

<b>MEETING:</b>	Cabinet
<b>DATE:</b>	Tuesday 11 June 2024
<b>TIME:</b>	10.00 am
<b>VENUE:</b>	Council Chamber, Barnsley Town Hall

## MINUTES

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

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

### 9. Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

Councillors Houghton and Moyes each declared a non-pecuniary interest as members of Barnsley Town Board in respect of any item on the agenda.

Councillor Cain declared a non-pecuniary interest as a member of the Family Hubs Group and Virtual School Governance Group in respect of any item on the agenda.

Councillor Newing declared a non-pecuniary interest as an NHS employee in respect of any item on the agenda.

Councillor Sheard declared a non-pecuniary interest as a Barnsley Hospital governor in respect of any item on the agenda.

### 10. Leader - Call-in of Cabinet decisions

The Leader reported that no decisions from the previous meeting held on 29 May 2024 had been called in.

### 11. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 29 May 2024 (Cab.11.6.2024/3)

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 May 2024 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

### 12. Decisions of Cabinet Spokespersons (Cab.11.6.2024/4)

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

### 13. Petitions received under Standing Order 44 (Cab.11.6.2024/5)

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

### 14. Children's Enrichment Proposal (Cab.11.6.2024/6)

**RESOLVED** that Cabinet:-

1. Endorses the concept and purpose of the 'Great Childhoods Ambition' to develop the vision, brand and strategy in preparation for its launch in April 2025; and
2. Approves the use of one-off earmarked reserves of £600,000 to fund the 'Great Childhood Ambition' pilot and delegates responsibility for the expenditure to the Executive Director (Children's Services); and
3. Approves a further £1.0M from earmarked reserves to fund the enhanced Maths and English GCSE Programme and the 'Every Child A Coder Digital Skills Programme, with release of this funding being subject to further details on such programmes being provided.

**15. Adult Skills and Community Learning Service Quality Governance Report (Cab.11.6.2024/7)**

**RESOLVED** that Cabinet:-

1. Accept the Service's self-assessment report for the full academic year August 2022 to July 2023 (Appendix 1); and
2. Note the Service's current development and improvement priorities.

**16. Street Trading – Outcome of Consultation and Resolution to Designate Consent Streets (Cab.11.6.2024/8)**

**RECOMMENDATION TO FULL COUNCIL ON 25 JULY 2024**

**RESOLVED** that Cabinet:-

1. Note the outcome of the consultation process for the adoption of Schedule 4 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982; and
2. Approve the amended Street Trading Policy (attached as Appendix B); and
3. Approve the amended fees and charges for street trading permissions (attached as Appendix B); and
4. Recommend to Full Council to pass a resolution to designate all streets in the Barnsley borough as Consent Streets from 15 September 2024 as per Schedule 4 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 (attached as Appendix C).

**17. Quarter 4 (2023/24) Corporate Performance Report (Cab.11.6.2024/9)**

**RESOLVED** that Cabinet:-

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

**18. Corporate Finance Performance Quarter 4 2023/24 (Cab.11.6.2024/10)**

**RESOLVED** that Cabinet:-

1. Note the final position for the General Fund which showed cumulative cost pressures for the year of £18.118M (after adjusting for statutory balances, scheme slippage and known expenditure commitments in 2024/25 – see Appendix 1), an improvement of approximately £2.0M on the position reported at Q3; and
2. Approve the release of reserves previously earmarked and deliver a balanced budget in line with the MTFs; and
3. Note the final position on the Housing Revenue Account, which showed cumulative cost pressures of £0.392M funded from a transfer from reserves; and
4. Approve the write off of historic bad debts totalling £1.023M as detailed in Section 4 [NB: all debts remain liable for collection]; and
5. Note that the final position reported and subsequent use of reserves to deliver a balanced budget was not sustainable and in line with the recently approved updated MTFs, task the Council's Senior Management Team with managing and mitigating effectively the ongoing impact of the pressures highlighted with in the report within the agreed resources in 2024/25 and beyond, in order to minimise the need to deliver further efficiency savings/make more difficult decisions.

**19. Capital Programme Performance Year End 31 March 2024 (Cab.11.6.2024/11)**

**RESOLVED** that Cabinet:-

1. Note the final financial position on the 2023/24 Capital Programme; and
2. Approve scheme slippage totalling £21.2M (paragraph 2.6 and Appendix B refer); and
3. Approve scheme re-phasing totalling £2.3M (paragraph 2.7 and Appendix B refer); and
4. Note the total net decrease in scheme costs in 2023/24 of £0.6M (paragraph 2.8 and Appendix B refer); and
5. Receive an updated 2024/25 indicative Capital Programme position (as part of the Quarterly Finance Monitoring update).

**20. Annual Report on Treasury Management Activities 2023/24 (Cab.11.6.2024/12)**

**RESOLVED** that Cabinet:-

1. Note the latest expectations for interest rates (as outlined at paragraph 2.4);  
and
2. Note the activities undertaken during the year to support the Council's borrowing and investment strategies, and;
3. Note the Prudential and Treasury Indicators set out in Appendix 1.

**21. Council Plan 2024-2027 (Cab.11.6.2024/13)**

**RECOMMENDATION TO FULL COUNCIL ON 25 JULY 2024**

**RESOLVED** that Cabinet recommend that Council approve the publication of the new Council Plan.

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Chair