

MEETING:	Cabinet
DATE:	Wednesday 6 March 2024
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Council Chamber, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

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

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

204. Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

Councillor Cain declared a non-pecuniary interest as a Board Member at Goldthorpe Town Deal Board in respect of Minute Number 214.

Councillor Cave declared a non-pecuniary interest as a Trustee at Barnsley Youth Zone in respect of the agenda as a whole.

Councillor Newing declared a non-pecuniary interest due to undertaking work for the NHS in respect of the agenda as a whole.

Councillor Osborne declared a non-pecuniary interest as a Board Member at Berneslai Homes in respect of Minute Number 212.

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

205. Call-in of Cabinet decisions

The Deputy Leader reported that no decisions from the previous meeting held on 21 February 2024 had been called in.

206. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 21 February 2024 (Cab.6.3.2024/3)

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 February 2024 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

207. Decisions of Cabinet Spokespersons (Cab.6.3.2024/4)

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

208. Petitions received under Standing Order 44 (Cab.6.3.2024/5)

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

209. Annual Review of the Sufficiency of Childcare Places in the Borough (Cab.6.3.2024/6)

RESOLVED that Cabinet notes the outcomes of the annual review of the sufficiency of early years provision in the Borough and endorses the actions to be taken to maintain resilience within the sector which supports the sustainability of provision as indicated in Section 4 of the report.

210. Quarter 3 (2023/24) Corporate Performance Report (Cab.6.3.2024/7)

RESOLVED that Cabinet:-

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

211. Corporate Finance Performance Quarter 3 2023/24 (Cab.6.3.2024/8)

RESOLVED that Cabinet:-

1. Note the £20.7M projected cost pressure on the Council's 2023/24 General Fund budget, a slight improvement of £0.5M since Quarter 2; and
2. Note the significant ongoing cost pressures within Children's Social Care and the plans the Executive Director of Children's Services in conjunction with the Director of Finance are undertaking to mitigate these pressures; and
3. Agree to receive further updates from Executive Directors on the delivery of their service reviews/efficiencies and future spending plans, ensuring that these are managed within agreed resource envelopes; and
4. Note the requirement to utilise reserves as agreed in Quarter 2; and
5. Note the current forecast pressure of £1.0M on the Housing Revenue Account, an increase of £0.2M since Q2; and
6. Endorse the accounting write-off of historic bad debts totalling £0.512M as detailed in the report [NB: all debts remain liable for collection]; and
7. Note the forecast position on the Capital Programme (paragraph 3); and
8. Note scheme slippage totalling £19.1M; and
9. Note scheme rephasing totalling £1.4M; and
10. Endorse new schemes to be released into the programme totalling £2.2M in line with the agreed 2023/24 Capital Programme; and
11. Note the key messages from the Council's Q3 Treasury Management activities (paragraph 4).

212. HRA Decent Homes Capital Investment Report 2024/25 (Cab.6.3.2024/9)

RESOLVED that Cabinet:-

1. Approves the HRA 2024/25 Barnsley Homes Standard Programme; and
2. Approves the HRA 2024/25 Supplementary Investment Programme; and
3. Approves the HRA 2024/25 Other Investments.

213. 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>
214	Paragraph 3
215	Paragraph 3

214. Goldthorpe Housing Project Design and Delivery (Goldthorpe Towns Fund: Project D) (Cab.6.3.2024/11)

RESOLVED that Cabinet:-

1. Approves the final red line boundary/intervention area of the Goldthorpe Housing Project along with confirmation of the final properties for acquisition and demolition as detailed in Appendix 1; and
2. Approves the RIBA Stage 3 Goldthorpe Housing Project Site Plan (Appendix 2) and the Greenspace Plan (Appendix 3) as outlined in Section 2 of the report (subject to minor amendments during the planning process); and
3. Approves the commencement of work necessary to fully deliver the Goldthorpe Housing Project as outlined in Section 2 of the report, noting that the cost of the scheme will be contained within the funding envelope described in Recommendation 5; and
4. Approves the proposed budget virements included in the Project Adjustment Request (PAR) submitted to DLUHC for evaluation in December 2023 - noting that subject to Cabinet approval DLUHC has confirmed approval of the PAR (subject to formal paperwork).

Noting: Approval of the virements in the PAR would address not only the existing funding shortfall for the Goldthorpe Housing Project but would also support the overall deliverability of the Goldthorpe Towns Fund Programme (Section 2.14).

For the purposes of expediency and completeness each of the virements in the PAR are submitted to Cabinet for approval via this report (Section 2.14).

5. Approves the acceptance and draw down of the funding package described in Section 3, and any other match funding that becomes available, to provide the resources necessary to support delivery of the Goldthorpe Housing Project; and
6. Delegates approval of any amendments to the details contained within the full business case, along with the approval of any other full business cases (including the acceptance of any additional match funding) to the council's Section 151 Officer in consultation with Executive Director of Growth and Sustainability, the Towns Deal Board and council's Capital Oversight Board; and
7. Delegates authority to the Executive Director of Core Services, in consultation with the Service Director for Regeneration and Culture to seek tenders for any aspect of the delivery of the project for works and professional services up to the completion of the final delivery stage; and
8. Gives approval to proceed with procurement and award of all contracts required to deliver the scheme, subject to the satisfactory outcome of 'bid appraisal' and 'due diligence' processes provided that affordability within the secured funding envelope is demonstrated; and
9. Delegates final scheme approval and responsibility for the appointment of suitably qualified contractors, to the Executive Director of Growth and Sustainability, following consultation with the Director of Finance; and
10. Approves the extension of the current Grade 6 Project Officer role for an additional 1-year fixed term contract; and
11. Delegates authority to the Executive Director of Growth and Sustainability to approve the preparation and submission of any necessary statutory procedures and applications for permission (including planning permission) required to complete the project; and
12. Delegates authority to the Executive Director of Core Services to negotiate, conclude and execute on behalf of the council any document or agreement required to give effect to the delegations contained in the report; and
13. Delegates authority to the Group Leader Estates to enter into negotiations and to acquire any interests in land not in the ownership of the local authority necessary to deliver the Goldthorpe Housing Project and now identified in the red line boundary. This includes agreeing any Home Loss and Basic Loss, disturbance and other heads of compensation to which occupiers would be entitled if they were displaced from their properties in consequence of the exercise of compulsory purchase powers; and
14. Delegates authority to Head of Strategic Housing to enter into grant funding agreements with private property owners to manage appointed contractors on their behalf.

215. Milefield Primary - Re-roofing Works (Cab.6.3.2024/12)

RESOLVED that Cabinet:-

- 1. Approves the additional funding required to deliver the reroofing scheme at Milefield Primary; and
- 2. The financial implications arising from the report be included in the capital programme and released in accordance with the Financial Regulations Code of Practice C5.2(a).

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Chair