

MEETING:	Cabinet
DATE:	Wednesday 3 April 2024
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Reception Room - Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

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

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

230. Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

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

231. Call-in of Cabinet decisions

It was reported that no decisions from the previous meeting held on 20 March 2024 had been called in.

232. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 20 March 2024 (Cab.3.4.2024/3)

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2024 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

233. Decisions of Cabinet Spokespersons (Cab.3.4.2024/4)

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

234. Action Taken under Paragraph B5 of the Responsibility for Executive Functions - Officer Delegations Contained in the Council Constitution (Cab.3.4.2024/5)

RESOLVED that the action taken by Executive Directors under Paragraph B5 of the Responsibility for Executive Functions – Officer Delegations, as contained within the Appendix attached to the report now submitted and detailed below, be noted:-

Classified Roads Investment Programme 2024/25

Date of Decision – 15 March 2024

1. Approve the release of the provisional allocation of £2.0M identified in the Medium-Term Financial Strategy (Cab.7.2.2024/6), referenced in the 2024/25 Highways Capital Programme and approved at Full Council on 29th February 2023.

2. Approve the detailed 2024/25 Classified Roads Investment Programme, as set out in Appendix 1 and agree that this be released into the Council's full capital programme.
3. Authorise that the 2024/25 Classified Roads Investment Programme be varied in line with the Council's governance and approval limits (paragraphs 2.5 – 2.12 refers).
4. Authorise the Service Director, Environment and Transport, to:
 - Deliver a programme of Highway Maintenance work based upon the Asset Management Policy and Implementation Strategy, supplemented with engineering judgement to meet strategic priorities, ensure the longevity of the highway asset.
 - Obtain tenders for any works, goods and services as necessary, and appoint any successful tenderer on the basis of the most economically advantageous tender.
 - Adopt the principle of collaboration and utilise collaborative procurement and engage external service suppliers to undertake work which cannot be undertaken in-house, via Regional Alliances, where available.
 - Appoint other external consultants and contractors as appropriate, within the current Contract Procurement Rules.

235. Petitions received under Standing Order 44 (Cab.3.4.2024/6)

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

236. Annual Replacement Programme 2024-27 - Domestic and Commercial Bins (Cab.3.4.2024/7)

RESOLVED that Cabinet:-

1. Approve the bin replacement programme for 2024 -2027; and
2. Approve the Capital expenditure in the sum of £1,304m for the period 2024-2027 as set out in the report; and
3. Approve the prudential borrowing as the most cost-effective solution.

237. Vehicle Replacements 2024/25 (Cab.3.4.2024/8)

RESOLVED that Cabinet:-

1. Authorise the procurement of up to 53 new vehicles, including plant equipment in 2024/25, to be used by council departments and partner organisations, with a value of up to £4,053,000, through purchase followed by a sale and lease back arrangement or whichever method of funding is deemed appropriate following full financial appraisal; and
2. Agree to procure additional vehicles, included in the number above, which reduce dependency on short-term hire vehicles, which will improve resilience

and reduce overall financial burden to the authority once full financial appraisal has occurred; and

3. Agree to conditionally authorise procurement of a further 15 vehicles, with a value of £460,000 these 15 vehicles are not currently funded, and procurement will not take place unless funding is confirmed.
 - 13 of these were to replace aging frontline equipment that was owned by the council and operated by Neighbourhood Services. There was no current budget associated with these assets for replacements. No procurement would take place until a business case demonstrating the requirement for the vehicle/plant was reviewed and the required funding was confirmed as being available through appropriate governance channels.
 - 2 of these had been requested by Facilities Management and Independent Living at Home. These were additional to the current fleet. No procurement would take place until a business case demonstrating the requirement for the vehicle was reviewed and the required funding was confirmed as being available through appropriate governance channels; and
4. Support a fleet operational & financial review, to determine the council's vehicle requirement over the period of the MTFs, using a zero basis. This review will support the new Vehicle Replacement Strategy which considers changes to legislation, delivery of statutory services and compliance with the vehicle operator's licence. It will also consider the effects to the MTFs, looking to ensure that the VRP keeps within the approved budgets for the foreseeable future.

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Chair