

<b>MEETING:</b>	Cabinet
<b>DATE:</b>	Wednesday, 10 June 2020
<b>TIME:</b>	10.00 am
<b>VENUE:</b>	THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY

## MINUTES

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

**Members in Attendance:** Councillors Franklin, Frost, Saunders and Tattersall

### 257. Chair's Introduction

The Chair noted this would be Rachel Dickinson's last meeting as Executive Director for People.

Members expressed their huge thanks to Rachel, on behalf of the Council, the people and especially the children of Barnsley for everything she has done during her time here.

Members agreed Rachel leaves the Borough in a much better place to when she arrived and may be rightly proud of everything she has achieved for both Adults and Children's Services.

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

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

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

The Leader reported that no decisions from the previous meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2020 had been called in.

### 260. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 27th May 2020 (Cab.10.6.2020/3)

The minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2020 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

### 261. Decisions of Cabinet Spokespersons (Cab.10.6.2020/4)

The Record of Decisions taken by Cabinet Spokespersons under delegated powers during the week ending 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020 were noted.

### 262. Action Taken under Paragraph B6 of the Responsibility for Executive Functions - Officer Delegations Contained in the Council Constitution (Cab.10.6.2020/5)

**RESOLVED** that the action taken by Executive Directors under Paragraph B6 of the Responsibility for Executive Functions – Officer Delegations, as contained within the Appendix attached to the report now submitted and detailed below, be noted:-

1 Council Timetable 2020/21

**263. Petitions received under Standing Order 44 (Cab.10.6.2020/6)**

**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 278 signatories, in respect of a 30mph speed limit on Staincross Common and Windhill Lane.

BMBC Traffic Team does not support this proposal. The 40mph section is predominantly agricultural land to its northern side with properties set back from the road on the southern side, with the 30mph transition coming in where the building density increases. The existing 40mph speed limit was designed in accordance with the guidance set out in Department for Transport Circular 01/2006 'Setting Local Speed Limits'. To lower it would do little for road safety but would potentially present an additional (and avoidable) burden in terms of trying to secure compliance. Also to be considered is the loss of the existing 30mph signs on the entry to the side roads. Historically we have had a backlash in such situations from residents on side roads who see this as impacting on the safety on their roads. The views of those residents would need to be sought and considered before making changes.

We have discussed this proposal with South Yorkshire Police's Principal Traffic Management Officer, who stated that "from a policing perspective we cannot support a lowering of a speed limit which would abstract our officers to the task of enforcing an artificially low or ill-conceived restriction, or leave us managing the expectations of local residents who may see little impact on traffic passing their homes".

Periodic mobile speed enforcement is conducted on Windhill Lane and we will send a request South Yorkshire Police's Safety Camera Manager to ask that that this is undertaken more frequently.

The last speed survey was undertaken in late 2017. This was conducted after the fixed speed camera had been bagged for a number of weeks, so those using the road regularly knew that it was not in use.

Average speed: 34.8mph  
85th%ile: 39.8mph

## **Core Services Spokesperson**

### **264. Corporate Performance Report - Quarter 4 January to March 2020 (Cab.10.6.2020/7)**

#### **RESOLVED:-**

- (i) that the Corporate Plan Performance Report for Quarter 4 (January to March 2020) and the 2019/20 Year-End, as detailed in the report now submitted, be noted; and
- (ii) that the Performance Report be shared with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to inform and support their ongoing work programme.

### **265. Corporate Finance Performance Report Year End 2019/20 (Cab.10.6.2020/8)**

#### **RESOLVED:-**

- (i) that the 2019/20 draft revenue final accounts position, as set out in the report now submitted, be noted;
- (ii) that the final position for the General Fund being an operational underspend of £6.9m, split between an operational underspend for Council Services of £6.0m and an operational underspend on Corporate budgets of £0.9m, as detailed in Section 5, be noted;
- (iii) that approval be given to £1.9m of the underspend be earmarked to support the Covid-19 Recovery Strategy with the remaining balance (£5.0m) being used to increase the Council's General Fund Minimum Working Balance from £15m to £20m to offer further protection against the ongoing impact of Covid-19 and other future financial risks;
- (iv) that agreement be given to earmark the carry forward revenue resources as identified in Sections 3 and 6 and Appendix 1, subject to further reports being submitted for individual approvals where necessary;
- (v) that the final position of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) being an operational underspend of £2.4m and approve that £0.6m of the balance be earmarked to support the Covid-19 Recovery, with the remaining balance (£1.8m) being used to increase the Minimum Working Balance of the HRA from £5.2m to £7m;
- (vi) that approval be given to the write off of historic bad debt totalling £2.1m being £1.9m General Fund and £0.2m HRA as detailed in Section 4 of the report; and
- (vii) that the expected impact of Covid-19 on the Council's Financial Position be noted and that the Finance Recovery Strategy be identified and adopted.

**266. Capital Programme Performance Year Ending 31st March 2020  
(Cab.10.6.2020/9)**

**RESOLVED:-**

- (i) that the final position of the 2019/20 Capital Programme which totals £140.9m, as set out in the report now submitted, be noted;
- (ii) that project scheme slippage and the associated funding into future years to allow scheme completion, totalling £16.1m, be approved;
- (iii) that approval be given to the project net re-phasing of budgets and associated funding into 2019/20, totalling £4.7m;
- (iv) that a total net increase in scheme costs, funded from unallocated resources in 2019/20 totalling £1.7m be approved;
- (v) that the new schemes approved and included within the capital programme during the quarter totalling £46.5m be noted;
- (vi) that it be noted that all schemes in delivery during 2020/21 be reviewed in respect of deliverability risk, financial risk and other risks in the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic; and
- (vii) that all schemes that are due to commence during 2020/21 be reviewed in terms of both ongoing appropriateness and in respect of deliverability risk and financial risk in the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic, as outlined in the Council's Financial Recovery Strategy, be noted.

**267. Annual Report on Treasury Management Activities 2019/20 (Cab.10.6.2020/10)**

**RESOLVED:-**

- (i) that the Treasury Management Activities undertaken for the period 2019/20, as detailed in the report now submitted, be noted; and
- (ii) that the latest expectations for interest rates as outlined in Section 4 of the report be noted;
- (iii) that the Prudential and Treasury Indicators as set out in Appendix 1 of the report be noted; and
- (iv) that the proposed (temporary) increase in investment limits, as outlined in paragraph 6.3 of the report, be approved.

**268. Barnsley's Recovery and Renewal Strategy - Moving on from COVID-19  
(Cab.10.6.2020/11)**

**RESOLVED:-**

- (i) that the Barnsley MBC Recovery and Renewal Strategy, as set out in the report now submitted, be endorsed;

- (ii) that the proposed governance and roadmap to support the Strategy be noted; and
- (iii) that further reports be submitted as appropriate to advise on progress.

### **Children's Spokesperson**

#### **269. National Assessment and Accreditation Scheme for Child and Family Social Workers: Evaluation of the Phase Two Pilot in the Borough (Cab.10.6.2020/12)**

**RESOLVED** that the outcomes emerging through the piloting of the National Assessment and Accreditation Scheme (NAAS) in the Borough and the benefits to be accrued in the quality of practice, as detailed in the report now submitted, be noted.

#### **270. Future Commissioning Of Resourced Education Provision For Pupils With Sensory Impairments (Cab.10.6.2020/13)**

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

- (i) that the recommended Option 5 is the preferred method for continuing to meet the educational needs of children with sensory impairments in the Borough, as set out in the report now submitted, be approved with effect from 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020; and
- (ii) that the Sensory Team's Peripatetic Service to local mainstream schools for the purpose of supporting the education needs of children with sensory impairments, be reviewed for effectiveness, as part of the quarterly performance and finance reporting framework, for services to children and young people with special educational needs.

### **Regeneration and Culture Spokesperson**

#### **271. Demolition of 35 Eldon Street and Associated Temporary Highway Works (Cab.10.6.2020/14)**

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

- (i) that the Service Director Regeneration and Culture be authorised to appoint Henry Boot Contractors using the existing partnering agreement to undertake the demolition works and associated temporary highway works of 35 Eldon Street, Barnsley including all surveys required for safe demolition of the site and reconfiguration of the highway; and
- (ii) that the Service Director Regeneration and Culture be authorised to appoint successful tenderers for all additional survey work required for demolition; and/or consider whether the works, services or goods can be provided in-house, in compliance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules, subject to value for money considerations.

**272. Recognising the Impact of Covid-19 and the Contributions Made  
(Cab.10.6.2020/15)**

**RESOLVED:-**

- (i) that the concept of developing a Memorial Sculpture which also recognises the contribution of key workers, as set out in the report submitted, be endorsed;
- (ii) that approval be given to the introduction of the Mayor's Special Award Medals;
- (iii) that the review of the Freedom of the Borough Scheme in 2021 incorporate an opportunity to recognise the impact of Covid-19 and the contributions made; and
- (iv) that approval be given to a virtual Book of Condolence being established.

**273. Barnsley Youth Zone (Cab.10.6.2020/16)**

**RESOLVED:-**

- (i) that, as a consequence of the debilitating financial impact of Covid-19, agreement be given for the Barnsley Youth Zone to be initially paused for a period of six months pending a fuller understanding of the Council's overall financial position and in particular the Government's response to that, as set out in the report now submitted;
- (ii) that a further report be brought forward when the position is more fully understood; and
- (iii) that, in light of the current Covid-19 emergency, a further financial review with the provider OnSide be undertaken of the Youth Zone business model.

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Chair