

MEETING:	Cabinet
DATE:	Wednesday 14 June 2023
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Council Chamber, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present Councillors Houghton CBE (Chair), Cain, Franklin, Frost, Higginbottom, Howard, Makinson and Newing

Members in Attendance: Councillors Bellamy, Bowser, Moyes, Osborne, Peace and Sheard

18. Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

Councillor Newing declared a non-pecuniary interest in respect of Minute Number 33 as she had actively participated in the Task and Finish Group.

19. Leader - Call-in of Cabinet decisions

The Leader reported that no decisions from the previous meeting held on 31 May 2023 had been called in.

20. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 31 May 2023 (Cab.14.6.2023/3)

The minutes of the meeting held on 31 May 2023 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

21. Decisions of Cabinet Spokespersons (Cab.14.6.2023/4)

The Record of Decisions taken by Cabinet Spokespersons under delegated powers during the week ending 02 June 2023 were noted.

22. Petitions received under Standing Order 44 (Cab.14.6.2023/5)

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

23. Outcomes of the Ofsted Focused Inspection of the Experience and Progress of Young People Leaving Care (Cab.14.6.2023/6)

RECOMMENDATION TO FULL COUNCIL ON 27 JULY 2023

RESOLVED that Cabinet notes the outcomes of the recent Ofsted focused visit on the experience and progress of young people leaving care in Barnsley, together with the next steps; and that the report be submitted for consideration at the meeting of Full Council, on 27th July 2023.

24. Response to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) Task and Finish Group (TFG) Report on Customer Experience (Cab.14.6.2023/7)

RESOLVED that Cabinet endorses the responses, conclusions, and recommendations set out in the report, following the Task and Finish Group's report on Customer Experience in Barnsley.

25. Quarter 4 (2022/23) Corporate Performance Report (Cab.14.6.2023/8)

The performance reports at items 25 to 28 were considered in tandem.

RESOLVED that Cabinet:-

1. Reviews, challenges and scrutinises the contents of the Corporate Performance Report in relation to the delivery of the Corporate Plan priorities and outcomes; and
2. Agrees that the Performance Report is shared with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to inform and support their ongoing work programme.

26. Corporate Finance Performance Report Year End 2022/23 (Cab.14.6.2023/9)

RESOLVED that Cabinet:-

1. Notes the final position for the General Fund which shows cumulative cost pressures for the year of £10.5M (after adjusting for statutory balances, scheme slippage & known expenditure commitments in 22/23 – detailed in Appendix 1), an improvement of approximately £2.0M on the position reported at Q3; and
2. Approves the release of £10.5M of reserves previously earmarked to mitigate these cost pressures and deliver a balanced budget in line with the Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS); and
3. Notes the final position on the Housing Revenue Account, which shows cumulative cost pressures of £0.665M funded from a transfer from reserves; and
4. Approves the write-off of historic bad debts totalling £1.1M as detailed in Section 4 of the report; and
5. Notes that an updated MTFS and mitigating efficiency plans will be submitted to Cabinet in due course in lieu of the significant ongoing financial challenges faced by the Council.

27. Capital Programme Performance Year End 31 March 2023 (Cab.14.6.2023/10)

RESOLVED that Cabinet:-

1. Notes the final financial position on the 2022/23 Capital Programme; and
2. Approves scheme slippage totalling £37.3M (paragraph 2.6 and Appendix B refer); and

3. Approves scheme re-phasing totalling £3.8M (paragraph 2.7 and Appendix B refer); and
4. Notes the total net increase in scheme costs in 2022/23 of £1.1M (paragraph 2.8 and Appendix B refer); and
5. Receives an updated 2023/24 indicative Capital Programme position (as part of the Quarterly Finance Monitoring update).

28. Annual Report on Treasury Management Activities 2022/23 (Cab.14.6.2023/11)

RESOLVED that Cabinet:-

1. Notes the latest expectations for interest rates (as outlined at paragraph 2.6); and
2. Notes the activities undertaken during the year to support the Council's borrowing and investment strategies; and
3. Notes the Prudential and Treasury Indicators set out in Appendix 1.

29. Employee Notice Periods (Giving Of) (Cab.14.6.2023/12)

RESOLVED that Cabinet:-

1. Agrees the revised arrangements for notice periods for all new employees as:
 - Grades 1 – 6 four weeks' notice period.
 - Grades 7 – 11 eight weeks' notice period.
 - Grades 12 and above – twelve weeks' notice period.
2. Agrees to existing employees in grades 7 - 11 being asked to accept the revised notice period of eight weeks on a voluntary basis.

30. Acceptance of grant from Museum Estate and Development Fund (MEND) for repairs to the roof at Cannon Hall Museum (Cab.14.6.2023/13)

RESOLVED that Cabinet:-

1. Accepts the offer of £0.898m; and
2. Approves the delivery of the agreed programme of works.

31. EPC C Retrofit Kickstart Programme (Cab.14.6.2023/14)

RESOLVED that Cabinet:-

1. Approves the £500,000 EPC C Kickstart programme to be delivered via the PRIP contract during 2023/24; and
2. Notes the programme of planned condition and energy performance surveys to be undertaken across stock on an accelerated basis up to March 2024.

These surveys were to be used by Berneslai Homes to produce a robust asset data strategy which would inform the wider Retrofit Programme from 2024-2030 and produce an overlying wider asset management strategy.

32. Guidelines for Commissioning Art in Public Places (Cab.14.6.2023/15)

RESOLVED that Cabinet agrees to the adoption and dissemination of the guidance.

33. Overview & Scrutiny Committee Sexual & Reproductive Health Task & Finish Group: Response Report (Cab.14.6.2023/16)

RESOLVED that Cabinet endorses the responses to each recommendation.

34. 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>
35	Paragraph 2

35. Review and Refresh of the Placement and Sufficiency Strategy for Children in Care and Care Leavers (2023-2026) (Cab.14.6.2023/18)

RESOLVED that Cabinet approves the Barnsley Placement and Sufficiency Strategy as the basis for enabling the Local Authority's continued compliance with its statutory duty for meeting the accommodation needs of children requiring care and young people leaving care.

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Chair