence holders had signed the petition twice as they held more than one Hackney Plate.

Mr D Wilson (Licensing Consultant) representing the Hackney Carriage Association attended the meeting to make representations in support of the increase. In summary, the request was aimed at encouraging drivers to work later into the evening/early morning (3.00 am – 7.00 am Sunday Mornings) to address issues of taxi availability for night time revellers (an issue outlined within the most recent Hackney Carriage Demand Survey) and also because the last tariff increase was in 2017 when only small changes had been introduced to fares that had applied since November 2010. The increase would be relatively small for all but the late night passengers and some short journeys could be cheaper based on the proposals to increase the distance for the initial fare (flag fall). Mr Wilson also submitted a further petition from 10 Licence Holders who had signed the original petition and who now wished to withdraw their objection as this related to a proposal originally submitted in February, 2019 and not to the current proposals under consideration.

Mr R Ford, representing the original petitioners objecting to the proposed increase addressed the meeting and outlined the substance of the objections which related to

concerns that drivers had not been consulted on the proposals and also the fact that the Jumble Lane crossing in Barnsley had been closed which had caused a consequential increase in taxi fares because of the inconvenience of having to go around the town instead.

Mr Wilson and Mr Ford were both questioned by Members of the Board on the substance of their representations.

The Board noted that as a result of the withdrawal of objections and the 'double entries' on the original petition, there were now 23 remaining objections on the petition. Arising out of this and in response to comments made by Mr Ford, the Service Director Legal Services indicated that the consultation on the proposals had been undertaken in accordance with the prescribed regulations. It was acknowledged that not all Hackney Drivers were members of the Hackney Carriage Association but discussions within this group did not form part of the formal consultation process.

After considering all the representations in detail the Board:

RESOLVED that the proposed variations to the tariff be approved as advertised and come into effect at 23.59 on Friday 13th September, 2019.

9 Driver Appeals Update

The Service Director Legal Services submitted a report providing an overview of the results given by the Magistrates Court following the appeal by Private Hire and hackney Carriage Drivers against decision made in relation to the immediate revocation of a Driver's Licence and against a decision of the General Licensing Regulatory Board.

Two cases had been presented recently and Members noted that on both occasions the Magistrates had found in favour of the Local Authority and decisions made to revoke both licences had been upheld.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the report be received; and
- (ii) That thanks be given to the Solicitors of the Council for their continued hard work in supporting the Licensing function.

Chair

MEETING:	Statutory Licensing Regulatory Board
DATE:	Wednesday, 4 September 2019
TIME:	3.00 pm
VENUE:	Reception Room, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present

Councillors Wraith MBE (Chair), P. Birkinshaw, Green, W. Johnson, Kitching, Saunders, Shepherd, Tattersall, Williams and Wilson

4 Declaration of Interests

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

5 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 26th June, 2019 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

6 Enforcement Update

AOB The Service Director Legal Services provided an overview of the work of Licensing Enforcement Officers undertaken recently in relation to the Licensing Act 2003.

Since June 2019, 1128 requests for service had been received by the Licensing Section predominantly from members of the public but also from licensees, private hire and hackney carriage drivers and operators and scrap metal dealers.

(a) Premises License Inspections

Since August 2019 Licensing Officers had inspected 25 licensed premises throughout the Borough to ensure that there was appropriate compliance with the Licensing Act 2003 in respect of their premises license and any conditions attached to the licence.

Of the 25 premises inspected, 7 were found to have insufficient documentation including failure to display premises licence, missing training records and refusal logs. Officers were continually working with them to ensure their compliance going forward.

(b) Immigration Checks in Licensed Premises

Licensing Officers in collaboration with Home Office and Immigration Enforcement Officers, inspected 7 licensed premises across the Borough during August 2019.

Of the 7 premises inspected, 6 were found to be lacking in compliance under the Licensing Act 2003. Most of which were the failure to display the premise licence or incorrectly named licensee displayed. Enforcement officers were working with them to rectify any faults found and ensure a good understanding of the legislation to maintain their compliance.

Members were informed that further joint enforcement operations would continue to take place with various agencies including SY Police, The Immigration Service and Trading Standards.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the Board place on record their thanks and appreciation to all those involved in enforcement activities and continually working with premises ensuring a good understanding and compliance with Legislation;
- (ii) that update reports on all enforcement activity continue to be submitted to the Regulatory Board on a regular basis.

Chair

Item 12



MEETING:	Standards Board Panel
DATE:	Thursday, 29 August 2019
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Meeting Room 3 - Barnsley Town Hall

Present Councillors Makinson (Chair), T. Cave and Hand-Davis

1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

RESOLVED that Councillor Makinson be appointed Chair of this Panel.

2 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY OR NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

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

3 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED that the public and press be excluded from this meeting because of the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1982 (as amended).

4 COMPLAINT AGAINST A COUNCILLOR

The Panel received a report of the Executive Director Core Services requesting Members to consider whether or not action should be taken in response to a complaint made against Councillor Greenhough in accordance with the Council's arrangements for dealing with ethical standards complaints.

The report, in providing details of the complaint and the investigation undertaken, also outlined the options available to the Panel in determining the outcome of that investigation.

The complaint, which had been referred to the Executive Director Core Services in his capacity as Monitoring Officer, related to an alleged breach of the Council's Code of Conduct by Councillor Greenhough during a debate at the Council meeting held on the 25th July, 2019 when offensive and derogatory comments had been made to Councillor P Birkinshaw.

The primary complainant was Councillor P Birkinshaw but related complaints had been received from other Members and also from outside the Council and copies of these were appended to the report together with a copy of the Members Code of Conduct. Members of the Panel also viewed the relevant extract from the webcast of the Council Meeting held on the 25th July.

In accordance with the relevant procedures for investigating ethical standards complaints, the Executive Director had consulted Mr D Waxman one of the designated Independent Persons appointed in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 who had expressed the view that the complaint was one which he viewed to be relatively serious and a likely breach of the Code of Conduct.

The Head of Internal Audit and Corporate Anti-Fraud had, therefore, been appointed to undertake a formal investigation and as part of that investigation had interviewed

Councillors Greenhough and P Birkinshaw, other complainants and relevant witnesses. A copy of his report was provided. The Head of Internal Audit and Corporate Anti-Fraud was in attendance to present his report and to answer Members questions.

In summarising the outcome of his investigation the Head of Internal Audit commented that:

- There was no dispute as to the basic facts around the comment made by Councillor Greenhough at the Council meeting held on the 25th July, 2019
- Whilst there were differing views as to the term used, there was no doubt that in the context it was said it was a derogatory remark and one recognised by Councillor Greenhough himself as being inappropriate
- Whilst the term was ill chosen it was not used in a homophobic context
- Councillor Greenhough had acknowledged that he had breached the Member Code of Conduct in terms of failing to 'promote and maintain high standards of conduct of Members', treating others with respect and treating others with dignity
- Councillor Greenhough had stated his intention to make a full public apology to Councillor P Birkinshaw at the next Council meeting
- The incident had generated complaints from beyond the Council Chamber which did not reflect well on Councillor Greenhough but also the Council as a whole and general public confidence in elected Members
- The use of Twitter by other Councillors subsequent to the incident further exposed the matter and the Council to a far wider audience
- There was an opportunity to ensure that all Members reflected on their use of language inside and beyond the Council Chamber, undertake any appropriate training and, therefore, aim to restore high standards of respect and dignity and, importantly, the respect and confidence of the public.

It was noted that at the Council meeting Councillor Greenhough had offered an immediate apology to Councillor P Birkinshaw and, at the request of the Mayor, to all Members of the Council.

It was also noted that the incident had been brought to the attention of the Police who had recorded it as a hate incident and not a crime. It had also been confirmed that they did not intend to take any action or investigate the issue themselves, particularly given to context of the matter, and that the matter had been closed. In addition, Councillor Greenhough had been disciplined by the appropriate Group Leader.

After considering all the information presented and the appropriate action to take it was:

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the Panel deem that there has been a clear Breach of the Member Code of Conduct;

- (ii) That the language used by Councillor Greenhough was totally inappropriate. It was noted with some concern that the words that had been used within the Council Chamber were viewed by the Police as amounting to and had been recorded as a hate incident albeit in view of the Police an offence had not been committed;
- (iii) In view of the seriousness of the breach of the Member Code of Conduct, the Panel call on Councillor Greenhough to issue an appropriate formal apology at the next meeting of the Council to be held on the 26th September, 2019 when the minutes of this Panel are received by the Council
- (iv) That whilst there is at present no power to suspend an elected Member for a breach of the Code of Conduct, the Panel is aware and supports the recent recommendation from the Committee on Standards in Public Life that a power of suspension should be available where appropriate to deal with breaches of the Code. Had such powers been available, the Panel would have made such a recommendation to the Council to suspend Councillor Greenhough;
- (v) That Councillor Greenhough be asked to agree to undertake appropriate additional training in respect of the Code of Conduct and equalities, the precise scope and format to be determined by the Monitoring Officer;
- (vi) That all Members of the Council reflect on the complaint and remind themselves of the importance that Councillors conduct themselves with dignity and decorum and with due respect for each other. That challenge and debate should reflect the issue under consideration and not the person;
- (vii) That all Members be respectful of and support the role of the Mayor to assist in ensuring that the business of the Council is carried out in a proper fashion; and
- (viii) That the Panel note the potential complications that can arise in the event of a conduct issue arising where wider comment has been made on social media and that such issues be more suitably addressed through the Council's formal procedures for dealing with ethical standards complaints.

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Item 14

NOTES OF GENERAL LICENSING REGULATORY BOARD PANEL

16th July, 2019

Present: Councillors C Wraith MBE (Chair), P Birkinshaw and W Johnson together with Councillor Gillis (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 – Determination – Mr G B

The Panel considered a report of the Service Director Legal Services requesting the Panel to determine the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence held by Mr G B.

Mr G B was in attendance together with Mr D W (Licensing Consultant) who gave evidence in support of his case. They also submitted additional information, references and letters of support.

After considering all the information and representations made the Panel decided that the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence held by Mr G B be revoked on the following grounds:

- The safeguarding concerns now raised
- His appearance before the General Licensing Regulatory Board Panel on four separate occasions
- The fact that he was under the sanction of a Final Written Warning and also the fact that he had received two Final Written Warnings
- His criminal record which raised safeguarding concerns
- His propensity towards speeding offences
- His failure to comply with Licensing Conditions on a number of occasions
- The fact that he fell short of the Council's Guideline Policy for Criminal Convictions and the Licensing Service had produced sufficient evidence to show that he was not a fit and proper person to hold such a licence

The decision of the Panel was unanimous.

3 Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence – Determination – Mr A E A

The Panel considered a report of the Service Director Legal Services requesting the Panel to determine the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence held by Mr A E A.

Mr A E A was in attendance and gave evidence in support of his case.

After considering all the information and representations made the Panel decided that there was sufficient justification to warrant a deviation from the Council's Guideline Policy for Criminal Convictions and that Mr A E A be allowed to retain his licence on the following grounds:

- The manner in which he presented himself
- The genuine remorse shown at the offences committed
- The assurances given that these offences would not occur again
- The production of sufficient extenuating evidence to convince the Panel that he was a fit and proper person to hold such a licence

and subject to:

- him being required to undertake and pass a Council Approved Driver Awareness Course within three months at his own expense
- the issuing of a Written Warning as to his future conduct

The decision of the Panel was unanimous.

27th August, 2019

Present: Councillors C Wraith MBE (Chair), Gillis and Wilson together with Councillor Clarke (Reserve Member).

4 Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence – Application – Mr M T

The Panel considered a report of the Service Director Legal Services on an application for the grant of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence by Mr M T.

Mr M T was in attendance and gave evidence in support of his case.

After considering all the evidence presented and taking account of the manner in which he presented himself the application for a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence was granted until the 9th March, 2021 on the following grounds:

- There was sufficient justification to warrant a deviation from the Council's Guideline Policy in relation to migrant workers
- He entered the UK as an asylum seeker on the 6th October, 2015 at the age of 26
- He became a naturalised citizen in 2016 and, as such, had the right to live and work in the UK until the 9th March, 2021
- His excellent command of the English language
- His employment history whilst in the UK
- Whilst resident in his country of origin he confirmed that he had no criminal convictions recorded against him
- The enhanced DBS check completed was clear and had been since he came into the UK

The decision of the Panel was unanimous.

5 Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence – Application – Mr A M

The Panel considered a report of the Service Director Legal Services on an application for the grant of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence by Mr A M.

Mr A M was in attendance together with Mrs M (his mother) and gave evidence in support of his case.

After considering all the evidence presented and taking account of the manner in which he presented himself the application for a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence was granted on the following grounds:

- The manner in which he presented himself
- The genuine remorse and apologetic nature shown for completing the application form dishonestly
- The fact that he had held a taxi licence since 22nd August, 2018 with another Authority and there was no evidence to suggest that there were any concerns regarding his behaviour, driving or any record of complaints received
- The explanation given for the anonymous letter received and the fact that there was no ongoing investigation by West Yorkshire Police into unsubstantiated allegations made against him
- The character references provided
- The fact that there was sufficient extenuating evidence to convince the Panel that he was a fit and proper person to hold such a licence

The decision of the Panel was not unanimous.

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Item 15

APPEALS, AWARDS AND STANDARDS REGULATORY BOARD

(a) School Admission Appeals Panel – 18th July, 2019

Dearne ALC	2 Refused
Highgate Primary	1 Refused
High View Primary	1 Withdrawn
Kirk Balk	2 Refused
Horizon Community College	1 Allowed
Outwood Primary Academy Shafton	1 Withdrawn

(b) School Admission Appeals Panel – 6th September, 2019

Astrea Dearne Academy	1 Allowed 1 Refused 2 Withdrawn
Cherrydale Primary	2 Withdrawn

(c) School Admission Appeals Panel – 10th September, 2019

Horizon Community College	3 Allowed 7 Refused
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(d) School Admission Appeals Panel – 12th September, 2019

Penistone Grammar School	2 Allowed 1 Withdrawn
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(e) School Admission Appeals Panel – 17th September, 2019

Birdwell Primary	1 Refused
Shawlands Primary	1 Refused

Appeals withdrawn prior to the allocation of a date

Barnsley Academy	1 Withdrawn
Brierley C of E Primary	1 Withdrawn
Burton Road Primary	2 Withdrawn

Churchfields Primary	1 Withdrawn
Joseph Locke Primary	2 Withdrawn
Holy Rood	1 Withdrawn
Holy Trinity	1 Withdrawn
Kirk Balk	1 Withdrawn
Kings Oak Primary	1 Withdrawn
Littleworth Grange	1 Withdrawn
Netherwood Academy	1 Withdrawn
Outwood Academy Carlton	2 Withdrawn
Penistone Grammar	1 Withdrawn
Shafton Primary Academy	1 Withdrawn
Shawlands Primary	1 Withdrawn
The Mill Primary Academy	1 Withdrawn
Thurlstone Primary	1 Withdrawn

MEETING:	Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Strong & Resilient Communities Workstream
DATE:	Tuesday, 16 July 2019
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Meeting Room 11 - Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present

Councillors Ennis OBE (Chair), Bowler, Carr, Felton, Fielding, Gollick, Daniel Griffin, Hayward, Higginbottom, W. Johnson, Leech, Lodge, Lofts, Mitchell, Phillips, Smith, Tattersall, Wilson, Wraith MBE and Wright.

1 Apologies for Absence - Parent Governor Representatives

No apologies were received in accordance with Regulation 7(6) of the Parent Governor Representatives (England) Regulations 2001.

2 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Tattersall declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute 4 due to her position as Cabinet Support Member for Place (Environment and Transportation).

3 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th June, 2019 were noted by the Committee.

4 Energy Efficiency and Pollution Reduction

The following witnesses were welcomed to the meeting:-

Councillor Tim Cheetham – Cabinet Spokesperson for Place (Regeneration and Culture)

David Shepherd – Service Director Regeneration and Culture

Richard Burnham – Head of Housing and Energy

David Malsom – Group Leader Housing and Energy

George Lee – Project Manager Housing and Energy

The Service Director Regeneration and Culture introduced the item and gave thanks for the ability to inform Members about the current Energy Strategy 2015-2025 and associated targets for reducing carbon emissions.

Members noted that this had positive benefits, such as a cleaner environment, more active lifestyles, and reduced heating costs. In addition, there were opportunities for business, and jobs in new technologies.

Barnsley Council's position to lead this change, becoming an exemplar in this area was noted, with the opportunity to encourage others. This responded to a national and international agenda to reduce carbon emissions and limit temperature rises.

The Energy Strategy set out plans for Barnsley Council to be zero carbon in its operations by 2040. Transitioning the borough to the new national requirement to be net zero carbon by 2050 will be much more challenging.

Examples of improvements already implemented and those planned were given, which included the installation of Solar PV as part of the Glassworks development, and plans for a combined heat and power installation at the Metrodome. It was noted that work to recommission biomass across the school estate is also underway.

Members noted the Energise Barnsley scheme, which had installed Solar PV in over 350 properties, and had the benefit of reducing emissions but also benefitting residents financially.

Air quality was also a consideration, and Members heard of the planned gyratory, which had been through robust processes and had been shown to be beneficial in this Air Quality Management Area (AQMA).

The need to consider emissions from vehicles was noted, with the Council working with partners to improve active travel, however it was noted that some private car travel will remain. Electric vehicle (EV) charging was being considered as part of the investment in car parks and EVs were being considered as part of fleet renewal.

In the ensuing discussion, and in response to detailed questioning and challenge, the following matters were highlighted:-

Berneslai Homes tenants report issues with ground source heat pumps and air source heat pumps, including with usability and costs associated. It was noted that these do operate in a different way to conventional heating, and can be ineffective if not used correctly. Installation also needs to be carefully considered, as buildings need to be carefully insulated.

With regards to engineers having the appropriate skills to repair heat pumps, this was thought to be the case, but Members heard that assurances would be sought. In addition Members noted that the repairs contract was in the process of being re-let and appropriate skills to repair all types of heating systems would be a prerequisite. In the discussion around using heat pumps, Members heard of plans to explore the use of old mine workings, and the ability to take advantage of the heat contained within the water.

Questions were raised in relation to air quality, and whilst plans were to improve this there was the potential to build more housing in areas known to be of poor air quality. It was acknowledged that these issues would be taken into account as part of the planning process, and relevant consultees would be engaged in the matter.

Members discussed the potential improvements in air quality through the development of the recently proposed gyratory scheme, with some differences of view on the matter.

It was recognised the air quality may be improved through national drives to move to electric vehicles, though other issues associated such as increased particulates were also noted. Members noted that air quality was only monitored in fixed Air Quality

Management Areas, and though this could be extended, resources were constrained and therefore did not currently allow this.

Members discussed the use of biomass, noting that there were wider considerations such as the transportation of fuel and dealing with emissions. However it was suggested that this had a role to play in the short term, being a better alternative than fossil fuels, but not being preferable to renewable sources of power.

Those present discussed the previous encouragement to change from petrol to diesel cars, which has subsequently been withdrawn. The push towards EVs was noted and Members questioned whether this advice would be maintained in the longer term. Questions were raised as to whether driverless cars would be the preferred option in the future.

The impact of transport on carbon emissions was noted and in response Members heard that people will have a number of choices regarding their movement, and this may include EVs, the use of hydrogen and also active travel and public transport. Noted was the work with Transport for the North (TFN), Sheffield City Region (SCR) and Barnsley Bus Partnership (BBP) to improve public transport. Members noted the work of the Council in promoting salary sacrifice and cycle to work programmes to help assist the use of public transport or active travel. In addition to providing incentives, Members also suggested disincentives such as an increased use of residents parking, or lowering speeds in certain areas.

Members noted that many taxi drivers had switched to hybrid and electric vehicles, and those present discussed the plan to improve the current infrastructure for charging electric vehicles in the town centre and principal towns with 45 dual charging points at 16 locations.

Emissions from residential properties were discussed, together with the costs associated of improving properties and the support from central government. It was noted that houses will be required to have a reasonable level of energy efficiency by 2035, and estimates were that this would equate to around 50,000 properties in the borough. Difficulties in improving much of the current housing stock were noted, with some requiring overcladding which can be in the region of £13-15,000. The need for further support nationally on this issue was acknowledged. Members heard of the planned refresh of the Private Sector Housing Stock Condition Survey, which would provide a wealth of information on housing in Barnsley, and enable the Council to be best placed should any finance be forthcoming.

A debate was had regarding the energy tariff endorsed by the Council. it was noted that this may not be the cheapest for some residents. It is a product that aims to assist those who currently use pre-payment meters and are less likely to switch giving them access to fair rate, but which would not be subject to unreasonable rate rises, it aims to offer a longer term pricing position together good with customer service and green energy.

Members discussed the impact of farming on the emission of greenhouse gases, with feed stocks impacting on levels of forestation, and eating habits ultimately impacting on demand.

Attention was drawn to the patterns of excess winter deaths and Members noted that meetings were being organised with relevant partners at a high level to understand the issue in more detail.

Members heard how the Council focuses a great deal of effort in its attempts to reduce fuel poverty both in relation to the energy efficiency of their homes and what they pay for their energy. However, at times there is a duplication of resources and an affordable warmth strategy would allow us of the stakeholder to better understand their role and deliver a better programme to its residents.

In conclusion it was acknowledged that it was imperative that work on the agenda continues despite economic constraints, difficult decisions will be required but this was the right thing to do.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That witnesses be thanked for their attendance and contribution; and
- (ii) That consideration be given to the costs and benefits to more widespread monitoring of air quality.

Chair

MEETING:	Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Special Meeting to Consider Call-in
DATE:	Wednesday, 24 July 2019
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Council Chamber - Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present

Councillors Ennis OBE (Chair), Bowler, Carr, T. Cave, Felton, Fielding, Frost, Green, Daniel Griffin, Hayward, Higginbottom, Hunt, W. Johnson, Leech, Lodge, Lofts, Makinson, McCarthy, Mitchell, Noble, Phillips, Richardson, Sumner, Tattersall, Williams, Wilson and Wright together with non-Committee Members Pickering and Kitching

1 Apologies for Absence - Parent Governor Representation

An apology for absence was received in accordance with Regulation 7(6) of the Parent Governor Representatives (England) Regulations 2001 from Kate Morrill Parent Governor Co-optee.

2 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest

Non-pecuniary interests were recorded by Cllrs David Leech, Cllr Ken Richardson, Cllr Kath Mitchell, Cllr Joe Hayward, Cllr Trevor Cave, Cllr Sarah Tattersall, Cllr Pauline McCarthy, Cllr Dorothy Higginbottom, Cllr Gill Carr, Cllr John Wilson and Cllr Caroline Makinson by virtue of being Members of the Planning Regulatory Board

Cllr Sarah Tattersall declared an additional non-pecuniary interest by virtue of being the Cabinet Support Member for the Cabinet Spokesperson for Place (Regeneration and Culture).

3 Call-In of Cabinet Decision Cab.10.7.2019/6 - Appropriation of Land at Penny Pie Park for Highway Purposes

The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting and set out the relevant constitutional guidance under which the meeting would be conducted.

In accordance with the Council's Standing Order 25 (2), the Committee agreed for Councillor Kitching to be given permission to speak at the meeting, but not submit a motion or vote.

Reports were received to permit consideration of a report of the Executive Director: Core Services in respect of a call-in request of a Cabinet decision regarding the Appropriation of Land at Penny Pie Park for Highway Purposes.

It was noted that Cabinet resolved that, under Section 122 of the Local Government Act 1972, having considered and assessed the representations received that the open space shown in Appendix 1 to the report forming approximately 1.133 hectares (11,330 square metres) of Penny Pie Park, no longer be required for the purposes for which it is currently held and may be used instead for highway purposes.

The reasons for the call in were set out by the proposing Member Cllr Fielding.

It was suggested the objecting Members felt that Cabinet had wrongly concluded that the land known as Penny Pie Park was no longer needed as a park because they were presented with misleading and incomplete evidence, meaning that a sound decision could not be made in good faith. In particular it was suggested the Cabinet report:

1. Relied on the use of a flawed and unrepresentative usage survey.
2. Failed to fairly represent the extensive level of public opposition to the scheme and the objections received.
3. Failed to give due weight to the fact that the park was designated as public green space in the Council's own Local Plan, agreed in January 2019.
4. Was misleading in its assertion that only 1.2 hectares of the park was being used, when the proximity of 3 lanes of traffic will render the entire park un-useable.
5. Misrepresented the mitigation measures for the loss of green space as effective when they were in fact detrimental.
6. Failed to fairly consider alternative solutions including modal shift and other initiatives to reduce single occupancy car usage.
7. Failed to consider potential new development proposals in the area such as a new school.
8. Was misleading in its reference to queueing on M1 and pressure from Highways England.
9. Failed to give sufficient weight to the adverse effects on the local community of increased noise and air pollution and the loss of green space as a result of the scheme.

Further statistical information was presented to support the challenges pertaining to the suggestion the new scheme would reduce air quality emissions.

The Chair welcomed the following witnesses to the meeting:

Councillor Tim Cheetham, Cabinet Spokesperson - Place (Regeneration and Culture)

Andrew Frosdick, Executive Director – Core Services

David Shepherd, Service Director - Regeneration and Culture (on behalf of Matt Gladstone, Executive Director - Place)

Rachel Allington, Major Projects Group Leader

Ian Wilson, Group Manager – Highways and Engineering

Andrew Burton, Group Leader – Development Management

Cllr Cheetham opened the witnesses statements advising Members that all reports received by Cabinet and all actions undertaken by officers in relation to the development of the Penny Pie Park Scheme had followed all appropriate statutory and regulatory requirements.

Cllr Cheetham proposed that much of the evidence heard in objection to the decision under scrutiny was not within the context of that decision. It was further proposed that much of that context is not being questioned but it has previously been resolved by Cabinet that something must be done to address future traffic issues in that locality and the Penny Pie Park scheme had been agreed to be the most appropriate option.

The Executive Director Core Services set out as the Council's legal advisor that the Committee has been convened to scrutinise the decision taken by Cabinet on 10th July in accordance with proper procedure and requested Members focus on this matter. It was noted the scheme has already been approved and has planning permission and through that process a number of the matters set out in the objections will have been heard and considered by the Planning Regulatory Board in reaching their decision to approve the scheme.

The Chair invited the witnesses present to address the objections raised.

Witnesses drew Members' attention to the relevant parts of the Cabinet report to address the objections as proposed.

The Chair invited the Members present to propose questions to the objecting Members and witnesses.

Matters subsequently debated by Members of the Committee included representations by stakeholders and how these had been addressed noting the neutral stance taken by the Planning Inspectorate, the benefits to the environment of moving traffic rather than stationary traffic, the comparative example of the Cundy Cross scheme for which it was suggested had not been successful in addressing traffic problems and why the Penny Pie Park scheme differs from this scheme, the responses received via the consultation process and how these had been addressed by legal officers rather than the planning team, the statistical evidence presented by the objecting Members, the results identified by the consideration of alternate options to the preferred scheme, whether appropriate consideration has been given to climate change matters as part of the planning process, whether active travel options had been given due consideration as alternates to the scheme aligned to the ambitions of the Sheffield City Region Mayor, road safety audits, impacts on the public's wider travel patterns that the scheme may affect.

The Executive Director Core Services reminded Members they can only legally take professional advice from the officers of the Council and asserted the officers stand by the validity of the information contained within their reports.

It was suggested it is appropriate to discuss alternate options in the interests of these being relevant should the decision be returned for consideration. However, it was asserted this would not facilitate the reconsideration of the original planning application, subject to the Committee requesting the matter be returned to first principles.

Closing Statements were invited by the Chair.

Cllr Fielding commented on the proposed siting of the children's play area and its proximity to new roads, impacts on the local public and the environment, and

unknown impacts on neighbouring junctions. Cllr Fielding again asserted that Cabinet had wrongly concluded that the land known as Penny Pie Park was no longer needed as a park because they were presented with misleading and incomplete evidence.

Witnesses asserted the appropriation report was just and that nothing had come to light during the meeting to warrant the pending decision being returned to Cabinet for reconsideration.

RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Committee supports the Cabinet's original decision, this decision stands and can be implemented from the date of the Scrutiny Committee concerned.

Chair

MEETING:	Central Area Council
DATE:	Monday, 1 July 2019
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Reception Room, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present Councillors W. Johnson (Chair), Bowler, Carr, Clarke, Dyson, Fielding, Gillis, Lodge, Mitchell, Williams and Wright.

8. Declaration of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

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

9. Minutes of the Previous Meeting of Central Area Council held on 3rd June, 2019 (Cen.01.07.2019/2)

Members received the minutes from the previous meeting of Central Area Council held on 3rd June, 2019.

Members noted that representatives from Neighbourhood Services had been unable to attend the meeting, but had offered to arrange ward briefings to ensure Members were aware of recent changes to the service. Members requested that an invitation to attend the Area Council, in addition to the ward briefings, be extended in order to discuss the relationship between the work of Neighbourhood Services and services contracted by the Area Council.

Those present heard how the revised contract with RVS had been issued, and that the issue of reconvening the steering group would be discussed with the Area Manager.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Central Area Council held on 3rd June, 2019 be approved as a true and correct record.

10. Procurement and Financial Update - including presentation from Family Lives (Cen.01.07.2019/3)

Caroline Fanshaw and Lesley Brewin from Family Lives were welcomed to the meeting. Members heard how the initial issues of recruiting to the project had been overcome and the staff employed as part of the Support Service for New Mothers had started in May.

Members were made aware of the history of Family Lives, noting that the organisation engaged with over 2 million families each year across the country. The role of volunteers was acknowledged and over 300 engage as part of their delivery nationally.

The Support Service for New Mothers (previously known as Peri-Natal Emotional Wellbeing Volunteer Home Visiting Service), offers support such as one-to-one befriending by volunteers supporting new mothers with low level emotional issues. It

will also encourage peer support to help mothers access other support services. It was noted that the service would be provided to families whilst in pregnancy until their youngest child reaches their first birthday.

Members noted the links made with organisations and teams working in the area, and the close working relationships being developed with midwives and other support workers, where mutual referrals could be made. It was also noted that self-referrals could be made.

A widespread campaign had taken place to recruit volunteers and 42 expressions of interest had been received. It was acknowledged many of these may wish to provide support, having experienced issues themselves directly or indirectly. Members noted that appropriate training would be given and ongoing support available, for those choosing to volunteer.

Members discussed the partner agencies that the team had made links with, and the limitations of the support provided by volunteers, however it was acknowledged that signposting to more appropriate agencies would occur. Whilst agile working would be adopted by the team, they would also use community venues.

The Area Council Manager made Members aware of the progress being made in relation to further discussion about the priorities for the Area Council. Discussions had taken place with the Head of Employment and Skills with regards to mapping current provision. This information would feed into a workshop which was likely to be held in August.

In relation to work to consider Loneliness and Isolation, the proposed workshop was cancelled due to lack of representation, and it was hoped this could be rearranged with information from the Integrated Wellbeing Team being fed into the process.

A workshop to consider Building Resilience in Children and Young People had been held on 16th June, where a wide range of views had been expressed. The workshop had looked at data, current strengths and gaps in provision. Members had discussed whether the age range currently covered was still relevant or whether this required extension, and a larger amount of finance allocating to take account of this.

Members noted the next steps emanating from the workshop, which included gathering the views of young people and providers, with a market testing exercise also being considered. A further workshop had been planned for 8th August.

Members discussed the need to take the views of young people into account, both prior to agreeing the tender specification and throughout the delivery of the commission.

A brief update was provided in relation to the contract held by District Enforcement, which had commenced in April. Though formal monitoring information had not yet been provided, anecdotal feedback was positive, with requests from Members being responded to in a timely manner.

An update was provided in relation to the projects funded by the Wellbeing Fund. A meeting had been held with Creative Recovery to agree performance indicators, and a contract had been issued.

With regards to the DIAL advice drop in, this service had commenced on 1st June, and sessions seemed to be well attended. Members requested to be provided with a breakdown by ward, however it was noted that many residents may travel between wards to access the service.

The contract with the Education, Learning and Support Hub (ELSH) had been signed and the project commenced on 1st June. Classes were now underway at the hub on Sheffield Road and had been well attended so far.

Delivery of the contract with Hope House to provide follow on support for new mothers commenced on 1st June, and it was acknowledged that people did travel to use services such as this as it was based in the town centre.

Therapies for Anxiety, Depression and Stress (TADS) had commenced at both Barnsley Academy and Horizon, but would shortly commence in Forest Academy and Hunningley Lane Primary. Members noted that the service would deliver in each ward at some point in the programme.

Performance indicators and contracts had been agreed with The Youth Association, and the project was set to commence on 1st July, 2019.

The Area Council Manager provided an overview of the finances of the Area Council. At the end of 2018/19 £185,818 remained within the budget, when carried forward to 2019/20 this left £145,951 to be allocated in the current financial year.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That the overview of current Central Area Council priorities, and the progress made regarding the development of the priorities from 1st April, 2020 be noted;
- (ii) The overview of all Central Area Council current contracts, contract extensions and Service Level Agreements be noted;
- (iii) That the updates on the Peri-Natal Emotional Wellbeing Volunteer Home Visiting Service and Environmental Enforcement contracts be noted;
- (iv) That the update on the Central Area Wellbeing Fund projects be noted;
- (v) That the financial position for the Area Council and projected expenditure be noted.

11. Notes and feedback from the Ward Alliances (Gen.01.07.2019/4)

The meeting received the notes of the meetings of the Ward Alliances within the Central Area held in April, May and June, 2019.

Councillor Dyson provided feedback from the Central Ward Alliance, making Members aware of a new group in the Harborough Hills area, which had held several community events including those for families and also held community clean ups. A new group around Hopwood Street had also been established, and had held two family focused events. Also noted was the intergenerational work with primary age children attending the dementia carers group.

Members heard of the work in several neighbourhoods to raise awareness and improve relationships with the Ward Alliance, and this would also help to address any gaps in Ward Alliance membership.

An update on the work in Dodworth was given by Councillor Wright, who highlighted the development of the High Street Delivery Group and their annual, highly successful, Christmas event.

Members heard of the development of Incredible Edible in Gilroyd, working with Berneslai Homes. Also noted was the work to improve engagement throughout the ward, encouraging networking and reaching out to community groups, promoting the Ward Alliance.

Also noted was Dodworth Village Fete where, amongst other things, consultation on the Principal Towns project would take place.

Councillor Williams updated Members on the work of Kingstone Ward Alliance, which had recently welcomed one new member, and had received a further application to take part.

Members noted the three working groups focused around planning for another health day, activities for younger people and the Christmas event.

It was noted that the parent and toddler group at St George's Church had around 50 members, with parents receiving support to cook on a budget. From this a further group supporting those with twins was looking to become established.

Members also heard of a group at St Luke's Church supporting stroke victims and their families.

Those present heard of the community clean up events in the area, with significant numbers of volunteers taking part, and this stimulating further action from residents.

The Chair made Members aware of recent achievements in the Stairfoot Ward including the advice provision by DIAL which had now been extended to cover all of Central Area. Members also heard of sloppy slippers events, the work of Field Lane Crafters, and the success of Stairfoot Socials.

Proactive work had been undertaken to engage the public, including the development of a Facebook page, which had received a substantial number of hits.

Members noted the significant clean-up work, including as part of the Great British Clean up. Also noted were the well attended events such as the Work, Rest and Play event, the Spring event in Aldham and Friends of Stairfoot Family Fun day.

Noted also was the work of the Ardsley Events Group, Stairfoot Station Group, Bank Street Ladies, and Stairfoot Ward Alliance Team (SWAT).

Members were made aware of the work with young people including Junior Wardens at Oakhill Primary, which would also start shortly at Forest Academy.

Work with Barnsley Academy continued, following a successful intergenerational event last year called 'Waltzing in a Winter Wonderland'

Councillor Gillis noted that the TARA in the area had ceased and thanks were given to those involved who had dedicated their time and efforts.

Councillor Clarke updated Members on the work within Worsbrough. A new group, Bank End Friends, had been established, and was now generating their own funds. The group arranged events in the school holidays, providing meals for children.

Members heard how many volunteers had undertaken training for first aid and food hygiene. It was noted that a Men in Sheds project had been supported and would take place at Worsborough Dale Park Pavillion.

Those present heard of plans to promote and raise awareness of the Ward Alliance and Area Council, which was hoped would lead to further funding bids.

Noted was the work to hold an intergenerational event at the Family Centre, which would also involve those with learning difficulties. In addition Members heard of those involved in keeping the area clean and tidy, including on the Trans-Pennine Trail and on the main routes in to Barnsley.

However, Members were made aware that the after school club at Worsbrough Library had closed after 7 years and thanks were given to those involved in it.

The Chair suggested that a networking event for all Ward Alliances be organised where all Ward Alliances throughout the area could share information, skills and experience.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That the notes and feedback from the Ward Alliances be received;
- (ii) That a networking event for all Ward Alliances in the Central Area be organised.

12. Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Cen.01.07.2019/5)

The Area Council Manager introduced the item, drawing the attention of Members to the amount of finance remaining in each Ward Alliance Fund.

Members noted that figures may be slightly reduced from those published if Ward Alliances had met recently and recommended applications for approval.

Members discussed the number of applications being received from borough-wide organisations, and it was recommended that these be considered on their merit and the benefit of residents in the Ward.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

Chair

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Item 20



MEETING:	North Area Council
DATE:	Monday, 22 July 2019
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Meeting Room 1 - Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present

Councillors Leech (Chair), A. Cave, T. Cave, Charlesworth, Howard, Hunt, Lofts, Pickering, Platts and Tattersall

11 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

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

12 Minutes of the North Area Council meetings held on 13th May and 27th June 2019.

The Area Council received the minutes of the previous meeting held on 13th May and 27th June 2019.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the North Area Council meeting held on 13th May and 27th June 2019 be approved as a true and correct record.

13 Outcome of Health and Wellbeing Workshop and Recommendations - Cath Bedford and Rosie Adams

Cath Bedford introduced this item and updated Members with regard to the discussions which took place at a recent workshop to explore the opportunity for a North Area Council funded young people's project. Issues discussed included the barriers that prevent young people from thriving; risky behaviour and how to prevent it; mental health/anxiety; low levels of self-esteem; transitions (e.g. from primary to secondary school) and building emotional resilience. A number of knowledge gaps were also identified in terms of what various services currently provide. Consideration was given to what the North Area Council could focus on to improve the life chances of young people in the North Area whilst being mindful of making the best use of limited resources and avoidance of duplication.

The issue of service design came through clearly, for example there is an excess of referrals to Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) whilst at the same time there are opportunities within the community to help young people facing these types of issues. What is clear is that there is a need for a further workshop to explore the themes which emerged together with an identification of the outcomes the North Area Council wants to achieve in order to protect and empower young people and provide them with opportunities to thrive. The exact format of the workshop is yet to be determined, however it will involve a co-design element.

The next step is the production of a short conversational film during the

summer holidays. It was reported that Script Media is the preferred provider and filming starts this week over the next 3 weeks, with the finished article completed by the 2nd week of September in readiness for the September North Area Council meeting. CAMHS, YMCA and Ad Astra have confirmed involvement. Filming will take place in community venues during school holidays. It is hoped that difficult to engage young people will be involved. Schools have been included and were invited to the workshop sessions.

RESOLVED that

- (i) The update be noted, and
- (ii) Members agreed a further developmental workshop with stakeholders and Members of the Priority Working Group for Young People.

14 Commissioning, Project Development and Finance Update

The item was introduced by the Area Council Manager. Members were provided with a financial position and forecast for expenditure based on the projects that have been proposed. It was explained that all larger projects are commissioned on a one year (plus one year) contract.

The Housing Migration Officer post is now vacant. The delegated report has been written and is awaiting sign off before a request to recruit can be made. The Area Council Manager will be involved in recruitment in conjunction with Dearne Area Council and it is anticipated that a candidate will be identified for the North Area in August.

It was felt that it would not be appropriate to recruit to the vacant Youth Participation Officer posts until the future of the Health and Wellbeing of Young People project is determined.

Members will need to decide by the end of the year whether to continue to produce a Community Magazine

RESOLVED that Members note:-

- (i) The budget position, current financial position and the forecast for future funding commitments and
- (ii) The current position regarding the Housing Migration Officer together with the recommendation regarding the Youth Participation Officers

15 Celebration Event

The Area Council Manager introduced this item, outlining the three different options for recognising and showcasing community action within the North Area, asking Members to reach a consensus regarding their preferred option. Traditionally this type of event has been held in Town Hall. A discussion took place around the 'celebration event' delivery options available, including whether to hold a smaller, bespoke event in each ward or a large scale event held centrally and involving all wards.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that each Ward will have its own event held locally and also
- (ii) that a workshop be organised, with representatives from each Ward to plan an 'overall' celebration event, to be held centrally.

16 Priority Working Group representation

The Area Council Manager reminded Members of the purpose and function of the Priority Working Groups. It is essential that each ward is represented on each of the working groups to ensure that each ward is involved in planning, development and delivery of projects that benefit the North Area as a whole. Priorities and projects include: Opportunities for Young People; Health and Wellbeing; Environment; Anti-Poverty; Economic Regeneration; Community Magazine Editorial Group (both Autumn/Winter and Spring/Summer editions) and Stronger Communities Grants 2020/21. Members were asked to consider the membership of the various groups as outlined within the report.

RESOLVED that Membership of the priority working groups as listed within the report are agreed.

17 Report of the Ward Alliance Fund

The Area Council Manager updated the North Area Council with regard to the Ward Alliance budget, including a comprehensive breakdown for each ward.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the report be noted; and
- (ii) that each Ward in the North Area Council area prioritises the efficient expenditure of the Ward Alliance Funds 2019/20, in line with the guidance on spend

18 Notes from the following Ward Alliances

The meeting received the notes from the Darton East Ward Alliance held on 14th May and 11th June 2019; Darton West Ward Alliance held on 8th April and 9th May 2019; Old Town Ward Alliance held on 9th April and 4th June 2019; and St Helen's Ward Alliance held on 18th April and 6th June 2019.

Darton East: Funding has been agreed for a number of projects across the ward. The Beer Festival raised money towards the Christmas celebrations for this year. The first children's disco is planned for 30th August.

Darton West: The Tour de Yorkshire was an excellent event with the whole community involved. A quotation is to be obtained for low level fencing on Dearne

Hall Road and enquiries are to be made regarding signage following the change of speed limit on Birthwaite Hill.

Old Town: Funding has been agreed for a number of small projects including The Fleets project and environmental projects with schools. The Gala on 7th July was very successful. Thanks were expressed to Old Town Ward Alliance for the donation of hanging basket brackets to the St Helens Ward.

St Helens: The gala is to take place tomorrow (23rd July). Hanging baskets have been installed and planning for Christmas events is underway. Events will take place across the wards during the summer holiday, including 'cook and eat' sessions. Positioning of the defibrillator is to be discussed.

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

Chair

MEETING:	North East Area Council
DATE:	Thursday, 25 July 2019
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Meeting Room 1 - Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present Councillors Hayward (Chair), Cheetham, Cherryholme, Ennis OBE, Felton, Green, Higginbottom, Makinson, Richardson and Wraith MBE

9 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

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

10 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of North East Area Council held on 23rd May 2019

The meeting considered the minutes from the previous meeting of the North East Area Council held on 23rd May 2019.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the North East Area Council held on 23rd May 2019 be approved as a true and correct record.

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

It was agreed that this item be deferred following the late conclusion of the full Council meeting which preceded this meeting.

It was noted that Les Holt had joined the Cudworth Ward Alliance and Kevin Copley had joined the Royston Ward Alliance.

RESOLVED that the decision to defer consideration be agreed.

12 North East Area Council 12 Month Review

The Area Council Manager gave a presentation highlighting some of the key initiatives undertaken and events hosted during the preceding 12 months.

Members noted the tremendous work which had taken place and the support received from so many volunteers. Over 84 community projects had been supported with income reinvested in the community in support of local people and businesses. Volunteer support equated to over 484 hours during this period.

RESOLVED that the Council Area Manager, her staff and the many volunteers associated with these tremendous initiatives be thanked for all their hard work.

13 North East Area Council Project Performance Report

The Area Council Manager drew Members attention to progress in regard to delivery of a number of projects aligned to the agreed outcomes and social value objectives of NEAC.

Members considered a summary performance management report for each service for the first quarter of 2019/20 and case studies outlining the valuable work taking place which also contributed to these objectives.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

14 North East Area Council Financial Position and Procurement Update

The North East Area Council Manager reported on the current position in regard to the commissioning budget financial analysis for the period 2014/15 to 2019/20.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

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

The Area Council Manager updated Members regarding the North East Area Council Budget and Ward Alliance Funds.

It was noted that the Ward Alliance spending profile was still on track. In the ensuing discussion particular reference was made to the following:

- the Health and Wellbeing Grant applications, which was heavily oversubscribed. The Councillors agreed to fund a further £5,000 towards this project from the NEAC budget.
- the Cudworth Tai Chi event which had been very successful. It was noted that some people had been turned away as they were ineligible to attend as they did not live within the area
- the Ward Alliances had all agreed to fund the information and guidance sessions, but as these were regarded as 'Area Council Wide' projects, £507 was to be refunded into each of the four the Ward Alliance budgets from the Health and Wellbeing budget heading.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) the report be noted; and
- (ii) To fund a further £5,000 towards this project from the NEAC budget to the Health and Wellbeing Grant initiative
- (iii) £507 was to be refunded into each of the four the Ward Alliance budgets from the Health and Wellbeing budget heading.
- (iv) each Ward continues to priorities the efficient expenditure of the Ward Alliance funds in line with spending guidelines and Ward priorities

16 Dates of Future Meetings

The Area Council discussed the difficulties associated with holding this meeting on the afternoon of the Council meeting.

RESOLVED that the Executive Director Core Services be requested to investigate alternative dates for future meetings of this Area Council.

Chair

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MEETING:	Dearne Area Council
DATE:	Monday, 29 July 2019
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Meeting Room, Goldthorpe Library

MINUTES

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

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 13th May, 2019 (Dac.29.07.2019/2)**

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 13th May, 2019 be approved as a true and correct record.

3 **Performance Report Q1 (Dac.29.07.2019/3)**

The item was introduced by the Area Council Manager, focusing on feedback on performance from the first quarter of 2019/20.

In general performance was positive; however Members noted that the Housing and Migration Officer post remained vacant. The first attempt to recruit had been fruitless, however more recently advertising the post had led to 10 applicants responding. It was noted that shortlisting would be taking place shortly and Members would be informed of the outcome. It was acknowledged that the post was only ever for a maximum of one year and therefore this may reduce the number of interested parties, but it was imperative to ensure there was an officer with the correct skills for the post.

Members discussed the impact of the post being vacant with issues seen on Coop Street, Victoria Street, Poplar Avenue and Wellington Street.

With regards to the contract held by DECV, within the quarter 28 learners had been enrolled and seven had gained employment. 20 had received qualifications and 20 had gone on to further education. There had been a rise in the numbers being referred who had complex issues and needed intensive support for them to re-enter the labour market.

Over the quarter Twiggs Grounds Maintenance had arranged 30 social action events, supported 22 groups, engaged 100 volunteers and 9 businesses, and delivered 15 impact sessions to groups and schools.

Twiggs had assisted the very successful days held on the embankment project with 243 young people each gaining 5 AQA awards.

Members heard that referrals to B:Friend were still low, and a number of the referrals were inappropriate for those with complex needs such as dementia. However, the social groups were thriving across the area. Within the quarter there had been 12 requests for service, 16 pairings with volunteer befrienders, 24 volunteers engaged, and 7 referrals to existing groups. Members noted the significant social return on investment provided by the project.

An update on the progress made by those projects funded through the Dearne Development Fund was given.

The DIAL drop in had achieved a benefit gain of £84,141 within the quarter, with £17.98 brought in for every £1 invested. The service remained busy and in high demand, and it was agreed that this would be carefully monitored going forward.

CAB had exceeded targets set, with 169 client contacts within the quarter, enabling £241,975 of benefits to be gained. Members discussed the potential crossover with the service provided by DIAL, however it was noted that both produced excellent results and were in demand.

Goldthorpe Development Group continued to meet monthly, engaging a wide range of partners, including such as the Community Health Team. The number of attendees ranged from 70-90 each month, with young people from the choir at Astrea Academy Dearne now performing each month in addition to chatting and supporting the attendees.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

4 Twiggs Presentation (Dac.29.07.2019/4)

John Twigg and Corey Sanders, from Twiggs Grounds Maintenance were welcomed to the meeting.

Members noted that the service now rotated, targeting Bolton on Dearne, Goldthorpe and Thurnscoe areas in rotation. In each area social action would be encouraged, working with groups, businesses and schools. Each month, a plan for the month ahead would be developed, but it was noted that this was flexible and could change. Where possible the team would work with volunteers and groups in order to build community responsibility and resilience, however occasionally the team would work alone where persistent issues needed addressing.

Members discussed the complaints received regarding the high volume of litter and weeds, especially on main routes, and it was noted that hotspots in each area were targeted, with a view that, in time, the community would take more responsibility and Twiggs could reduce their support.

Discussion centred around the visibility of the service in order to recruit further volunteers, with suggestions of hi-visibility jackets and A-boards to show that anyone could join in.

Those present discussed how to change the mind-set of residents, and although the volume of litter picked had reduced in recent years, this remained a problem.

Members highlighted a number of issues of overflowing litter bins near businesses, and it was suggested that businesses could be encouraged to have their own bins for the waste they helped to create.

It was noted that Neighbourhood Services communicated with the service to avoid duplication and work complementarily. Members heard of the bin and grass cutting trackers recently introduced by Neighbourhood Services, which seemed to be working positively.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That thanks be given to Twiggs Grounds Maintenance Officers for their attendance;
- (ii) That monthly and weekly schedules of work planned by Twiggs are circulated to Members.

5 Dearne Area Council Financial Update (Dac.29.07.2019/5)

The Area Council Manager made Members aware that £15,770.20 was carried forward from 2018/19 to the current financial year, which led to a starting balance of £215,770.20.

From the allocation funds had been approved for contracts with Twiggs Grounds Maintenance, B:Friend, and the service level agreement for the Housing and Migration Officer. Funds had also been allocated to the provision of a newsletter and to the Dearne Development Fund. £3,172.44 remained for allocation.

From the Dearne Development Fund £53,655.46 remained for allocation, and it was noted that a number of projects came to an end around November and December.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

6 Notes from the Dearne Approach Steering Group held on 13th May, 2019 (Dac.29.07.2019/6)

Members considered the notes from the meeting held on 13th May, 2019.

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

7 Notes from the Dearne Ward Alliance held on 9th May, 2019 (Dac.29.07.2019/7)

The meeting received the notes from the Dearne Ward Alliance held on 9th May, 2019. At the meeting 'Beat the Street' was discussed positively.

Members discussed the financial support for the bulky waste collection, and it was noted that this is now being prioritised for those most in need following referrals from appropriate agencies. The situation will be carefully monitored going forward.

Those present discussed the persistent issues with waste on premises and littering, and it was acknowledged that attitudes to fly tipping were changing with residents working with the Council to report incidents.

The Chair requested a more detailed discussion on the approach taken on these issues, which would include encouraging positive behaviour change, with enforcement for persistent offenders.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That notes from the Dearne Ward Alliance held on 9th May, 2019 be received;
- (ii) That a meeting be convened to discuss potential solutions to persistent environmental issues in the area.

8 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Dac.29.07.2019/8)

The Area Council Manager provided an update on the current position of Ward Alliance Funds.

From an opening balance of £11,787,29, Dearne North had allocated £4,757.11 to 9 projects leaving £7,027.18 remaining to allocate.

Dearne South had allocated £3,439.71 of the £13,027.02 opening balance to 7 projects leaving £9,587.31

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

Chair

MEETING:	Penistone Area Council
DATE:	Thursday, 1 August 2019
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Council Chamber, Penistone Town Hall

MINUTES

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

9 Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

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

10 Minutes of the Penistone Area Council meeting held on 13th June, 2019 (Pac.01.08.2019/2)

The Area Council received the minutes of the previous meeting held on 13th June, 2019.

Members positively commented on the work undertaken by Team Green Moor as part of the Britain in Bloom competition. Praise was given to all individuals and organisations that had taken part.

Praise was also given to the Trans Pennine Trail Station project, with the installations finally being completed.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Penistone Area Council meeting held on 13th June, 2019 be approved as a true and correct record.

11 Notes from the Penistone Ward Alliance held on 13th June, 2019 (Pac.01.08.2019/3)

The meeting received the notes from the Penistone Ward Alliance held on 13th July, 2019.

The Area Council Manager noted that those developing the Age Friendly Penistone project had attended an Age Friendly Barnsley event, with useful links being made.

RESOLVED that the notes from the Penistone Ward Alliance held on 13th July, 2019 be received.

12 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Pac.01.08.2019/4)

The Area Council Manager spoke to the item, and it was noted that from an opening balance of £26,015, £8,446.25 remained for allocation. It was suggested that the potential of transferring funds from the Area Council to the Ward Alliance Budget be discussed at the next meeting.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

13 Performance Report (Pac.01.08.2019/5)

David Andy from Citizen's Advice Bureau was welcomed to the meeting to provide an overview of the service delivered on behalf of the Area Council.

The service had been grant funded to undertake a pilot initially for 6 months, and clients were seen on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month.

Within the first 3 months, 5 sessions of 4 hours had been held, and 12 clients assisted. 31 unique issues had been dealt with.

As a result £23,979 of additional benefit had been gained and £29,797 of debt had been managed. This equated to £23 of benefit gained from £1 invested and £29 of debt managed per £1 invested.

The service had dealt with issues such as debt, benefit and tax credits, Universal Credit, and employment. Members heard that 67% of clients reported a long term health condition or disability, though only 20% reported that they were on some form of disability or sickness benefit. In addition, and contradicting trends normally seen, 75% of clients were male.

Members discussed the type of assistance given, and concerns about the impact on the elderly with the removal of free TV licences. It was noted that CAB and Age UK not only offer advice but campaign on issues such as this. Members praised the service and the impact it had made in the first quarter.

Jane Holiday, Karen Dennis and Sharon Haggerty from Age UK were welcomed to the meeting. A brief overview of the impact of the previous contract was given. Between 2016-19 16 new activity groups had been developed against a target of 12, with 15 of these still running. 400 Community Car journeys had taken place. More than 100 individuals had been worked with on a 1:1 basis. Events such as winter warmth, slipper exchange, big knit and Christmas parties had been held. Many of the services established were now sustainable.

An update was then provided in relation to each of the grants provided through the Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older People Fund.

The first project focused on isolated people and deals with the causes of their isolation. This includes assistance with housing, transport, disability, confidence and dementia. Over 6 months 50 individuals had been supported, with substantial improvements seen in their wellbeing and loneliness scores. Information and advice had been given to 32 people, and 38 volunteers had worked with the service.

The second project focused on community activities in smaller communities, and had helped established a new group in Wortley, and provided further development to a group previously established in Tankersley. In addition creative activities were being held in Silkstone and Cawthorne. Work was also being undertaken to address issues in the Dunford area, with community buildings being relatively inaccessible. Members heard of plans to bring Hattie The Chatty Bus to the area, together with a consultation event in the car park of the TPT in Dunford.

Members heard of the progress being made to establish the Men In Sheds project in the area, with a shed being installed with the grounds of St. Andrews Church. 5 volunteers had been involved with the organisation so far, with 11 further wishing to become involved. An official launch had been planned for September.

Those present noted the intergenerational work, which had included events arranged by young people at the IKIC centre, and work to link young people at schools in the area with older people through a Pen Pal project.

The third project delivered by Age UK focused on creating networks and as part of this the Supporting Older People in the Penistone Area (SOPPA) forum had been created. Currently with 12 members, the forum is set to meet approximately every 2 months, and has a closed Facebook group to share information. The forum aims to feed in issues, identify gaps in service, mutually support and work together to address certain challenges.

In addition Members heard that consultation was under way, which will feed into the development of an Age Friendly Penistone Action Plan. Networks are being utilised to engage a wide audience, and Members were encouraged to forward details of any event which would be appropriate to undertake further consultation.

As volunteers remain a key part of the delivery, Members noted that an evening recruitment session was planned for 5th September at the White Heart pub.

Members noted the extra value provided in the area by Age UK, including the additional finance raised towards the Men In Sheds project, and the benefit gained from the delivery of information and advice.

As a result of the work since the start of the projects Members noted much was coming to fruition and the wide range of activities planned over the forthcoming months.

Members discussed the need for wide promotion of the events, and requested that a diary of events be circulated. It was noted that Age UK would be considering its use of social media to undertake more marketing. Those present discussed the use of digital technologies by the client group and, it was suggested that many do but some have no desire to, whilst other residents are precluded by the lack of coverage in their area. It was acknowledged that some of the intergenerational work could assist in improving digital skills, with younger assisting older.

The Area Manager went on to provide an update on the performance of other services funded by the Area Council.

Overall performance was positive, with 9 activities undertaken with businesses to make the area clean and tidy, and 60 young people making a positive contribution to their local environment.

The value of volunteering equated to around £18,000 within the quarter, with 102 opportunities provided and 222 adult volunteers engaged, of which 49 were new volunteers. 49 community groups had also been supported.

88 residents had received advice and support through services provided by Age UK, DIAL and CAB.

15 Young people had been involved in volunteering, and there had been 25 activities involving young people. It was noted that only Penistone FM directly supported young people, and therefore this may be an area Members would like to focus delivery on in the future.

Performance against the contract delivered by Twiggs Grounds Maintenance was positive, with progress being made to engage businesses, parish councils and a number of different groups around the area. Significant support had been given to Team Green Moor as part of preparations for Britain in Bloom, and events such as Armed Forces day had also been supported.

There had been a number of bench renovations around the area, with plans to develop some to have signs indicating that people are 'happy to chat' if sat there, and which also advertised Happy Café in Penistone

Following the presentation by Age UK, it was noted that 34 volunteers had been engaged within the quarter and 416 interventions undertaken. Members noted the advice service complemented the work of DIAL and CAB.

With regards to the advice service delivered by DIAL, 13 sessions had been held within the quarter, with 56 residents accessing the service. Benefit gain was in the region of £95,000.

It was noted that the project delivered by Penistone FM ends in September, 2019. Though numbers were not high, the quality of experience and the value of qualifications were noted. The links in to the industry and the value of young people finding out about the wider community were also acknowledged.

Members heard how the South Pennine Community Transport service continues to be well used with 265 passengers per week against a target of 120. The Area Council only now funds 47% of the costs of the service, and work is ongoing to further develop the service and extend the reach.

Members noted plans to work towards more integrated transport for Penistone, and it was suggested that the bus could also be used for consultation to inform the Age Friendly Penistone Plan.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That thanks be given for the presenters attending;
- (ii) That the Performance Report be noted;
- (iii) That details of the events/activities organised by Age UK be circulated to Members.

14 Procurement and Financial Update (Pac.01.08.2019/6)

The item was introduced by the Area Council Manager, and reference was made to the projects currently being run by Age UK. It was noted that these would finish in December, 2019. Members discussed their progress, and consensus was that the projects had only recently become established, with many elements only just coming

to fruition. It was felt remiss to cut their delivery short, and it was suggested that the Area Council Manager investigates options to extend this work.

With reference to the Working Together Fund, Members noted that £14,596 remained in the budget. At a workshop of Area Council Members, a suggestion had been made to allocate a further £50,000 to this budget and promote the Fund more widely, inviting applications with a view to delivering against priority areas which may have been underrepresented.

It was acknowledged that the Clean Green and Tidy contract had been extended to finish at the end of the financial year, but Members had previously indicated their desire to see a similar service be recommissioned. Approval was given to take this forward, with slight amendments to the service specification at a similar cost to the current service.

Members noted that consultation to inform the priorities of the Area Council was now open, and village locations were being sought where the material could be displayed.

In relation to the Community Magazine, the first edition would be as part of the August edition of Penistone Living and would feature Team Greenmoor, Penistone Armed Forces Group, and the work of Age UK. It would also promote the consultation on Area Council Priorities.

A brief overview of the current financial situation was given. Taking into account the £50,000 allocated to the Working Together Fund, £57,495 remained to allocate in the current financial year.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That the updates provided be noted;
- (ii) That £50,000 be allocated to the Working Together Fund to be distributed using processes previously agreed;
- (iii) That the Executive Director, Communities, in liaison with the working group, be authorised to approve a service specification and associated materials in order to procure a Clean, Green and Tidy Service at a cost of up to £98,007 per annum for a period of 1 year (1st April, 2020 – 31st March, 2021), with an option to extend for a further year subject to satisfactory performance, the need for the service, and the availability of finance.

Chair

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MEETING:	Dearne Area Council
DATE:	Tuesday, 6 August 2019
TIME:	9.00 am
VENUE:	Meeting Room, Goldthorpe Library

MINUTES

Present Councillors Noble (Chair), Gollick and Phillips

9 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

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

10 Proposal to extend Private Sector Housing and Migration Officer post

The Area Council Manager introduced this item and provided Members with background information which had given rise to the need to request an extension to the funding and term for the role of the Private Sector Housing and Migration Officer in the Dearne Area, outlining the options available to Members which were listed in the report.

Members were reminded that in October 2018 Dearne Area Council agreed to extend funding for the post until March 2020. The postholder at that time was on secondment but found permanent employment and left in March 2019. The post has been vacant since, despite two recruitment attempts. The Area Manager and Safer Neighbourhoods Tasking Officer have concluded that in order to recruit successfully the post would need to be made more attractive, based on a longer term and with minor changes to the job profile. Based on initial costings the role would cost £32,000 per year and would be performance and finance dependent. Members felt that extending the post would also give the postholder a chance to build up experience and local knowledge. A delegated report would be required to formally extend the post.

RESOLVED that

- (i) A Service Level Agreement be entered into with the Safer Communities Service to provide a Housing and Migration Officer for a 12 month period (funding previously approved by the Area Council), with the provision to extend this by a further period of 12 months at a cost of £32,000. This will take the post (finance dependent) to 2021;
- (ii) The Area Council Manager will prepare a delegated report to formally extend the post; and
- (iii) Minor amendments will be made to the job profile to increase the chances of a successful recruitment campaign.

Chair

MEETING:	South Area Council
DATE:	Friday, 6 September 2019
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Reception Room – Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present

Councillors Daniel Griffin (Chair), Andrews BEM, Eastwood, Franklin, Frost, Lamb, Saunders, Shepherd, Smith and Sumner

10 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Councillors Franklin, Lamb and Shepherd each declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute number 17 in so far as discussion related to Forge Community Partnership as they are directors.

Councillor Frost declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 11 due to his position as trustee of Age UK Barnsley.

11 Tackling Social Isolation and Loneliness - Age UK Barnsley (Sac.06.09.2019/2)

Jane Holiday from Age UK Barnsley was welcomed to the meeting to inform Members of the plans in place as part of the commission to reduce social isolation.

Two workers were now in place who would each be working 32.5 hours per week in the area. The project built on the knowledge gained in the pilot in the area, and Members noted that there would be a cross over period between this and the commissioned service. Members heard how the next three weeks would see officers networking, making contacts in the community, distributing publicity, and raising awareness through social media.

The project looked to help tackle social isolation at a number of levels, from one-to-one support through to merely signposting. The project undertakes non-intrusive assessments through conversations to understand the needs and support required in order to address the impact of social isolation and the cause.

Interventions included pairing individuals through the Good Neighbour Scheme and supporting users through the Community Car Scheme either individually or in groups. Members noted that improvements in wellbeing would be measured using relevant tools.

Noted was the focus on three areas:- improving access and use of IT, improving physical activity, and engaging men who are normally less likely to engage in activities. Members heard how recent data for suicide had shown increases in males aged 80-84 and the meeting discussed the reasons behind this which included social isolation.

Members also heard of the support given to groups. This would vary depending on the needs of the group, but included support such as assisting those which may be struggling to remove any barriers to increasing their membership. In addition work

would be ongoing with U3A to establish groups with any theme suggested viable through consultation.

It was noted that there were also plans to work within the South Area with shops, businesses and groups in an attempt for them to make small changes to become dementia friendly. In addition an age friendly group was planned to start to make the area more age friendly in general, meeting the challenge of adapting to an ageing population before this becomes a crisis. This local age friendly group would feed into wider arrangements in Barnsley.

Members were consulted on a draft flyer, and agreed that the project be named 'Better Together' with the four wards of the South Area mentioned under the title.

Members supported the work already undertaken and that planned, and looked forward to receiving performance information in due course.

Some concern was expressed with regards to the engagement of those most isolated, and assurances were given that a variety of means were used to make residents aware of the service. This included through partners such as GP surgeries, pharmacy home delivery services, community health teams and local supermarkets.

Those present discussed the issues in relation to lack of adequate toilets, and the need for this to feed into age friendly considerations.

Also noted was the impact of changes to public transport and the impact this could have on the social isolation of many residents. Noted was the Community Car Service, which would help to address issues such as this, and that Age UK Barnsley also would be feeding concerns in to the Bus Review and feature in discussions with SYPTE.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That thanks be given for the presentation;
- (ii) That the performance of the project feature in future reports to the Area Council;
- (iii) That further information is brought to the Area Council around suicide rates in order to better understand the issue.

12 Private Sector Housing Officer (Sac.06.09.2019/3)

Lucy Raynor, Private Sector Housing and Enforcement Officer was welcomed to the meeting, having only recently started in post.

Members introduced themselves and the officer made Members aware of their knowledge of the area and of prevalent issues.

Members discussed the importance of this role in identifying and assisting with a wide range of issues faced by tenants and their impacts. Health issues could be addressed by improving housing, and referral mechanisms were in place help tenants with such as mental health issues.

It was suggested that relationships with South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue service were important, as they often undertook assessments in properties.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That thanks be given for attending the meeting;
- (ii) That the contact details for the Private Sector Housing and Enforcement Officer be circulated to Members;
- (iii) That ward briefings be arranged between Members and the Private Sector Housing and Enforcement Officer.

13 Minutes of the Meeting of South Area Council held on 16th June, 2019 (Sac.06.09.2019/4)

The meeting considered the minutes of South Area Council held on 16th June, 2019.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the South Area Council held on 16th June, 2019 be approved as a true and correct record.

14 Notes of the Ward Alliances (Sac.06.09.2019/5)

The meeting received the notes from the following Ward Alliances Hoyland Milton and Rockingham held on 3rd July; Wombwell held on 20th June; and Darfield Ward Alliance held on 18th July, 2019.

RESOLVED that the notes from the Ward Alliances be received.

15 Road Safety - working with schools (Sac.06.09.2019/6)

Kerry Birks, Road Safety Officer, was welcomed to the meeting to discuss the current offer to schools in respect of Road Safety.

Members heard of the offer in primary schools which included support at Reception related to scooting, biking and car seat safety; pedestrian training called 'Street Feet' for Years 1 and 2; further pedestrian training at the roadside for Years 3 and 4, and for Year 6 support with safe routes to secondary schools including walking, cycling and catching a bus.

In secondary school support was given to Year 8 pupils, using a 'Go Street' video presentation to prompt discussions about issues such as seat belt and bike safety. Support was also available for post 16 students through the 'Drive for Life' programme, and work with SY Partnership was under review.

Members heard how last year training was given to 7,270 primary school pupils, but only 29 of the 80 primary schools participated.

It was noted that a more targeted approach would be taken this year, and within the area discussions were taking place with both Netherwood Academy and Kirk Balk schools.

Noted were the schools in the area which had historically engaged and Members agreed to assist where they could to try to encourage other primary schools to take advantage of the current offer. The offer this year would also include delivering

assemblies throughout the year and supporting junior road safety officers in primary schools.

Members recognised the barriers, with many schools being busy, yet dangers around travel to schools remains a significant issue. It was suggested that data on road safety be brought to the Area Council in order to understand the issue in more detail.

The meeting discussed the potential of working with Police Officers and Enforcement Officers in order to address the issues of inconsiderate parking around schools which can increase risks.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That thanks be given to the Road Safety Officer for their attendance;
- (ii) That a template email be sent to Members in order for them to make contact with schools in their area to encourage them to take advantage of the offer;
- (iii) That further data and information on road safety be brought to a future meeting of the Area Council.

16 Procurement and Financial Update (Sac.06.09.2019/7)

The Area Council Manager introduced the item referring to the Health and Wellbeing Fund and the recently approved projects.

Members heard how TADS (Therapies for Anxiety and Depression and Stress) currently worked across the borough, but there was evidence of unmet demand in the Wombwell Area. The pilot project aimed to show the benefit of supporting young people, in the hope that schools may wish to continue this.

It was noted that the Young Wellbeing Ambassadors project, delivered by Targeted Youth Support aimed to establish a peer mentor project to address mental and other health issues with themes to be established through consultation with young people. The project would work with both Netherwood and Kirk Balk schools.

Concern was expressed that schools engaged when finance was available, but were reticent to engage on other issues. It was also felt that schools that funded similar services themselves could find this unfair, however Members did agree that there was unmet demand for the services being delivered.

DIAL had been approved to establish a series of community workshops to upskill and enable residents to complete their own benefit claim forms in group settings. Working with CAB, it was thought this would reduce demand on the service currently provided by CAB, and used a format that had been trialled in the Central Area. Some concern was expressed about the sharing personal information, but it was noted that for clients wanted to discuss sensitive information the sessions with CAB remained an option.

The final project to be approved was to be delivered by Fairshare and provided employability skills training. It would support 10 individuals to improve their skills and confidence to gain an accredited forklift truck permit with a view that they would move in to work.

Members heard how a further £4,998 had been ringfenced for an additional project subject to the provision of further information. Taking this into account £14,192 remained in the fund with further applications invited. The panel was set to meet on 13th September to consider any submissions.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

17 Communications and Branding (Sac.06.09.2019/8)

Alison Dixon, Communications and Marketing Manager was welcomed to the meeting to support discussion on the item.

The item was thought to be timely. Given that a number of new contracts had recently started, it was thought pertinent to discuss how these and the wider work of the Area Team and Ward Alliances was communicated and branded.

Members were reminded of the previous allocation of finance made for the production of two versions of community magazine. Only a single edition was completed before the contract with the supplier was ceased due to the publication being less than satisfactory. This led to an amount of finance remaining allocated but would not currently be used.

Noted was the need for organisations to acknowledge funding sources, as many users of contacted services were unaware the service they used was funded by the Council. Members noted the variety of logos and branding, which were not always used consistently. This had been raised in the recent review of Area Councils. Members discussed TownSpirit and, given this was relatively new, whether this was understood by residents.

Members also noted the use of social media such as Facebook and Twitter as part of communications by contract holders and the Area Team. In addition 'What's on' guides were produced, display boards were erected at events, and projects featured in wider council publications.

A number of approaches to improve communications and branding were suggested in the report circulated, and Members were asked on their preferred approach.

The options included the Area Team developing guidance to assist contractors in their use of logos and acknowledgement of funding. Also suggested was a focus on social media, with more video content and boosts being undertaken to help promote projects.

Noted was the reliance on social media, and that the elderly population would be more inclined to read printed media.

Other suggestions included using a pro-forma for leaflets which could be populated with information about Area Council or Ward Alliance projects and distributed in prominent venues. Also briefly discussed was the opportunity to purchase dedicated support from communications, and the use of other options such as tv screens within libraries.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That the outstanding finance originally allocated for the production of a Community Magazine be allocated to Communications and Branding;
and
- (ii) That a guide on branding be produced for Area Council and Ward Alliance commissioned services and projects;
- (iii) That a 'Love Where You Live' logo be developed detailing the Wards in the South Area underneath the main logo;
- (iv) That video content related to the Health and Wellbeing Fund projects be developed as a pilot to assess the impact of this approach to communications;
- (v) That the Area Council Manager further develops the most viable options put forward, together with costings for consideration at a future meeting of the Area Council.

Chair

Item 26



MEETING:	Cabinet
DATE:	Wednesday, 24 July 2019
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Reception Room, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

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

Members in Attendance: Councillors Charlesworth, Franklin, Frost, Saunders, Sumner and Tattersall

39. Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

Councillor Tattersall declared non-pecuniary interest as member of the Barnsley Premier Leisure Board in respect of Minute 51.

40. Leader - Call-in of Cabinet decisions

The Leader confirmed that Minute 31 of the Cabinet meeting held on 10th July, 2019 – Appropriation of Land at Penny Pie Park for Highway Purposes – would be considered by the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee at a meeting to be held on 24th July, 2019.

41. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 10th July, 2019 (Cab.24.7.2019/3)

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th July, 2019 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

42. Decisions of Cabinet Spokespersons (Cab.24.7.2019/4)

There were no Records of Decisions by Cabinet Spokespersons under delegated powers to report.

43. Petitions received under Standing Order 44 (Cab.24.7.2019/5)

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

44. Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) Work Programme 2019/20 (Cab.24.7.2019/6)

RESOLVED that the proposed Scrutiny Work Programme for 2019/20, as outlined in Section 5 of the report submitted, be noted whilst acknowledging that this is subject to change should any urgent issues arise.

Core Services Spokesperson

45. LGA Corporate Peer Challenge Report and Action Plan (Cab.24.7.2019/7)

RESOLVED that the content and recommendations of the 2019 Corporate Peer Challenge, as detailed in the report, and the proposed improvements outlined in the Action Plan, be noted.

Environment and Transportation Spokesperson

46. 2025 Town Centre Parking Strategy (Cab.24.7.2019/8)

RESOLVED that the 2025 Town Centre Parking Strategy, as set out in the report submitted, be approved for adoption.

Regeneration and Culture Spokesperson

47. Hoyland North Masterplan Framework (Cab.24.7.2019/9)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the progress made in the development of the DRAFT masterplan framework for Hoyland North, as detailed in the report, be noted; and
- (ii) that approval be given to the proposal to undertake a Community Consultation exercise planned to commence over summer 2019.

48. Local Authority Housing Tenancy Strategy 2019-2024 and Housing Tenancy Policy 2019-2024 (Cab.24.07.2019/10)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the outcome of the consultation undertaken to review and update the Local Authority Housing Tenancy Strategy 2013, and the subsequent changes made to the Council's Tenancy Policy to reflect this, as set out in the report, be noted; and
- (ii) that approval be given to the minor changes made to both documents and endorse their publication.

49. 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>
50	Paragraph 3
51	Paragraph 3

Regeneration and Culture Spokesperson

50. Eastern Gateway Redevelopment (Former YEB Depot) (Cab.24.7.2019/12)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the Group Leader Assets be authorised to formally agree terms of purchase for the Eastern Gateway Redevelopment (former YEB Depot) site;
- (ii) that, on obtaining vacant possession of the property, the land be appropriated for development purposes;
- (iii) that the Executive Director Core Services be authorised to complete the above transactions subject to all necessary planning permissions being obtained where necessary;
- (iv) that the Service Director Regeneration and Culture be authorised to:

In compliance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules, and subject to any procurement requirements seek tenders where necessary for any aspect of the project and appoint the successful tenderers; and/or consider whether the works, services or goods can be provided in-house, subject to value for money considerations.

- (v) that an in principal agreement be given to the development of an Onside Youth Zone on the Eastern Gateway. The detail of the Youth Zone development will be the subject of a further report;
- (vi) that the Executive Director Core Services and Executive Director Place be authorised to finalise negotiations with Onside Youth Zones. The outcome of these negotiations will be subject to a further report;
- (vii) that consultation be commenced with young people, community, voluntary and private sector groups in regards to the Youth Zone element of this project; and
- (viii) that a full time Project Manager be appointed for a fixed term period of 2.5 years to deliver the Eastern Gateway project.

51. Upgrade of the Metrodome Leisure Centre's Heating and Air Handling Units (Cab.24.7.2019/13)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the contents of the report regarding upgrading the Metrodome Leisure Centre's heating and air handling units be noted;
- (ii) that approval be given to the contract with Ameresco UK in respect of the replacement Gas Combined Heat and Power (CHP) and Air Handling Units (AHU) to the Metrodome Leisure Centre;

- (iii) that approval be given to Barnsley MBC and Barnsley Premier Leisure (BPL) entering into an energy supply agreement;
- (iv) that authorisation be given to the execution of the project documents and any other ancillary document to which the Council is a party for the purposes set out in the report submitted; and
- (v) that the Council's additional capital costs and commercial modelling be approved.

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Chair

Item 27



MEETING:	Cabinet
DATE:	Wednesday, 21 August 2019
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Reception Room, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

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

Members in Attendance: Councillors Charlesworth, Franklin, Saunders and Tattersall

52. Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

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

53. Leader - Call-in of Cabinet decisions

The Leader reported that no decisions from the previous meeting held on 24th July 2019 had been called in.

54. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 24th July, 2019 (Cab.21.8.2019/3)

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th July 2019 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

55. Decisions of Cabinet Spokespersons (Cab.21.8.2019/4)

The Record of Decisions taken by Cabinet Spokespersons under delegated powers during the week ending 26th July 2019 were noted.

56. Petitions received under Standing Order 44 (Cab.21.8.2019/5)

RESOLVED that the report notifying the receipt of the following petitions be noted and the recommended actions for responding to them be endorsed:-

- (a) Containing the signatures of 58 signatories, in respect of concerns regarding parking on St Owen's Drive and Pogmoor Road, Pogmoor Barnsley.

The Councils Traffic Group will inform the lead petitioner that;

As part of the continued pressure on Highway service budgets; the dedicated budget for completing Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO's) that could introduce parking restrictions, yellow lines and point closures etc. has been reduced to zero. The only money available for traffic measures is the road safety budget and this is targeted to sites on a priority basis.

The method used to ascertain the priority sites is by using Personal Injury Collision (PIC) data obtained by South Yorkshire Police.

The Council receives an allocation of Integrated Transport funding from the Department for Transport, via the Sheffield City Region, to carry out remedial measures / improvements at locations where there is a history of PIC collisions.

The Authority has a statutory duty to monitor all PICs and each year officers interrogate the database to determine the list of priority locations which require intervention first. Following this, officers then seek to resolve issues at these locations using the available funding received.

Thankfully, no PIC collisions have been recorded during the last 10 years on St. Owens Drive or on St. Catherines Way; consequently, this location has not been added to the list of locations requiring intervention.

As a result, it does not meet the criteria for the provision of parking restrictions.

No further action on this matter.

Core Services Spokesperson

57. Our Borough Profile 2019 (Cab.21.8.2019/6)

RESOLVED that the publication of the Our Borough Profile update for 2019 be approved.

Environment and Transportation Spokesperson

58. Vehicle Replacement Strategy (Cab.21.8.2019/7)

RESOLVED:-

- i) that authorisation be given to the replacement in 2019/20, of up to £5.785m (to include the incremental cost of ULEVs as referred to at 2.2) worth of vehicles and plants by way of purchase followed by a sale and lease back arrangement as outlined in section 4.6;
- ii) that support be given to the upgrading of 25% (circa 38) of the petrol and diesel vehicles highlighted for replacement in this report to ULEVs at an additional estimated expense of £250,000 (included in the total amount stated in 2.1);
- iii) that the support of procurement of at least 30 electric charging points at a cost of £100,000 is supported and be funded from the capital contingency budget. This will give the council the ability to start to introduce electrical vehicles into its fleet, as referred to at section 3.4;
- iv) that support be given to take into account the health benefits of lower and Zero carbon emissions vehicles to local communities at the procurement stage by assigning a value to the carbon emissions in line with the governments carbon valuation methodology; and

- v) that the continuation of exploring implementation of solar panels and battery storage an Smithies Depot is supported.

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Item 28



MEETING:	Cabinet
DATE:	Wednesday, 4 September 2019
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	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

59. Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

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

60. Leader - Call-in of Cabinet decisions

The Leader reported that no decisions from the previous meeting held on 21st August, 2019 had been called in.

61. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 21st August, 2019 (Cab.4.9.2019/3)

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st August, 2019 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

62. Decisions of Cabinet Spokespersons (Cab.4.9.2019/4)

The Record of Decisions taken by Cabinet Spokespersons under delegated powers during the week ending 16th August, 2019 were noted.

63. Petitions received under Standing Order 44 (Cab.4.9.2019/5)

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

Children's Spokesperson

64. Annual Report of the Barnsley Safeguarding Children Board 2018/19 (Cab.4.9.2019/6)

Cabinet welcomed Bob Dyson QPM, DL independent Chair of the Barnsley Safeguarding Children Board to the meeting.

Members were advised of the pending intention to

On behalf of Cabinet, the Children's Spokesperson and Leader thanked Bob, officers and the Partnership Board members for the work they have done to protect the boroughs children and vulnerable people.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the Barnsley Safeguarding Children Board's Annual Report for 2018/19 be received; and
- (ii) that the progress made by the Safeguarding Children Board in relation to its statutory role and functions be noted as part of the continued consideration of the Borough's framework for safeguarding vulnerable adults and children.

65. Annual Report of the Safeguarding Adults Board 2018/19 (Cab.4.9.2019/7)

RESOLVED that the Barnsley Safeguarding Adults Board's Annual Report for 2018/19 be noted, in conjunction with the progress made by the Board in meeting its responsibilities to keep adults in Barnsley safe

66. Annual Report of the Barnsley Corporate Parenting Panel 2018/19 (Cab.4.9.2019/8)

RESOLVED that the progress and achievements made by the Corporate Parenting Panel, as set out in the 2018/19 Annual Report, in supporting children and young people in care, together with care leavers, during this period be noted.

Core Services Spokesperson

67. Corporate Plan Performance Report - Quarter 1 April To June 2019 (Cab.4.9.2019/9)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the Corporate Plan Performance Report for Quarter 1 (April to June 2019), as detailed in the report now submitted, be noted;
- (ii) that there were no suggested areas for improvement or achievement for follow-up reports at the end of Quarter 1 and that initiatives are already in progress to address areas of concern;
- (iii) that the inclusion of the Stronger Communities quarterly narrative report which details the contribution of Area Councils 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.

68. Capital Programme Performance Report - Quarter 1 Ending 30th June, 2019 (Cab.4.9.2019/10)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the Capital Programme Performance for Quarter 1 ending 30th June 2019, as set out in the report now submitted, be noted;

- (ii) that both the 2019/20 and overall five year Capital Programme positions be noted;
- (iii) that approval be given for the 2019/20 scheme slippage totalling £4.347m (paragraph 5.4 and Appendix B refer); and
- (iv) that the total net decrease in scheme costs in 2019/20 of £1.872m which all relate to restricted funding (as detailed in paragraph 5.5 and Appendix B) be approved.

**69. Corporate Financial Performance Report - Quarter 1 Ending 30th June, 2019
(Cab.4.9.2019/11)**

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the Corporate Financial Performance Report for the Quarter 1 ending 30th June 2019, as set out in the report now submitted, be noted;
- (ii) that the current forecast operational underspend for 2019/20 of £3.79m be noted;
- (iii) that approval be given to the recommended write off totalling £0.575m of historic debt (£0.510m General Fund/£0.065m HRA) as shown at paragraph 7.3 of the report;
- (iv) that the budget virements detailed at Appendix 1 of the report, be approved; and
- (v) that the ongoing uncertain and challenging financial environment facing the local authorities despite the positive Quarter 1 position reported for the Council be noted.

**70. Treasury Management Update - Quarter 1 Ending 30th June, 2019
(Cab.4.9.2019/12)**

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the Treasury Management Activities undertaken in Quarter 1 ending 30th June 2019, as set out in the report now submitted, be noted;
- (ii) that the latest expectations for interest rates as outlined in Section 4 be noted;
- (iii) that the activities undertaken during the quarter to support the Council's borrowing and investment strategies as set out in Sections 5 and 6 be noted; and
- (iv) that the Prudential and Treasury Indicators detailed in Appendix 1 of the report be noted.

71. Barnsley Council Annual Customer Feedback Report - Complaints, Compliments, Learning and Comments - April 2018 to March 2019 (Cab.4.9.2019/13)

Cabinet recognised the various good initiatives that have implemented and delivered which have resulted in a notable reduction in the number of complaints received by the Council and consequently the number of ombudsmen referrals

RESOLVED that the Annual Customer Feedback Report regarding complaints, compliments, learning and comments for the period April 2018 to March 2019, as set out in the report now submitted be noted

Regeneration and Culture Spokesperson

72. Barnsley West (MU1) Masterplan Framework (Round 1) (Cab.4.9.2019/14)

Cabinet commented on the importance of local residents engaging with the public consultation programme.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the progress made in the development of the Draft Barnsley West (MU1) Masterplan Framework, as set out in the report, be noted; and
- (ii) that the proposal to undertake a Community Consultation exercise planned to commence in September 2019 be approved.

73. Principal Towns Investment Programme - Penistone (Cab.4.9.2019/15)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the proposed Principal Towns allocation for Penistone as set out in Appendix B Masterplan and Section 4 of the report now submitted, be approved; and
- (ii) that the extension of the project to 31st March, 2021 to ensure the effective completion of all schemes contained within the programme be noted.

74. Principal Towns Investment Programme - Royston (Cab.4.9.2019/16)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the proposed Principal Towns allocation for Royston as set out in Appendix B Masterplan and Section 4 of the report now submitted, be approved; and
- (ii) that the extension of the project to 31st March, 2021 to ensure the effective completion of all schemes contained within the programme be noted.

75. Supplementary Planning Documents (Round 1) (Cab.4.9.2019/17)

RESOLVED that approval be given to consult on the Supplementary Planning Documents and Planning Advice Notes as detailed in the report submitted.

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SCR - MAYORAL COMBINED AUTHORITY BOARD

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON:

MONDAY, 3 JUNE 2019 AT 11.00 AM

SHEFFIELD CITY REGION, 11 BROAD STREET WEST,
SHEFFIELD S1 2BQ



Present:

Mayor Dan Jarvis (Chair)	Sheffield City Region Mayoral Combined Authority
Councillor Chris Read (Vice-Chair)	Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
Councillor Julie Dore	Sheffield City Council
Councillor Garry Purdy	Derbyshire Dales District Council
Councillor Sir Steve Houghton CBE	Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council
Councillor Tricia Gilby	Chesterfield Borough Council
Andrew Frosdick	Sheffield City Region
Dr Dave Smith	Sheffield City Region
Eugene Walker	Sheffield City Region Executive Team

Officers in Attendance:

Dr Ruth Adams	Deputy Chief Executive	Sheffield City Region Combined Authority
Steve Davenport	Principal Solicitor & Secretary to the Executive	
Stephen Edwards	Executive Director	SYPTE
Damian Allen	Interim Chief Executive, Doncaster MBC	
Justin Homer		BEIS
Fiona Boden	Policy Adviser - Mayor	Sheffield City Region Executive Team
Melanie Dei-Rossi	Assistant Director - Programme	Sheffield City Region Executive Team
Sharon Kemp	Chief Executive of Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council	Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
Mark Lynam	Director of Programme Commissioning	Sheffield City Region Executive Team
Christine Marriott	Scrutiny Officer	Sheffield City Region
John Mothersole	Chief Executive of Sheffield City Council	Sheffield City Council
Mike Thomas	Senior Finance Manager	Sheffield City Region Executive Team

Apologies:

Councillor Ann Syrett	Bolsover District Council
Councillor Martin Thacker MBE	North East Derbyshire District Council

Councillor Simon Greaves
Claire James
Rachel Clark
Neil Taylor

Bassetlaw District Council
Sheffield City Region
Sheffield City Region Executive Team
Bassetlaw District Council

1 **Welcome**

The Mayor updated Members on general progress in respect of a number of matters since the last meeting.

The Mayor noted he hosted the region's first Transport Strategy event recently and was pleased how the excellent turnout had come together to discuss how we can build a transport system that is fit for the 21st century and one that has active travel right at its heart.

It was noted Clive Betts has now formally launched the Bus Review with his appointed expert panel of commissioners having held their first meeting and called for evidence. The Mayor encouraged stakeholder partners and residents to engage with the review by submitting evidence, completing the Bus Survey and working with Clive and his team. It was suggested we should make sure we leave no stone unturned in understanding how we can deliver a bus service that best meets the needs of our communities.

Members were informed of the Mayor's support for the expansion of the Children's University in the region. It was noted that, led by Sheffield Hallam University, but working in partnership with local councils, this initiative shows that we're a region in the vanguard of early years policy, both in the 'thinking' but also the 'doing'.

The Mayor informed Members he had continued to make sure our region has a voice in Westminster, noting he had led a Parliamentary debate, supported by many Members of Parliament from across South Yorkshire, making the case to the Government for clarity on how the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, the replacement fund for both European and Local Growth funding, will be allocated and how it will work.

The Mayor thanked the Directors of Public Health for their support in joining a discussion here about how we can work together to tackle the Excess Winter Deaths issue.

The Mayor noted he had pressed for but was yet to receive a response from the Government to our request for the release of funds to enable us to deliver the Early Intervention Support Pilot.

The Mayor noted Brexit continues to create uncertainty which is damaging for our region and was due to meet with the Brexit Minister in the near future.

Finally, on the issue of devolution, it was noted that following James Brokenshires' response to our letter, he is working with colleagues around the table on the next steps and will update stakeholders as soon as we have further clarity.

2 **Voting Rights for Non-constituent Members**

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

3 **Appointment of Vice Chair**

RESOLVED, that Cllr Chris Read be appointed Vice Chair to the SCR Mayoral Combined Authority.

4 **Appointment of Rotational Members for 2018/19**

RESOLVED, that Cllrs Bob Johnson (Sheffield CC), and Alan Gardiner (Barnsley MBC), be appointed rotational Members of the SCR Mayoral Combined Authority for the forthcoming municipal year.

5 **Appointment of Audit & Standards Committee Members**

A report was received confirming the membership of the SCR Audit and Standards Committee for the forthcoming municipal year. It was confirmed the membership is politically proportional.

RESOLVED, that the SCR Mayoral Combined Authority:

1. Notes the Members appointed to-date and notes that vacancies are in the process of being addressed by the districts
2. Notes the reappointment of Rhys Marshall and Angela Bingham as the 2 independent Members of the Committee

6 **Appointment of Overview and Scrutiny Committee Members**

A report was received confirming the membership of the SCR Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the forthcoming municipal year. It was confirmed the membership is politically proportional.

RESOLVED, that the SCR Mayoral Combined Authority

1. Reasserts its preference for the appointment of an 'appropriate' Chair of the Committee (to be appointed by the Committee itself).
2. Notes the Members appointed to-date and notes that vacancies are in the process of being addressed by the districts

7 **Appointment of Thematic Board Members**

A report was received confirming the appointment to the SCR Thematic Boards.

It was noted the information is correct at the time of publication and vacancies are in the process of being addressed.

8 **Appointment to Outside Bodies - Transport for the North**

A report was received recommending the re-appointment of the Sheffield City Region (SCR) Mayor as our representative on the Transport for the North (TfN) Board and to formally appoint Cllr Chris Read as substitute member.

RESOLVED, that the SCR Mayoral Combined Authority:

1. Reappoints the Sheffield City Region Mayor to the position of TfN Board member for the Sheffield City Region.
2. Appoints Cllr Chris Read as substitute representative.
3. Agrees that appointments to the two seats on the TfN Scrutiny Committee may be sought from either Sheffield, Barnsley or Doncaster

9 **Apologies**

Members' apologies were noted as above.

10 **Announcements**

None.

11 **Urgent Items**

None.

12 **Items to be Considered in the Absence of Public and Press**

None.

13 **Declarations of Interest by individual Members in relation to any item of business on the agenda**

Cllr Dore declared a non-pecuniary interest at item 23 (LGF Investment Approvals) by virtue of being Leader of Sheffield CC, which has an interest in the Sheffield Housing Company.

14 **Reports from and questions by Members**

None.

15 **Receipt of Petitions**

Members were advised of the receipt of 3 petitions.

- A 320 signature petition requesting the reinstatement of the Chapeltown to Meadowhall direct bus service.

- A 250 signature petition registering dismay and disapproval at the recently announced bus service changes for routes serving Maltby
- A 168 signature petition on behalf of the Burngreave Clean Air Campaign calling for better public transport links to the Northern General Hospital.

The Mayor thanked the petitioners for attending and delivering their petitions, and commented on the importance of sustainable transport.

The Mayor urged the petitioners to engage directly with the recently commissioned review of bus services to ensure their comments are appropriately captured by the consultation process.

The Mayor also actioned officers of SYPTE to respond to the petitioners direct to look at the matters raised in more detail.

RESOLVED, that the petitions be received.

16 **Public Questions**

A question was received from Mr Nigel Slack, and delivered as follows:

“Having noted the proposed changes to the ‘Code of Corporate Governance’, I was prompted to check the ‘Members Code of Conduct’ over concerns recently experienced with such issues within my own local council. Are there any checks made, with respect to proposed members of committees that ensure they meet the requirements of the Code of Conduct? In particular are checks made against evidence of breaches of the Nolan Principles or of failing to declare interests correctly?”

The Mayor welcomed this question and actioned the Monitoring Officer to discuss the matters raised outside of the meeting. The Mayor also confirmed he would be happy to then discuss the matter further if required.

17 **Minutes of the meeting held on 25th March 2019**

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting held on 25th March are agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting.

18 **Tackling discrimination and prejudice: MCA adoption of antisemitism and Islamophobia**

A report was received asking the Mayoral Combined Authority as a body to adopt an agreed definition of antisemitism and agree its intention to do so in relation to Islamophobia to help ensure there is clarity about what antisemitism is and what Islamophobia is as part of the MCA and LEP’s general equal opportunities policy.

It was agreed to receive a follow up report in 6 months to review how the statements had been implemented.

Members expressed support for the adoption of similar definitions in respect of

transphobia, homophobia and sexism.

RESOLVED, that the Mayoral Combined Authority

1. Adopts the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) working definition of antisemitism
2. Agrees its intention to adopt a working definition of Islamophobia when there is greater clarity and a shared understanding of the term

19 **Transforming Cities Fund**

A report was received to provide an update on the progress in developing the draft business case for Sheffield City Region's Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) submission due on the 20th June 2019.

RESOLVED, that the Mayoral Combined Authority

1. Delegates authority to finalise the submission of the TCF business case to the Chief Executive and Chief Financial Officer of the Mayoral Combined Authority, in consultation with the Mayor, based upon the framework set out in this report.
2. Notes the submission of an outline proposal for the TCF Future Mobility Zones (FMZ) was made prior to the deadline on the 24th May 2019.

20 **Active Travel Update**

A report was received to set out the work done to date on active travel and to seek agreement to award a contract for the Active Travel Project Director role.

The Mayor commented further on the importance of the active travel agenda and its potential for having a significant, positive impact on a number of other themes and agendas.

RESOLVED, that the Mayoral Combined Authority:

1. Notes the work that has taken place to date on active travel
2. Notes the intention to produce an Active Travel Plan
3. Approves the award of a contract with Mr Zanzottera for the services of an Active Travel Project Director to the value of £123,200 for up to 2 years.

21 **SCR Assurance & Appraisal Process**

Further to the approval of new governance arrangements, a report was received to provide details of the current principles and approach to LGF scheme appraisal, to review the strengths and weaknesses of the current approach, and make a recommendation for strengthening current arrangements whilst ensuring no compliance requirements are compromised.

Members were advised the proposed options for consideration, suggested in light of the review of the current strengths and weaknesses of the appraisal process are; the appointment of an independent Chair of the Appraisal Panel (suggested as the LEP Board Vice Chair with the programme portfolio lead), to ensure there is no loss of banking, commercial financial or investment expertise within the appraisal process for Business Investment Fund grants and loans by expanding the current CIAT approach to include business financial expertise, to produce, for decision makers, of a more detailed scheme overview and appraisal summary in addition to a clear assurance opinion and enable access to full business cases and appraisal recommendations (noting the need to balance commercially confidential information with transparency requirements for publication of papers) and to formalise and publish dates for assurance panels to be at least monthly or maintain the current 2 weekly approach.

Alternate approaches were noted within the report.

RESOLVED, that the Mayoral Combined Authority approves the proposed options to strengthen the appraisal, assurance and decision-making processes.

22 **MCA Revenue Budget, Capital Programme and Treasury Outturn Report**

A report was received to present the outturn position for the revenue budgets and capital programme of the Sheffield City Region (SCR) Mayoral Combined Authority (MCA) for the financial year 2018/19.

It was noted this position will help to inform the process of business planning for 2020/21 and beyond.

RESOLVED, that the Mayoral Combined Authority:

1. Notes the 2018/19 outturn position (which is subject to external audit) for the Mayoral Combined Authority's revenue budget and capital programme, including the reserves statement.
2. Approves in principle the proposal supported by the LEP Board to reinvest some or all of the income accrued from LGF to support resourcing the development of business cases, subject to further work being undertaken to develop the proposition in detail
3. Approves the revenue programme variations.
4. Notes that the level and accounting for reserves (including the PTE revaluation reserve) will be reviewed as part of the MTFS refresh
5. Approves the carry forward of £10.6m of underspend on the South Yorkshire transport capital programme.
6. Approves the continuation of the Key Account Manager revenue programme, and delegates authority to the SCR Head of Paid Service and Section 73 Officer to extend the contract of the Investment Manager and to accept the grant

23 **LGF Capital Programme 2018/19 Outturn Position**

A report was received to provide an update on the 2018/19 LGF outturn position and the impact on the 2019/20 LGF programme.

The report also sought approval to accept the 2019/20 LHG grant funding.

RESOLVED, that the Mayoral Combined Authority:

1. Note the 2018/19 LGF outturn position and the impact on the 2019/20 LGF programme.
2. Approve accepting the LGF grant of £29.9m for 2019/20

25 **Delegated Authority Report**

RESOLVED, that the contents of the report are noted.

26 **Risk Policy & Process**

A report was received to present the reviewed Risk Management Policy and Risk Management Process.

RESOLVED, that the Mayoral Combined Authority approves the revised Risk Policy and the Risk Management Process.

27 **Code of Corporate Governance**

A report was received to present the revised Code of Corporate Governance.

RESOLVED, that the Mayoral Combined Authority approves the revised Code of Corporate Governance.

28 **Statutory Officers**

A report was received to detail the proposed changes to the statutory officers of the Mayoral Combined Authority required to meet the MCA's statutory duties.

The Mayor led Members in thanking Eugene and Andrew for all their work undertaken in support of the Combined Authority.

RESOLVED, that the Mayoral Combined Authority approves:

1. The recruitment of a permanent Chief Finance Officer
2. The appointment panel for the recruitment of the Chief Finance Officer to be made up of the Mayor, The Vice Chair of the MCA, the Chair of the LEP and the Head of Paid Service as advisor;
3. The transfer of the finance function from SCC in to the MCA

4. The recruitment of an Interim Chief Finance Officer for the period from July 2019 until a permanent post holder is recruited;
5. The appointment of the Principal Solicitor and Secretary of South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive as Monitoring Officer of the MCA
6. The deletion of the post of Clerk to the MCA and delegate the functions of the Clerk to the Head of Paid Services and approve the Principal Solicitor making the consequential amendments to the constitution
7. The implementation of a recruitment process for the appointment of the Head of Paid Service to the end of the present Mayoral Term of Office (2022)
8. The appointment panel for the recruitment of the head of Paid Service to be made up of the Mayor, the Vice Chair of the MCA, the Chair of the LEP and a Local Authority Chief Executive as advisor
9. The current contract of the Head of Paid service be extended in the interim until the appointment of a new Head of Paid Service takes effect;
10. The appointment of 2 Non-Executive Directors of SYPTE

In accordance with Combined Authority's Constitution/Terms of Reference for the Board, Board decisions need to be ratified by the Head of Paid Services (or their nominee) in consultation with the Chair of the Board. Accordingly, the undersigned has consulted with the Chair and hereby ratifies the decisions set out in the above minutes.

Signed _____
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Date _____

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Item 31

SCR - MAYORAL COMBINED AUTHORITY BOARD

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON:

MONDAY, 29 JULY 2019 AT 11.00 AM

SHEFFIELD CITY REGION, 11 BROAD STREET WEST,
SHEFFIELD S1 2BQ



Present:

Mayor Dan Jarvis (Chair)	SCR Mayoral Combined Authority
Councillor Chris Read (Vice-Chair)	Rotherham MBC
Councillor Garry Purdy	Derbyshire Dales
Mayor Ros Jones	Doncaster MBC
Councillor Simon Greaves	Bassetlaw DC
Councillor Sir Steve Houghton CBE	Barnsley MBC
Councillor Tricia Gilby	Chesterfield BC
Councillor Alex Dale (Reserve)	NE Derbyshire DC
Craig Tyler	South Yorkshire Joint Authorities Governance Unit
Stephen Edwards	SYPTTE

Officers in Attendance:

Fiona Boden	SCR Executive Team
Stephen Batey	SCR Mayor's Office
Sarah Norman (LA Chief Executive)	Barnsley MBC
Huw Bowen (LA Chief Executive)	Chesterfield BC
Dan Swaine (LA Chief Executive)	Bolsover DC
Dan Swaine (LA Chief Executive)	Bolsover DC/NE Derbyshire DC
Sharon Kemp (LA Chief Executive)	Rotherham MBC

Guests in Attendance

Councillor Chris Furness	Derbyshire Dales DC
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Apologies:

Councillor Julie Dore	Sheffield City Council
Councillor Steve Fritchley	Bolsover DC
Sarah Fowler	Chief Executive Peak District National Park
John Mothersole	Sheffield City Council
Neil Taylor	Bassetlaw DC
Paul Wilson	Derbyshire Dales DC
James Muir	Private Sector LEP Board Member
Justin Homer	BEIS
Sarah Want	Sheffield University
Jeni Harvey	SCR Executive Team
Mark Lynam	SCR Executive Team

1 **Welcome and Apologies**

Mayor Jarvis provided Members with updates on important matters which have arisen since the last MCA meeting.

The Mayor noted last week's appointment of a new Prime Minister and a host of new Ministers and suggested it is important that we build productive working relationships with the PM and his government noting he would be writing to Government Departments setting out his priorities for how the Government must put this region and the North at the top of its agenda.

The Mayor suggested it was good to see the Prime Minister in the North on Saturday and welcomed the commitments to deliver Northern Powerhouse Rail, more powers for Metro Mayors and council leaders offering real devolution for our communities, providing better bus services and committing greater funds to the Stronger Towns Fund.

It was noted the SCR is engaged in further and detailed discussions with senior officials in Government to unlock the devolution deal agreement that Leaders reached earlier this year and also noted that those who support wider Yorkshire devolution arrangements have written to the new Prime Minister to urgently unlock the benefits of devolution to all parts of the region, while creating a pathway to a full One Yorkshire devolution deal in 2022.

The Mayor welcomed the opportunity to confirm the new thematic boards are up and running and suggested that by working together on issues such as skills, housing, infrastructure, business growth and transport we are increasingly well placed to respond to the opportunities and challenges ahead. In respect of transport the Mayor welcomed good progress on the Bus review noting thousands of responses had been received from members of the public and urging those who have not yet get involved to do so by the 31st August.

Finally, the Mayor wished all South Yorkshire colleagues a very happy Yorkshire Day on Thursday!

Members' apologies were noted as above.

2 **Announcements**

None

3 **Urgent Items**

None

4 **Items to be Considered in the Absence of Public and Press**

None.

5 **Voting Rights for Non-constituent Members**

It was agreed that voting rights could not be conferred on the non-Constituent districts in respect of item 6 - Appointment Of SYPTE Non-Executive Director and item 16 - SYPTE Underspend Travel Support For The Unemployed In South Yorkshire as the matters only affect the South Yorkshire area.

It was agreed there were no further matters for which voting rights could not be conferred.

6 Appointment Of SYPTE Non-Executive Director

RESOLVED, that Sarah Norman is appointed a Non-Executive Director of the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive.

7 Declarations of Interest by individual Members in relation to any item of business on the agenda

None.

8 Reports from and questions by members

None.

9 Receipt of Petitions

None.

10 Public Questions

Members were informed of the receipt of 2 public questions.

A question was received from Mr Kewley and delivered as follows:

I'd like to see an informal Focus group to consider facilities for public involvement in these statutory meetings and discussing how these could be improved.

This would apply to the Statutory Body itself, and the associated Overview & Scrutiny Committee, and include -

- 1. Prior details published on the internet.*
- 2. Attendance on the public bench.*
- 3. Submitting a public question and considering the reply.*
- 4. Monitoring proceedings on the webcast.*

I'd like to see a simple feedback form on the public bench at each meeting.

Mr Kewley presented his thoughts on how public engagement in respect of the above points might be improved.

In response the Mayor commented on progress the SCR has made to date to improve public accessibility, noting the new facilities, greater accessibility to meetings, webcasting of meetings, protocols to promptly respond to public questions and the publication of all information on the website. It was noted a

new set of decision making governance arrangements had been introduced and hopefully the public will not feel daunted in engaging with these arrangements.

The Mayor informed members he would write to Chair of the Scrutiny Committee requesting 'how the SCR meets its expectations around public engagement' forms part of the Committee's work programme

A question was received from Mr Slack and delivered as follows:

New Zealand have recently produced the first National Budget based not on growth in GDP and fiscal targets for the nation but based on health and wellbeing as a measure of success for the nation.

This is a world first and has had immediate impact around the world.

Sheffield City Partnership Board recently received a strategy from the local CCG and SCC essentially proposing to try and embed health and wellbeing at the heart of all decision making.

It is recognised that health and wellbeing can have very positive impacts on local economies and it also tackles inequality in opportunities and disparity in health measures across divided populations.

How will this potential of health and wellbeing, as a measure of economic success, impact on the work of the City Region and the priorities of the Strategic Economic Plan?

In response the Mayor noted the SCR has some of the poorest health outcomes in the county, and advised members how health and wellbeing, air quality and active travel were all matters that had informed the drafting of the SCR's refreshed Strategic Economic Plan. The Mayor suggested more will be done going forward to recognise the importance of health and wellbeing.

11 Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd June 2019

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd June 2019 are agreed to be an accurate record.

12 Annual Governance Statement for 2018/19

A report was received inviting consideration and approval of the Authority's Annual Governance Statement for 2018/19 which included the Governance Improvement Plan for 2019/20.

RESOLVED, that the MCA approves the Annual Governance Statement (AGS) for 2018/19.

13 Statutory Accounts for 2018/19

A report was received requesting the Members' consideration and approval of the MCA's Annual Statement of Accounts for 2018/19, having first had regard to the External Auditor's audit report (ISA 260).

The Mayor thanks M Thomas and his team for the standard of work undertaken to produce the accounts.

Members were informed that consideration of the draft accounts had progressed through appropriate committees and officer boards ahead of their recommendation for approval.

Members welcomed Dan Spiller to the meeting who on behalf of the External Auditor (EY) advised that the audit was substantially complete pending the receipt of some final information relating to the pension fund (awaited from the SY Pensions Authority's external auditor Deloitte).

Members were advised it was expected the External Auditor would provide a clean opinion.

The Mayor welcomed the suggestion the Auditor's opinion would be unqualified and suggested this is a positive reflection on the work done by officers to strengthen our corporate gov arrangements

It was noted there was to be a late adjustment to the accounts which had been acknowledged and endorsed by the External Auditor.

RESOLVED, that the MCA approves the audited Annual Statement of Accounts for 2018/19, noting that there will be a late adjustment to the accounts which could not be made in time for the MCA paper publication deadline.

14 **LGF Investment Approvals**

A report was received requesting the approval of an LGF grant value to the Sheffield College and to provide an update on investment decisions taken by the Executive Boards.

It was noted an additional scheme which was due to be considered at the meeting had been withdrawn and its case would now be heard at the Skills and Employability Board.

Members were informed the Sheffield College have requested £3.71m LGF grant to support a £4.64m scheme to work in collaboration with the private sector to develop skills training capacity at the College's Olive Grove engineering training centre, the Liberty Speciality Steel engineering training centre and the CTL workplace training facility.

It was reported the refurbishment and new equipment will be required to increase the technical training offer at levels 3 and 4 in the Engineering and Digital Technology sectors to ensure that there is a skilled workforce to fill the increasing number of high value jobs in the Region.

It was reported over a period of 10 years the project is estimated to support 2,051 learners gross additional with an estimated 826 of the net additional learners moving into employment, subsequently indicating a potential cost equivalent of £4,496 per job, considered good value for money for the SCR.

Members were asked to note the conditions of award including stipulations regarding kit ownership and maintenance.

Members were also asked to note that the decision taken at the Business Growth Executive Board to award four LGF BIF grants totalling £0.488m, to award five Made Smarter LGF BIF grants totalling £0.204m and eight Productivity Challenge LGF BIF grants totalling £0.697m to businesses.

RESOLVED, that the MCA:

1. Approves progression of the Digital Engineering Skills Development Network to full approval and award of up to £3.713m grant to Sheffield College subject to the conditions set out in the Appraisal Panel Summary
2. Gives delegated authority to the Head of Paid of Service, in conjunction with the Section 73 and the Monitoring Officer, to enter into the contractual arrangements required as a result of the above approval.
3. Notes the awards made by the Business Growth executive Board

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Sheffield City Region Integrated Rail Plan

A report was received to present the final Integrated Rail Plan (IRP) for formal policy adoption by the Mayoral Combined Authority (MCA).

Introducing the report the Mayor highlighted the importance of this document to the SCR's residents and businesses and proposed it be used to demonstrate to government that the SCR won't stand for less in respect of rail investment.

Cllr Read commented on why the IRP is so important to Rotherham. Cllr Read indicated that Rotherham's position on HS2 hasn't changed but welcomed the opportunity for districts to work together on matters of consensus.

Mayor Jones welcomed the IRP's support for a new East Coast Main Line station at Doncaster Sheffield Airport and investment at other local stations including a new Dearne Valley Parkway Station. Mayor Jones also proposed the importance of delivering the Hickleton-Matt bypass scheme as a pre-requisite for opening up access to new and improved stations. Mayor Jones noted her district's position on HS2 had also not changed with it believed the government's preferred route is wrong.

Cllr Houghton reiterated points made by Mayor Jones in respect of the Dearne Valley Parkway Station and the importance of the Hickleton-Marr bypass. Cllr Houghton also called for longer stations at Barnsley station to facilitate the stopping of an increased number of trains using the Midland Main Line and noted his district would continue to lobby for an additional station on the HS2 main line.

Cllr Gilby welcomed the report and its supportive references to electrification for lines serving Chesterfield and North Derbyshire. Cllr Gilby welcomed the

proposal that the north would accept nothing less than the best.

RESOLVED, that the MCA endorses the Integrated Rail Plan and notes the next steps for producing the other associated Transport Strategy implementation plans.

16 SYPTE Underspend Travel Support For The Unemployed In South Yorkshire

A report was received outlining proposals to utilise a travel concessions budget underspend to provide supported travel to persons on unemployment programmes within South Yorkshire.

It was noted there is an opportunity to make pragmatic and effective use of SYPTE's 2018/19 budget underspend by allocating this to support a limited period of free travel on public transport to participants on current employment support schemes which have, as their aims, enabling access to placements and helping individuals find, secure, and transition into work.

Given the budget available, the proposals have limited ambitions – providing short term travel cost support to those participating in schemes and related placements is expected to improve retention rates and marginally improve the prospects of those (re)entering employment for remaining in work.

An explanation was provided for how the initiative would operate.

RESOLVED, that the MCA approves the provision of supported public transport travel tickets, aligned with the wider package of support and the duration of the other employment programmes operating within the SCR, ensuring this remains within the available budget.

17 Health Led Employment Trial Extension Approval

A report was received to seek approval to extend the Health Led Employment Trial by 7 months, extending the delivery window from the 31st March 2020 to 31st October 2020 and accept a further £1,499,206 from the Work and Health Unit who fund the trial.

The Mayor and Members welcomed the proposal to extend the trial.

RESOLVED, that the MCA approves the 7-month delivery extension and accepts the grant of £1,499,206

18 Acceptance of Careers and Enterprise Company (CEC) Grant for the delivery of the Enterprise Advisor Network (EAN) in the Academic Year 2019/20

A report was received to recommend the acceptance of the second year of that grant allocation for the academic year 2019/20.

It was noted the Enterprise Advisor Network (EAN) is a national initiative of the Careers and Enterprise Company (CEC) and that the SCR LEP has been in receipt of funds from the CEC to support this network since becoming a pilot

area in 2015 as part of the first growth deal.

It was noted the MCA accepted the 2 year offer of grant from the CEC in their meeting on the 18 September 2018.

RESOLVED, that the MCA accepts the grant subject to the detailed discussion and agreement of the Skills and Employability Thematic Board to determine programme arrangements

19 **Delegated Authority Report**

RESOLVED, that the contents of the report are noted.

20 **Any Other Business**

Cllr Dale commented further on the Integrated Rail Plan highlighting the importance of the document to helping North East Derbyshire DC solve its significant Midland Main Line electrification challenges.

I, the undersigned, confirm that these minutes are a true reflection of the meeting.

Signed
Name
Position
Date



SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

MEETING ROOM 14, TOWN HALL, CHURCH STREET, BARNSELY, S70 2TA

1 JULY 2019

PRESENT: Councillor D Nevett (Doncaster MBC) (Chair)

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

Councillors: M Dyson (Barnsley MBC), P Garbutt (Sheffield City Council), J Grocutt (Sheffield City Council), A Khayum (Sheffield City Council), K Mitchell (Barnsley MBC) and S Wilkinson (Doncaster MBC)

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

M Buttery (Office of the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner), M Clements (Office of the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner) and F Topliss (Office of the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner)

Officers: D Cutting and C Tyler (Barnsley MBC)

Guest in attendance: Chief Constable S Watson

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J Otten (Sheffield City Council), Dr A Billings (South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner), A Frostdick (Executive Director Core Services, Barnsley MBC), M McCarthy (Barnsley MBC), L Noble (Barnsley MBC) and A Shirt (Barnsley MBC)

1 NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING - CHIEF CONSTABLE STEPHEN WATSON

The Chair welcomed Chief Constable Watson to the meeting and thanked him for taking time out of his extremely busy schedule to talk to the Panel about Neighbourhood Policing and related issues.

For the benefit of the viewing public, the Chair provided a reminder of the Panel's role, and is to support and scrutinise the PCC, and not the Chief Constable which is the PCC's role.

Chief Constable Watson provided the Panel with a verbal update on neighbourhood policing and related issues. The Panel noted the history of the concept and the Chief Constable's remarks on future plans, including his intention to rebalance the ratio between Police Constables and Police Community Support Officers in

neighbourhood teams, with the ambition of two Police Constables for every one Police Community Support Officer. It was noted the HMIC has made encouraging remarks regarding this proposal.

Chief Constable Watson also commented on the 101 service acknowledging the amount of time people have to wait to be connected to an operative is longer than he would like. The Chief Constable informed the meeting that the average waiting time is reducing and is now five minutes eleven seconds (down from fourteen minutes eighteen months ago). It was suggested the root cause of call delays remains demand for the service, and a physical limit to the number of operatives who can be employed. In addition, priority continues to be given to 999 calls which are answered in an average nineteen seconds.

The Chief Constable and Panel Members considered the importance of technology in helping to manage demand, with suggestions such as call-back assist, interactive voice responses and online webchat facilities suggested as possible innovations worth exploring. It was suggested these and other ideas would continue to be considered, as the dynamic of how the public engages with the police continues to evolve.

The Chief Constable informed the Panel Members the Force were working towards a system whereby all victims of crime would now be assigned named officers, thus reducing the number of 'people ringing 101 for updates' out of the system.

Cllr Wilkinson noted there is a 101 online reporting facility but a significant number of people don't appear to know that. Cllr Wilkinson therefore questioned whether this facility is advertised enough and could be better publicised. In addition, Cllr Wilkinson asked whether a mobile app could be developed for the purpose of reporting crime, with the added benefit permitting the correspondent to potentially upload pictures as evidence.

Chief Constable Watson informed Members he would take those points away. Regarding increased publicity for the 101 online facility, it was suggested this would be considered once the service has been fully tested and operational.

Cllr Sansome asked what more could be done to remove and punish nuisance callers from the system, and whether this could be achieved by means of caller tracking software.

Chief Constable Watson acknowledged this was a source of frustration for both the 999 and 101 numbers and advised Members that limited legal sanctions exist, other than to warn nuisance callers not to do it again. It was suggested it would be better to recognise why such people might nuisance call, and work with other agencies to intervene.

S Chu questioned whether there was a 101 'failure demand' resulting in people calling 101 either becoming fed-up with the delay and hanging up, or calling 999. The Chief Constable noted that much better intelligence is now being collated to help inform service changes and thus improve provision, as part of the Force's improved suite of business management indicators, and a means of addressing issues such as this.

RESOLVED – That Police and Crime Panel Members noted the update.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were noted as above.

3 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair informed the Panel this will be David Cutting's last meeting before he leaves Barnsley MBC to take up a post with Sheffield City Council.

On behalf of the Panel, the Chair thanked David for his invaluable legal advice and support since Barnsley took over in 2017 and said he knew he will be missed by Members and colleagues alike

Members contributed similar sentiments wishing David well in his new ventures.

4 URGENT ITEMS

None.

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

None.

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

None.

7 PUBLIC QUESTIONS:-

7A TO THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

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

7B TO THE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

There were no questions to the Police and Crime Panel.

8 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 3RD JUNE 2019

Cllr Garbutt noted the minutes of the previous meeting indicate a number of instances where information was to be obtained and sought an assurance these actions had been discharged. M Buttery said that every effort was made by the OPCC to respond to requests on the Action Log between meetings. There was an undertaking to check the status of the requests.

RESOLVED –

- i) That the minutes of the Police and Crime Panel held on 3rd June 2019 be agreed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.
- ii) That the status of the requests for information outstanding be clarified and the Action Log updated accordingly.

9 PARTNERSHIP WORKING AROUND MENTAL HEALTH

A report of the Police and Crime Commissioner was submitted to provide Members with information on how he holds the Force to account for their partnership and collaborative working around mental health and the partnership and collaborative working undertaken by the Commissioner and his office in relation to mental health, in conjunction with other agencies.

M Buttery advised Members on the role and responsibilities that would be assumed by SY Police's lead officer on this matter, Superintendent Dan Thorpe.

The Chair commented on the overlap between the work undertaken by the Force and that of other agencies, and the benefits of pulling all this activity together.

Cllr Wilkinson suggested it was a shame data protection regulations can get in the way of safeguarding and urged all agencies to develop information systems that talk to each other. M Buttery noted this sentiment is shared by the Commissioner and that enquiries would continue to address any barriers that still exist.

Cllr Sansome requested that a version of this report be fed back to the districts' scrutiny boards to facilitate consideration of how the work of the Local Authorities aligns with this initiative. M Buttery confirmed this would be undertaken.

RESOLVED –

- i) That Members of the Police and Crime Panel noted the contents of the report and commented on any matters arising.
- ii) That the OPCC provide a copy of the report to the four South Yorkshire District Overview and Scrutiny Leads.

10 LEAD / LINK MEMBERS - AN ALTERNATIVE MODEL OF DELIVERING EFFECTIVE SCRUTINY AND SUPPORT FOR THE PCC

A report of the Service Director, Legal and Governance was presented to inform Members that, since the introduction of Police and Crime Panels in 2012 their role has evolved in terms of the scrutiny and support for Police and Crime Commissioners. How Panels carry out effective governance and scrutiny outside of Panel meetings varies from region to region, with a range of task and finish groups, sub-committees and also a Lead / Link Member scheme. This approach has been particularly successful in both West Yorkshire and North Wales, and also in Cleveland, albeit they operate different models, looking across a range of topics, some with one Members, or others with a group of Members. The key point is that what is introduced works for both the Panel and the OPCC.

The report provided a proposal that may work within South Yorkshire to increase Member knowledge around a particular area, thus providing increased scrutiny and support for the PCC.

In putting forward this proposal, it was suggested Members should be mindful of capacity – their own, that of the OPCC, and the Support Officer within the Joint Authorities Governance Unit. There should also be cognisance of the collective role and responsibility of the Panel; any arrangement should not impinge or dilute those statutory responsibilities.

There should also be a commitment to review the Lead / Link Member roles on an annual basis.

Consideration was given to the support the independent members might provide.

RESOLVED – That Members of the Police and Crime Panel:-

- i) Considered the proposal set out in the report.
- ii) Nominated Councillor Cllr Grocutt as Lead Member and A Carter as substitute for Performance.
- iii) Nominated Councillor Dyson as substitute Lead Member for Budget.
- iv) Agreed to review Lead / Link Members on an annual basis.

11 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.

Mr Chu asked who the recipient of the National Ugly Mugs Campaign were, how much they had been awarded and what the benefits to South Yorkshire were.

M Buttery said this information would be provided to Panel Members outside the meeting due to confidentiality.

RESOLVED –

- i) That Members of the Police and Crime Panel noted the contents of the report and commented on any matters arising.
- ii) That information in relation to the recipient of the National Ugly Mugs Campaign – funding and benefits – would be provided to the Panel outside the meeting.

12 LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

A report was submitted to update Members on current events – national, regional and local, together with future plans in respect of learning and development for the Panel.

Consideration was given to additional representation at the National Police and Crime Panels Conference (18th and 19th November in Warwick). Cllr Khayum, Cllr Grocutt and A Carter expressed an interest in attending. However, Mr Carter said that, if the new Independent Member to replace Mr Chu had been appointed, it may be to their advantage to attend and he would relinquish his place.

RESOLVED – That Members of the Police and Crime Panel:-

- i) Noted the update.
- ii) Provide suggestions for future learning and development.

13 WEBCASTING OF SY POLICE AND CRIME PANEL MEETINGS

A report was submitted which sought approval to renew the contract to webcast South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel meetings.

Members were informed that, to reduce administrative requirements a 3 year contract for webcasting Panel meetings was being sought.

The cost of the webcasting contract had been frozen at the same value of the previous 3 year contract from entering into a joint webcasting contract with Barnsley MBC.

RESOLVED – That Police and Crime Panel Members:-

- i) Agreed to enter into a webcasting contract for a 3 year period at a cost to the Panel of £3,172 per annum.
- ii) Noted that the cost would be met from Home Office Grant Funding.

14 WORK PROGRAMME

Members considered the 2019 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 pre-agenda planning meetings.

The Chair noted the Commissioner's intention to circulate PAB meetings around the districts and urged Members to encourage the public to attend.

Cllr Sansome requested an update on the separation of the South Yorkshire and Humberside HR functions.

Cllr Wilkinson asked whether the probation service's return to public ownership would be a matter for the Panel. M Buttery advised Members that the PCC and OPCC are involved in shaping future arrangements and updates would be presented when available.

RESOLVED –

- i) That Members of the Police and Crime Panel noted the contents of the 2019 Work Programme.
- ii) That the OPCC provide an update on the separation of the SYP and Humberside Police HR collaboration arrangements.
- iii) That consideration be given to including an update on the return of the Probation Service to public ownership as part of the Panel's Work Programme.

15 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED – That the next meeting of the Panel be held on Monday 2nd September 2019, 1:00 pm in Meeting Room 14, Town Hall, Church Street, Barnsley.

CHAIR

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Item 33

SOUTH YORKSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

22 JULY 2019

PRESENT:

Councillors: S Ayris, A Buckley, T Cave, T Damms, R Frost,
P Haith, C Hogarth, P Price, C Ransome, S M Richards,
C Ross, R Taylor and Dr A Billings

ACO T Carlin, S Booth, S Gilding and A Strelczenie
(South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service)

A Frosdick, M McCarthy, L Noble, S Loach and M McCoolle
(Barnsley MBC)

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

Apologies for absence were received from S Norman,
N Copley, M Potter, CFO J Courtney, QFSM and
DCFO A Johnson

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

Councillor Ransome referred to one of the Independent Members of the Audit and Governance Committee whose second and final term of office would reach a conclusion at the end of autumn 2019. She requested confirmation of the recruitment timetable for the appointment to this position.

L Noble stated that planning for the recruitment process had already commenced. It was intended to advertise the vacancy w/c 12 August 2019 across all South Yorkshire District Councils, Town and Parish Councils and the third sector. Two Members – including one Independent Member – will be invited to sit alongside Councillor Haith on the evaluation panel for the appointment of a new Independent Member, which would hopefully include an overlap period to provide continuity.

Councillors Frost and Taylor had attended JADE Youth and Community Centre in Dinnington, Sheffield on 19 July 2019. JADE had been partially funded by the Stronger Safer Communities Reserve (SSCR), and helped young people with activities which enabled social education, economic and employment opportunities for life progression which included fire safety, road safety, anti-social behaviour, drug and alcohol awareness. A community memorial garden had been opened in memory of Leonne Weeks who had been murdered in 2017, which contained artwork made from recycled bottles and bottle tops, and demonstrated what could be achieved through community working and SYFR engagement.

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

M McCarthy read out the following question received from the Fire Brigades' Union, together with the response received from CFO Courtney:-

'How many times has the fire authority including service managers lobbied central government since the pensions shortfall became apparent, on which dates, to whom and what was their response?'

The Chief Fire Officer had provided the following response:-

'Given that this is a sector wide issue, our main lobbying has been through the National Fire Chiefs Council. The pensions issue has been discussed at each of the three NFCC meetings since the news first broke. These discussions culminated in Roy Wilsher's writing to the Police and Fire Minister on behalf of the sector, to set out our grave concerns about the implications of the Government's current position on the pensions' deficit given the significant cuts that have already been imposed upon the service since 2011. During that same period, I have raised the pensions issue with HO representatives on three occasions, and HMICFRS on two

occasions. I have a further meeting with Luke Edwards, Director of Fire and Resilience, and Jonny Bugg, both from Home Office this week (w/c 24th June 2019)'.

Councillor Haith queried the outcome of CFO Courtney's meeting with L Edwards and J Bugg from the Home Office.

S Booth stated that SYFR's Executive Team had attended part of the meeting at the Home Office. SYFR had provided L Edwards with a direct question in relation to the pensions position, who had outlined that the Government had assessed each sector affected by the pensions position individually. L Edwards had not provided any assurance to the fire sector that the pensions issue would effectively be managed through the provision of the ongoing grant. Therefore, SYFR had understood that it had been correct in not forecasting the pension grant to continue. L Edwards had reiterated that there was a different approach within the Government to resolve the pensions issue across the fire and rescue services, police and NHS etc.

Councillor Haith requested that SYFR's Executive Team continued to press the issue.

Councillor Ransome echoed the sentiments of Councillor Haith. She queried the Authority's next steps in terms of continuing to lobby the Government on the issue.

Councillor Taylor stated that Members would have the opportunity to meet with the Home Office at various meetings and conferences. He suggested that the Authority required advice on the matter.

S Booth referred to CFO Courtney's response which had indicated a sector led response through Roy Wilsher, Chair of the National Fire Chiefs' Council (NFCC), which would continue. At the SYFR Executive Meetings, CFO Courtney had reiterated that on every occasion that the National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC) had met, pensions had formed part of the agenda, and would continue to do so. Pensions lobbying would continue through the NFCC across the sector. CFO Courtney would continue to raise the issue when he met with Home Office officials.

Councillor Taylor considered that the Authority needed to add their voice to the process, and he welcomed any ideas from Members.

9 MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON
14 JUNE 2019

Councillor Richards queried which SYFR officer would provide a report to the Authority on the issue of protecting the wildlife around the new Parkway Fire Station.

S Booth stated that L Murray, Joint Head of Estates and Facilities Management for SYFR and SYP would produce the report. SYFR was currently ascertaining the alleged issues with Sheffield City Council's Planning Department.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Extra Ordinary Authority meeting held on 14 June 2019 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

10 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON 24 JUNE 2019

Councillor Ross referred to the Annual Authority meeting held in June 2018, and the omission of the Chair of the Authority as part of the Appointments Committee. He queried whether Councillor Taylor should be a Member of the Appointments Committee, in view of a number of potential upcoming SYFR senior appointments to be made.

Councillor Taylor confirmed that he would become a Member of the Appointments Committee in place of Councillor Damms, who would sit in his place on the Appeals and Standards Committee.

RESOLVED – That subject to the above amendment, the minutes of the Annual Authority meeting held on 24 June 2019 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

11 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON 24 JUNE 2019

Dr Billings requested that the minutes be amended to indicate that he had given consideration to the possibility of the Police and Crime Commissioner role becoming the Police and Fire Commissioner, which had not been progressed as it was felt non-productive to change an arrangement that was working well.

In respect of the Service Level Agreement (SLA), Councillor Haith requested that the report be submitted to the Audit and Governance Committee meeting in September 2019 to provide further clarity around the roles undertaken by BMBC and SYFR, to ensure that Members were clear about the services provided and by whom.

A Frosdick confirmed that the information would be included within the report to be presented to the Audit and Governance Committee meeting in September 2019.

Councillor Haith referred to A Hunt who had recently left BMBC. She requested that Members be provided with information on how the risk element of the Service Level Agreement (SLA) would be delivered, to the Audit and Governance Committee meeting in September 2019.

Councillor Ayris sought clarity on A Frosdick's comment made at the last Authority meeting whereby if the Authority made a decision to move away from the current contract, that there would be a two year notice period to take effect. He queried whether this was specified within the Contract Standing Orders, whether it applied solely to going out to tender for the Internal Audit element, or whether this applied to the suggestion for the whole of the service provided by BMBC to go out to tender.

A Frosdick stated that the two year notice period was referred to within the 1986 contract between the Authority, BMBC and the other South Yorkshire district councils. He could not speak on behalf of BMBC, but should the Authority reach a

stage to tender for alternative arrangements, he did not envisage that BMBC would seek to uphold the two year provision. He considered that the two year notice period would have been included within the contract in order to provide stability. In relation to the Internal Audit element, BMBC would be agreeable to relax the notice period provisions in order to test the market.

Councillor Ransome queried why A Frosdick had suggested at the last Authority meeting that only the Internal Audit element of the SLA should go out to tender, and not the whole service provided by BMBC.

A Frosdick referred Members to the report that had been presented at the last Authority meeting which related to two elements around the substantive support provided to the Authority by BMBC, and the agreement that this would be referred to the Audit and Governance Committee. The report had also identified the issue of the future of the Internal Audit contract, and the agreement to test the market, which will also be discussed by the Audit and Governance Committee.

Councillor Ransome queried why officers had suggested that only the Internal Audit element of the SLA be market tested i.e. value for money or compliance reasons.

A Frosdick had highlighted at the last Authority meeting that the Authority was the commissioner of the services from Barnsley MBC, and had the authority to make decisions in relation to its support services. Barnsley MBC was happy to continue to provide support services as long as they were required by the Authority. The view had been expressed by many Members around the benefits and value-for-money of market testing the whole SLA, when there was not an obvious alternative to provide such services. In respect of Internal Audit, there is a larger market in terms of services, and it would be a worthwhile exercise to test the market. The Authority was able to test the market for the whole SLA should it wish to, and consider that to be beneficial.

RESOLVED – That subject to the above amendment, the minutes of the Ordinary Authority meeting held on 24 June 2019 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

12 MID YEAR FLEET STRATEGY PROGRESS - PRESENTATION

Members were provided with a presentation on the progress of the mid-year Fleet Strategy and plans for the future.

The Fleet consisted of 54 members of staff which were based across 3 sites consisting of an HGV workshop in Rotherham, a bodyshop and light vehicle mechanical workshop in Rotherham, and a light vehicle mechanical, commissioning and auto electrical workshop in Sheffield. The SYP and SYFR fleet consisted of 900 vehicles, SYFR had 729 items of specialist equipment, approximately 100 – 150 vehicles were commissioned annually and travelled over 12 million miles for SYP and 1 million miles for SYFR per year. SYP had a revenue budget of £4m with a £2.1m capital budget, and SYFR had a £1m revenue budget and £2.4m capital budget.

The collaborative vision was to create a joint fleet management structure, retaining local and specialist delivery, combining both management and administrative functions in a shared structure, whilst retaining local delivery, pooling expertise, specialisms and experience in house. It was also planned to rationalise the workshops to provide workshops over two sites at the SYFR premises in Eastwood and in Sheffield, to ensure that the workshops were fit for purpose and sustainable for the future.

Members noted the joint and collaborative management roles which included SYP auto electricians working on SYFR appliances, SYFR technicians repairing SYP vehicles i.e. horseboxes, SYFR provided input into the horsebox tenders, and SYP drivers received HGV training and certification from SYFR examiners. The benefits from the joint and collaborative management roles had achieved a strong strategic direction, increased staff resilience and skill set, the sharing of expertise, a reduction in costs in terms of technicians, and an increase in staff morale. Both SYP and SYFR staff were very proud of what had been achieved for both organisations and the work undertaken.

The Estates Team had costed four options for the co-location of the SYP bodyshop at Eastwood, and Option 4 had been supported by the Delivery Board and Collaboration Board, which would provide for the SYFR Central Stores at Eastwood to be relocated to the spray booth area within the Eastwood vehicle workshop, and the Central Stores would be converted to a bodyshop. Works were anticipated to be completed in May 2020. The Collaboration Board had approved the costings for the joint fleet management system, to be progressed over the coming months and scheduled to be completed by the end of March 2020.

Approximately 625 SYP vehicles had been installed with the new telematics system and this would be progressed with SYFR vehicles through the IRMP Board in due course. Both SYP and SYFR were in the process of signing up to the Driving for Better Business programme.

Councillor Taylor requested that Members be provided with copies of the presentation slides after the meeting.

Councillor Ransome queried whether the smaller fire appliance was a new initiative and whether it had been utilised in other fire and rescue services.

S Gilding confirmed that the smaller fire appliance was a new initiative which had been introduced to enable easier manoeuvrability down narrow streets and would be more operationally effective. The smaller fire appliance would be able to undertake the same functions as the larger fire appliances, it would contain the same equipment and would be able to attend the same types of incidents. She understood that other fire and rescue services had also trialled the smaller fire appliances.

ACO Carlin stated that SYFR had taken steps in making the smaller fire appliance more fit for purpose in comparison to the traditional fire engine, which was a heavy vehicle with large dimensions. For some time SYFR had run a campaign, displaying signs on specific streets regarding gaining access for fire appliances due

to inconsiderate vehicle parking. It was considered that the fire appliance could be made even smaller, and consultation was ongoing with firefighters on this issue. A project would also commence at Rivelin Fire Station, around the particular issues faced. The smaller fire appliance met all of the requirements of the firefighters, and would save SYFR a considerable amount of money over its 10 year lifespan. Nationally, other fire and rescue services were using smaller fire appliances.

Councillor Ransome queried whether the smaller fire appliance was environmentally friendly and cheaper to run in comparison to the traditional fire appliances.

ACO Carlin confirmed that the smaller fire appliance was cheaper to run compared to the traditional fire appliance; it was the first step, in several steps of a cultural change, as to what a fire engine should look like. The smaller fire appliance would be operated for 3 months at the Central Fire Station and 3 months at Doncaster Fire Station. Following each 3 month period, a full evaluation would be undertaken via the crews who had ridden on the appliance, and a decision would be taken as to where the fleet strategy would go, based upon the feedback.

Councillor Buckley queried that whilst it was not possible to have an electric powered pump across the fleet, whether the majority of the vehicles were petrol or diesel operated, and what moves were being taken towards having more electrically powered vehicles.

S Gilding stated that the majority of the vehicle fleet was diesel operated, with an increased number of SYP electric powered vehicles. All vehicles would be reviewed to ascertain which were the most suitable to increase the electric powered vehicles for SYFR; this had initially been undertaken for some of the non-frontline vehicles i.e. Facilities Management.

Councillor Buckley queried the plans to install electric charging points at the new Barnsley Fire Station, and police and fire stations.

S Gilding confirmed that she was working with L Murray on the matter, and electric charging points would be considered as part of any new build project.

Councillor Hogarth queried how confident SYFR was that the costs on each side of the collaboration was paid fairly, rather than one organisation subsidising the other.

S Booth stated that the arrangement was currently agreed at a strategic level through the Collaboration Board. S Gilding's post was a shared post between SYP and SYFR, to which both SYP and SYFR paid 50% of the costs; everything else was considered on a case by case basis. The paint shop and bodyshop from SYP which was currently housed within the Main Street Police Station in Rotherham, would move to the SYFR Central Stores function at the Eastwood site. The business case was currently being worked up to ascertain the relevant costs for SYFR and SYP.

In relation to the fleet management system, there were 42 SYP users in comparison to 9 SYFR users; the costing had been split proportionately.

Dr Billings queried whether any Facilities Management vehicles would be exempt from the proposed congestion charge in Sheffield.

S Gilding said that the Service was currently liaising with SCC as part of the consultation process. It was envisaged that emergency services specialist vehicles would be exempt from the proposed congestion charge. Consideration is still being given as to whether the Facilities Management vehicles would also be exempt, and this may require an increase in electric powered vehicles.

Dr Billings queried whether the 200 SYP bicycles were in use.

S Gilding stated that the number of SYP bicycles had significantly dropped and were traditionally used by PCSO's. Further work would be undertaken to ensure that they were used as often as deemed necessary.

Councillor Taylor gave thanks for an interesting and informative presentation.

RESOLVED – That Members noted the presentation.

13 STATION PLANS/STATION DASHBOARDS - PRESENTATION

Members were provided with a station plans and station dashboards presentation, which provided an update position on the Station Plans and District Plans that had been presented to Members by Group Managers within the districts earlier in the year.

A Strelczenie stated that SYFR would utilise the available data in order to make the South Yorkshire communities safer through joint working. Within the Sheffield District Plan 2019, there had been a slight decrease in the number of deliberate primary (including vehicles) fires and deliberate secondary (anti-social behaviour) (ASB) fires during July 2019 in comparison to previous years, as a result of the data now being utilised. Data mapping was available to crews and managers within each district area, which enabled SYFR, its partners and community safety teams to target specific incidents. Crime maps and data mapping would be overlaid to identify data led ASB issues; the blue routes identified would enable SYFR Crews and/or SYP to drive by the identified ASB routes at specific times of the day to try to mitigate any issues. District Managers, SYP and local authorities attended strategic meetings in an attempt to combine efforts to reduce all types of ASB.

Members noted that spikes in deliberate secondary (ASB) fires were based upon a 3 year average, which coincided with the months of the school holidays and were generally weather dependent. A particularly hot period of weather had been encountered in April 2019, which had resulted in a spike of deliberate secondary (ASB) fires i.e. loose refuse and grass fires etc. Operation Light Nights would provide intervention activities for young people and focus on the months of July to September at known ASB locations which tended to occur between the hours of 4.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

Pre-planned engagement activities would take place in the Barnsley areas utilising SYFR crews, SYP community support officers and BMBC. Specific areas had been targeted where it was considered that education was required for young people.

The Doncaster District Plan 2019 highlighted that, following a calendar of campaigns, SYFR would work with partners to reduce the number of incidents within the district from the previous year by 10%. A high number of ASB had been encountered in July 2018 due to the extended periods of hot weather. To date, the ASB figure in July 2019 had reduced as a result of the data utilised by the local crews based in Doncaster and the management team. SYFR worked closely with DMBC and SYP regarding the specific problems encountered in Edlington, to educate the people within that community. Prisons had been one of the largest contributors to primary fires. SYFR was working closely with Doncaster Prison Governors to enable fire investigations to be undertaken, with a view to extending prison sentences in the instances of deliberate fires.

SYFR was working closely with the NHS and St Leger Homes in Barnsley to achieve approximately 40 referrals per month in each station area of those people most vulnerable to fire, to ensure that SYFR crews attended the homes of the most vulnerable and those most in need of smoke alarm installation.

Councillor Damms requested that Members be provided with the presentation slides before the meeting, wherever possible.

Councillor Ransome gave thanks for the presentation. She queried the position in relation to fly tipping which had become a problem within the rural communities.

A Strelczenie referred to the mobile technology on the fire appliances that was utilised to identify local areas of fly tipping. Crews within that area would take photographs of fly tipping to be reported to the local authority.

Councillor Richards queried whether the ASB fires which tended to occur between the hours of 4.00 pm to 8.00 pm suggested a particular age group of young people. She also queried whether this necessitated additional work in schools.

A Strelczenie referred to the raw data which indicated that many ASB fires occurred generally in parks, play areas or close by, which would suggest the likelihood that ASB fires were caused by younger people. SYFR's Community Safety Team attended many South Yorkshire schools. Year 6 children attended the Lifewise Centre, which covered a range of activities including ASB and fire setting. SYFR worked closely with SYP who would increase their patrols around particular areas where there had been a significant spike in ASB, and SYFR crews would attend those areas at specific times to discuss ASB with the young people.

Councillor Taylor gave thanks for an interesting and informative presentation.

RESOLVED – That Members noted the presentation.

14 PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE AUTOMATIC ATTENDANCE TO COMMERCIAL AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARM ACTUATIONS

A report of the Chief Fire Officer and Chief Executive was presented to provide Members with rationale and evidence to support the restriction of attendances to commercial Automatic Fire Alarm (AFA) mobilisations. A commercial premise was

considered to be any retail, office, industrial or further education premises where there was no potential sleeping risks. SYFR was one of the few remaining fire and rescue services that attended alarm activations at commercial premises, especially during daytime hours.

Members noted that the proposal would not affect the current Pre-determined Attendance (PDA) to residential or sleeping risk premises, or high risk sites (Control of Major Accident Hazards (COMAH)) within the SYFR boundaries.

Councillor Ross expressed concern at Option 1 presented within the report. He observed the merit of SYFR not attending the commercial sites during the day time, but he expressed concern regarding the night time hours, when the likelihood would be that no employees would be on site. In the minority of cases where there was a fire during night time hours, the fire could be contained before it developed further. He queried the rationale as to why colleges had been excluded from the list as an exception to commercial premises.

ACO Carlin stated that currently when SYFR received a commercial AFA report to attend an empty factory during the middle of the night, Control would make a predetermined decision whether to deploy one or two fire appliances, and an external survey would be undertaken. If it had been concluded that there was no outward signs of a fire inside the premises, then Control would contact the key holder, and the fire appliance(s) would be held outside of the premise awaiting their arrival. The fire appliances contained thermal imaging cameras which could be utilised to identify hot spot areas. SYFR's professional view was that this would not be a life risk incident. The risk would be the potential fire that could take hold, and the alarm receiving centre would be able to identify further detector heads being activated due to the fire progressing.

Councillor Ross suggested that as a compromise to the fire appliances having to wait outside of a commercial premise for the key holder to arrive, that firefighters could undertake an external check of the premises with a heat detector, and if a fire had not been identified, the crews could leave without having to wait for the key holder to arrive.

ACO Carlin commented that this could be a possibility, although it would not eliminate the fire appliance being deployed for an average of 18 minutes which would prevent the crews from attending any other responses during that time; he would be reluctant to take that step. In respect of the question around Colleges, these involve people aged 18 years and above and were a different risk category to schools, as their responses and abilities to evacuate a building were more aligned to public assembly buildings and shops in comparison to the controlled evacuation of a junior school.

Councillor Ayris queried the protocol in respect of identifying whether there were any rough sleepers in empty factory buildings.

ACO Carlin commented that SYFR was aware of the derelict premises within South Yorkshire; a rough sleeper count was undertaken every morning. SYFR was able to ascertain rough sleeper site information i.e. car parks and other locations and the local station manager and crews would be aware of these. He considered

that it would be a significant requirement for crews to give consideration to rough sleepers at every night time commercial AFA; SYFR would deal with the intelligence around such risks accordingly.

Councillor Richards queried whether sixth form colleges, which were attended by people aged 16 to 18 years old, fell under the category of responsible adults. She referred to universities which had been excluded from the list as an exception to commercial premises. Universities are major contributors to the wealth and economy of Sheffield, and she would like Universities to continue to be supported as well as possible. She considered that the Universities would have first class fire alarms and sprinkler systems, and that any AFAs received from them during the night time would more than likely be an actual fire. She expressed concern that university and college premises should continue to be made available to the people who used them, to enable individuals to continue their education and employment within Sheffield.

ACO Carlin referred to the relatively simple process which enabled SYFR to count those identified premises which were critical to the infrastructure of South Yorkshire, on a case by case basis; colleges and universities would still be empty buildings during the night time. The Authority could, if it so chose, provide SYFR with a direction to those premises which was key to the ongoing economy and education of South Yorkshire.

Dr Billings queried whether any data was available on the approximate 100 genuine fires that had arose from the 3500 AFA triggered incidents per year. He also queried whether it would be possible to deploy an SYFR car to attend a commercial AFA, whether this had been undertaken at other fire and rescue services and whether it had led to any unnecessary risks being undertaken.

ACO Carlin commented that firefighter representative bodies may have a different view on breaking up a fire crew to send an individual out to investigate a commercial AFA. The alarm receiving centres were surprised that SYFR continued to send out attendance to a commercial AFA. SYFR proposed to continue to attend as many key important risk premises as possible; other fire and rescue services did not attend any, or attended fewer, commercial AFAs than SYFR. SYFR was considering this issue using a risk-based approach. He could not recall any commercial AFA within the last 3 years that had resulted in a significant fire in South Yorkshire.

Councillor Price sought clarification that SYFR would always respond to a 999 call, and also in the event of an AFA in a community centre to which a 999 call had been made to indicate that the alarm was sounding.

ACO Carlin confirmed that SYFR would always respond to a 999 call, including a call to report a fire alarm sounding. If a community centre was not connected to an automatic auto dialler, then Control would make a decision whether to deploy a fire appliance. SYFR would never remove the ability for Control to send a fire appliance to investigate.

Councillor Buckley commented that universities had their own internal monitoring systems i.e. security guards and personnel who would form part of that monitoring system, and they could investigate and contact the monitoring controller to indicate whether it was a false alarm, and inform SYFR accordingly.

ACO Carlin commented that SYFR would never not send a fire appliance where Control considered that an investigation was necessary. SYFR did not receive fire calls from well managed premises, even though they had automatic centres. At Meadowhall, the security guards would have a 5 minute period from receiving notification of a fire alarm being activated, to intercepting the call to SYFR. SYFR constantly challenged and managed those premises which had repeated unwanted fire signals, in line with NFCC policy. A charging policy had been imposed for repeated offenders who had received a series of warning letters, to charge them for SYFR attendance.

Councillor Frost referred to the 54% of neighbouring fire and rescue services that no longer attended unconfirmed commercial AFAs at any time, and he queried whether any issues had been encountered with them not attending.

ACO Carlin was not aware of any issues that had been encountered with the neighbouring fire and rescue services that no longer attended unconfirmed commercial AFAs. Pre-determined attendance changes had been applied from national operational learning, where best practice was shared.

Dr Billings referred to the 3,500 AFA triggered incidents per year. He queried if Option 1 was approved, how often SYFR fire appliances would leave the fire stations to attend fires in South Yorkshire.

ACO Carlin stated that SYFR was in a vicious circle - the more it became effective and efficient, the more punishment it received for delivering those efficiencies. This related to reducing road risk and increasing the time available i.e. home safety checks, to reduce the incident demand.

Councillor Ross stated that the report did not include the proportion of day time and night time call outs. He expressed his concerns surrounding sixth form colleges, and therefore he could not vote in favour of Option 1.

ACO Carlin queried whether Councillor Ross would be happy to vote in favour of Option 1 if SYFR reviewed the attendances to colleges and universities.

Councillor Ross commented that it would be helpful to review the attendances to colleges and universities. In relation to Option 2, he was unsure how much of the 3500 AFAs were attributed to day time/night time attendance.

Councillor Taylor requested that the policy be amended to identify and address the concerns raised.

ACO Carlin would provide Members with details of the day time/night time attendance figures.

RESOLVED – That Members:-

- i) Noted the contents of the report.
- ii) Endorsed Option 1.

Councillors Ross, Ayris and Dr Billings voted against the decision to approve Option 1

An abstention was received from Councillors Richards

15 MEMBER LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT - REVIEW AND THE YEAR AHEAD

A report of the Clerk to the Fire and Rescue Authority was presented which provided Members with a review of the learning and development undertaken in 2018/19 together with a forward look to learning and development in 2019/20.

L Noble commented that the Authority had run less learning and development sessions in comparison to previous years, in order to provide focus on the key issues i.e. Statement of Accounts, Treasury Management and Audit. She had emailed Members on 25 June 2019, in respect of the previous Chair's request to introduce a 360 Degree Appraisal. To date, there had been no Member take up for the appraisal, although a recent submission had been received from an Independent Member. She did not consider that the Authority would be re-awarded the Regional Charter Status, based upon the current level of Member learning and development engagement.

Councillor Ayris queried whether Members had received feedback from the LGA Annual Fire Conference held in March 2019. He also queried whether those Members that had attended the conference were still Members of the Authority.

L Noble stated that she had provided Members with written feedback following the LGA Annual Fire Conference held in March 2019, together with a copy of the conference programme and presentations; she would resend the information to Members. Councillors Haith, Damms and Taylor had attended the event.

Councillor Richards considered that the 360 Degree Appraisal process provided a good opportunity for Members at the appropriate time. Due to her being an incoming Member onto the Authority, she would complete the appraisal process at a later date.

Councillor Taylor queried whether it would be feasible to undertake the 360 Degree Appraisal process with a number of Members, or to undertake them individually.

L Noble commented that it did not make a difference either way – the forms and the process were ready and it would be a case of identifying volunteers from the FRA, SYFR and Barnsley MBC to complete the appraisal forms. Councillor Taylor and L Noble would discuss the matter further.

Councillor Haith requested that Treasury Management awareness should be presented to the Authority prior to the Audited Statement of Accounts.

RESOLVED – That Members:-

- a) Noted the skills, learning and development acquired in 2018/19.
- b) That Councillor Taylor and L Noble would discuss further Member engagement in the 360 Degree Appraisal process as discussed at the Corporate Advisory Group held on 7 May 2019.
- c) Continued with informal ‘Development Discussions’ to complement the 360 Degree Appraisal process, which would inform an appropriate and targeted Learning and Development Schedule for 2019/20.
- d) Agreed not to apply for re-assessment for the Regional Charter award.
- e) Noted the wider Learning and Development ‘Offer’.

16 LEAD MEMBERS 2019/20

A report of the Clerk to the Fire and Rescue Authority was presented to propose the Lead Member roles for 2019/20. Lead Member roles had first been established in September 2007 and had worked extremely well in supporting the Authority in key areas of work. During 2017-18 and 2018-19 the wider Lead Member roles had been put on hold pending a review of their effectiveness and the requirement to have Lead Members in certain areas.

L Noble highlighted the vacancy for a Lead Member for Health and Safety to support the Service.

Councillor Hogarth agreed to become the Lead Member for Health and Safety.

RESOLVED – That Members:-

- i) Considered and approved the Lead Member roles as detailed below:-

Area	Lead Member
Strategic Partnerships (Health, Community Safety etc.)	<u>S41 Members</u> Cllr Robert Frost (Barnsley) Cllr Robert Taylor (Rotherham) Cllr Tony Damms (Sheffield) Cllr Pat Haith (Doncaster)
Risk Management (Audit)	Cllr Pat Haith Chair of Audit & Governance Committee
Performance and Scrutiny	Cllr Alan Buckley Chair of Performance and Scrutiny Board

Stakeholder Engagement	Cllr Peter Price Chair of Stakeholder Planning Board
Equality and Inclusion	Cllr Alan Buckley Chair of Performance and Scrutiny Board <i>(as E&I is a key topic for the Board)</i>
Learning and Development	Cllr Robert Taylor Chair of the FRA
Health and Safety	Cllr Charlie Hogarth

- ii) Noted that Councillor Hogarth would become the Lead Member for Health and Safety to support the Service.

17 DRAFT MINUTES OF THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE HELD ON 19 JUNE 2019

RESOLVED – That Members noted the draft minutes of the Appointments Committee held on 19 June 2019.

18 KEY ISSUES PAPER AND DRAFT MINUTES OF THE LOCAL PENSION BOARD HELD ON 26 JUNE 2019

L Noble stated that the Local Pension Board continued to keep a watching brief on the Government Actuary's Department (GAD) Valuation and pensions shortfall. A Bosmans, Chair of the Local Pension Board, would present the Local Pension Board's Annual Report to the Authority meeting in September 2019.

Councillors Buckley and Taylor declared an interest, as they were recipients of the Firefighters' Pension Scheme.

RESOLVED – That Members noted the key issues paper and draft minutes of the Local Pension Board held on 26 June 2019.

CHAIR

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