

MEETING:	Full Council
DATE:	Thursday, 4 February 2021
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY

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 recorded within the Minutes submitted for consideration at this meeting).

2. Minutes (*Pages 7 - 24*)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 26th November, 2020.

3. Communications

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

Item for Decision

4. Appointment to Outside Bodies

(a) Shaw Lands Trust

Proposed – 1 Member

(b) Safer Barnsley Partnership Board

Proposed – 1 Member drawn from the Police and Crime Panel

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. Housing Revenue Account - Draft 2021/22 Budget and Investment Proposals 2021-26 (Cab.13.1.2021/8) (*Pages 25 - 38*)

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL

- (i) that the HRA Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) as set out in Section 4 of the report submitted be noted;
- (ii) that the Housing Revenue Account Draft Budget for 2021/22 be approved, as outlined in Section 5, including the proposed revenue

investments and savings, as outlined in Section 6, with any final amendments/additions being delegated to the Cabinet Spokespersons for Place and the Executive Director for Place in consultation with the Cabinet Spokesman for Core Services and the Service Director - Finance (S151);

- (iii) that a rent increase in line with the Government's rent policy be approved;
- (iv) that it be noted that there is no proposed change to non-dwelling rents, service charges and heating charges for 2021/22;
- (v) that the 2021/22 Berneslai Homes Management Fee at paragraph 7.7 be approved, with any final amendments/additions delegated to the Cabinet Spokespersons for Place and the Service Director, Regeneration and Culture in consultation with the Cabinet Spokesman for Core Services and the Service Director - Finance (S151);
- (vi) that the 2021/22 Berneslai Homes Management Fee for both Gypsy and Traveller Sites be approved and in respect of the ESF Grant, both of which are charged to the Authority's General Fund, detailed at paragraphs 7.8 and 7.9 respectively;
- (vii) that approval be given to the commitment to the decarbonisation of the Council house stock with an initial investment of £1.9M in 2021/22;
- (viii) that approval be given in principle, the proposed emerging capital priority schemes as detailed in Section 8, subject to individual reports as appropriate, in line with the Council's governance arrangements;
- (ix) that the Core Housing Capital Investment programme for 2021/22 be approved and that the indicative programme for 2022/23 through 2025/26, outlined in Section 8, be noted.

Minutes of the Regulatory Boards

- 6. Planning Regulatory Board - 24th November, 2020 (*Pages 39 - 42*)
- 7. Audit and Governance Committee - 2nd December, 2020 (*Pages 43 - 60*)
- 8. General Licensing Panels - Various (*Pages 61 - 62*)
- 9. Appeals, Awards and Standards - Various (*Pages 63 - 64*)

Minutes of the Scrutiny Committees

- 10. Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Strong and Resilient Workstream) - 1st December, 2020 (*Pages 65 - 70*)
- 11. Overview and Scrutiny Committee - 12th January, 2021 (*Pages 71 - 76*)

Minutes of the Area Councils

12. Central Area Council - 2nd November, 2020 *(Pages 77 - 82)*
13. Dearne Area Council - 16th November, 2020 *(Pages 83 - 88)*
14. North Area Council - 23rd November, 2020 *(Pages 89 - 94)*
15. North East Area Council - 26th November, 2020 *(Pages 95 - 98)*
16. Penistone Area Council - 3rd December, 2020 *(Pages 99 - 102)*
17. South Area Council - 18th December, 2020 *(Pages 103 - 106)*

Minutes of the Cabinet Meetings

18. Cabinet Meeting - 18th November, 2020 *(Pages 107 - 108)*
19. Cabinet Meeting - 2nd December, 2020 *(Pages 109 - 114)*
20. Cabinet Meeting - 16th December, 2020 *(Pages 115 - 118)*
21. Cabinet Meeting - 13th January, 2021 *(Pages 119 - 124)*

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

22. 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.

23. South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority - 12th October, 2020 *(Pages 125 - 136)*
24. South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority - 23rd November, 2020 *(Pages 137 - 144)*
25. Police and Crime Panel - 10th November, 2020 *(Pages 145 - 148)*
26. Police and Crime Panel (Draft) - 14th December, 2020 *(Pages 149 - 164)*
27. Sheffield City Region Mayoral Combined Authority Board (Draft) - 16th November, 2020 *(Pages 165 - 174)*

28. South Yorkshire Pensions Authority - 10th December, 2020 (Pages 175 - 184)

29. 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.

(a) Councillor Wilson

'South Yorkshire Municipal Waste Strategy - One of the key priorities of the Strategy is to encourage our residents to recycle more. When is the Council going to be in a position to allow residents to recycle more plastic waste? At present we only recycle plastic bottles.'

(b) Councillor Lodge

'In November 2019, the Cabinet Member for Place (Regeneration and Culture) advised Members that the Council had launched an energy tariff to support residents at risk of fuel poverty. At the time, the partner energy provider was experiencing financial difficulties and despite these difficulties, residents were still encouraged to sign up. Since then, what has been done to ensure residents aren't out of pocket with their energy transfer to a Big 6 Supplier and support residents at risk or experiencing fuel poverty in the future?'

(c) Councillor Kitching

'Please can the Cabinet Member for Core Services supply a month-by-month breakdown of:

- a) The amount of Council Tax arrears*
- b) The amount of Berneslai Homes rent arrears*

since the start of the pandemic in March 2020?'

(d) Councillor Lofts

'If we are to enable residents to get out of their cars and choose alternative transport we must ensure they are safe to travel on our roads. Whilst Barnsley has many kilometres of safe off-road cycle ways; how many kilometres of safe, dedicated cycle lanes are there on Barnsley's roads?'

(e) Councillor Lodge

'Given the change in working habits, there has been a significant increase in recyclable and non-recyclable waste in households across the Borough. In order to limit the impact of this increased waste, is it now time look at increased waste collection?'

(f) Councillor Greenhough

'Has there been a drop off in the number of foster carers taking on short term and

emergency placements since the start of the pandemic in March 2020? This has been reported elsewhere due to foster carers shielding and anxieties about bringing others into the household.'

(g) Councillor Hunt

'How many reported incidents of fly tipping have there been in the last year, and how does this compare to previous years?'

(h) Councillor Kitching

'How many children have been deregistered from schools since they re- opened in September, 2020?'

(i) Councillor Kitching

'How many children who were de registered from schools since September 2020 were previously identified as vulnerable?'

(j) Councillor Kitching

'How many vulnerable individuals have been helped by the Council's Covid hardship fund so far?'

(k) Councillor Kitching

'How many of individuals who have been helped by the Councils Covid Hardship fund are older residents who receive winter fuel allowance?'

(l) Councillor Kitching

'In relation to the Council's Covid hardship fund, how much money has been given out and to how many people?'

Notice of Motion submitted in accordance with Standing Order No 6

30. No Cuts in Universal Credit - Let Families keep the £20 increase

Proposer - Councillor Ennis OBE

Seconder – Councillor Cherryholme

Aim: To maintain the income of low and middle income families

This council notes:

- Next April the Government plan to cut the benefit level for millions of claimants by ending of the time limited increase to the basic rate of Universal Credit (and the tax credit equivalent) announced by the Chancellor on 20th March as part of his pandemic response package.
- The £20 a week boost reflected the reality that the level of benefits were not adequate to protect the swiftly increasing number of households relying on them as the crisis hit. Exactly because that increase was a very

significant and welcome move to bolster low- and middle-income families living standards, its removal will be a huge loss.

- Pressing ahead would see the level of unemployment support fall to its lowest real-terms level since 1990-91, and it's lowest ever relative to average earnings. Indeed, the basic level of out-of-work support prior to the March boost was – at £73 a week (£3,800 a year) – less than half the absolute poverty line.
- The increase in benefits have had a positive effect on the lives of thousands of local claimants who are better able to pay for life's essentials such as food, clothing and utilities.
- The local economy has also benefited from the increase in benefit levels as claimants spend their money locally thereby supporting local businesses and jobs.

This council resolves to:

- Write to the Chancellor, Rishi Sunak and to the Prime Minister, Boris Johnson demanding that the £20 increase to Universal Credit is made permanent and extended to claimants on legacy benefits.
- Work with other local government organisations to form a coalition to pressure the government to make the £20 increase to Universal Credit permanent.



Sarah Norman
Chief Executive

Wednesday, 27 January 2021