

MEETING:	Cabinet
DATE:	Wednesday 24 January 2024
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Council Chamber, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present Councillors Houghton CBE (Chair), Cain, T. Cave, Franklin, Frost, Higginbottom, Howard and Makinson

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

172. Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

Councillor Osborne declared a non-pecuniary interest as a Board Member at Berneslai Homes in respect of Minute Numbers 178, 179 and 180.

Councillor Sheard declared a non-pecuniary interest as a Governor at Barnsley Hospital in respect of the agenda as a whole.

173. Leader - Call-in of Cabinet decisions

The Leader reported that no decisions from the previous meeting held on 10 January 2024 had been called in.

174. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 January 2024 (Cab.24.1.2024/3)

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 January 2024 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

175. Decisions of Cabinet Spokespersons (Cab.24.1.2024/4)

There were no Records of Decisions by Cabinet Spokespersons under delegated powers to report.

176. Petitions received under Standing Order 44 (Cab.24.1.2024/5)

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

177. Maintaining the Council's Long Term Financial Sustainability (Cab.24.1.2024/6)

RESOLVED that Cabinet note the challenging financial context and the Council's plans to ensure its ongoing financial sustainability.

178. Housing Revenue Account - Draft 2024/25 Budget and Capital Investment Proposals 2024-29 (Cab.24.1.2024/7)

RECOMMENDATION TO FULL COUNCIL ON 1 FEBRUARY 2024

RESOLVED that Cabinet recommend to forward to Full Council to approve:-

1. The HRA draft budget business plan for 2024/25 & note the MTFs (Medium Term Financial Strategy), with any final amendments being delegated to the Cabinet Spokesperson for Growth & Sustainability and the Executive Director for Growth & Sustainability in consultation with the Cabinet Spokesman for Core Services, the Director of Finance (S151); and Service Director Regeneration and Culture (Client lead for Berneslai Homes); and
2. A rent, non-dwelling rent, service charge and District Heating kWh increase of 7.7% in line with the Government's Rent Cap to maintain decency and to avoid cuts to services in 2024/25 and future years; and
3. The 2024/25 Berneslai Homes Management Fee totalling £16.674M, plus Gypsy and Traveller Management fee of £0.069M charged to the General Fund. Total £16.743M; and
4. The Core Housing Capital Investment Programme for 2024/25 totalling £17.939M Appendix 1; and
5. In principle, the proposed 5-year New Build and Acquisitions Programme £42.861M (up to c200 properties), subject to individual reports as appropriate, in line with the Council's governance arrangements (Appendix 2); and
6. A one year only £4.9M priority adjustment from Capital BHS to responsive Revenue Repairs to fund current demand whilst maintaining decency standards.

179. Housing Strategy 2024-28 (Cab.24.1.2024/8)

RECOMMENDATION TO FULL COUNCIL ON 1 FEBRUARY 2024

RESOLVED that Cabinet recommends that Full Council notes the outcome of the public consultation exercise and approves the adoption of the Housing Strategy 2024-28 which has been updated following public consultation.

180. Refresh of the Berneslai Homes 2021-31 Strategic Plan and Annual Business Plan for 2024/25 (Cab.24.1.2024/9)

RESOLVED that Cabinet:-

1. Approves the refreshed Berneslai Homes 2021-31 Strategic Plan and Annual Business Plan for 2024/25; and
2. Agrees the Service Director for Regeneration and Culture, in consultation with the Cabinet Spokesperson for Growth and Sustainability, be authorised to approve any minor final amendments or additions to the Strategic Plan/Annual Business Plan (including the final suite of KPI's for 2024/25 which will align to the Regulator's Tenant Satisfaction Measures), and associated appendices as may be identified.

181. Street Trading Policy - Resolution to Designate Consent Streets (Cab.24.1.2024/10)

RESOLVED that Cabinet:-

1. Approve the consultation process for the adoption of Schedule 4 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982; and
2. Approve all streets within the Barnsley borough be designated as Consent Streets to enable effective management and control of Street Trading within Barnsley town centre and the wider borough; and
3. Approve the draft Street Trading Policy for consultation purposes; and
4. Approve the draft proposed fees and charges for street trading permissions; and
5. Approve the draft Notice of Intention To Pass A Resolution on Street Trading and the Designation of Consent Streets.

182. Submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission on the Council's Future Ward Boundaries (Cab.24.1.2024/11)

RESOLVED that Cabinet approve the proposals for submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission.

183. Statutory Polling District and Place Review 2023 (Cab.24.1.2024/12)

RECOMMENDATION TO FULL COUNCIL ON 1 FEBRUARY 2024

RESOLVED that Cabinet recommend to Full Council:-

1. That the council designates the polling districts and places listed in Appendix 1 for all Parliamentary and Local elections; and
2. That the council empowers the Returning Officer to make any enforced changes to this schedule as required if buildings become unavailable in consultation with the elected members for the affected ward until the next statutory review.

184. New Early Years Entitlements and Wraparound Expansion (Cab.24.1.2024/13)

RESOLVED that Cabinet:-

1. Notes the timetable for the extension of early years funding entitlements for young children aged from 9 months, together with concurrent developments in 'Wraparound' child-care in the Borough; and
2. Agrees to draw down the funding grants made available by the DFE to support the Local Authority in developing the local childcare offer to ensure sufficient childcare places.

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Chair