

MEETING:	Cabinet
DATE:	Wednesday, 29 November 2017
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Reception Room, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present Councillors Houghton CBE (Chair), Andrews BEM, Bruff, Cheetham, Gardiner, Howard, Miller and Platts

Members in Attendance: Councillors Franklin, Frost, David Griffin, Lamb, Pourali, Saunders and Sheard

124. Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

There were no declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests.

125. Leader - Call-in of Cabinet decisions

The Leader reported that no decisions from the previous meeting held on 15th November, 2017 had been called in.

126. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 15th November, 2017 (Cab.29.11.2017/3)

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th November, 2017 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

127. Decisions of Cabinet Spokespersons (Cab.29.11.2017/4)

The Record of Decisions taken by Cabinet Spokespersons under delegated powers during the week ending 17th November, 2017 were noted.

128. Petitions received under Standing Order 44 (Cab.29.11.2017/5)

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

Leader

129. Responsibility For Executive Functions - Revision To Cabinet Member And Officer Delegations (Cab.29.11.2017/6)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the revision to the Officer Delegations in relation to the distribution of functions to Service Directors within the Core Services Directorate as set out in Appendix 1 to the report now submitted be approved;
- (ii) that the removal of the provisions set out in Appendix 2 of the report from the Delegations of Cabinet Spokespersons in respect of the invitation or

acceptance of tenders as a consequence of revisions to the Contract Procedure Rules, be noted;

- (iii) that the Chief Executive and Executive Directors be authorised to make bids for external funding for schemes within their services consistent with the Council's priorities, subject to the relevant Cabinet Spokesperson(s) and Service Director Finance having been advised of the proposed bid and, in the event that the bid is successful, the approval of any resultant scheme and/or expenditure in accordance with the respective delegated financial limits;
- (iv) that the Head of Highways, Engineering and Transportation be authorised to exercise the Council's functions in relation to ordinary watercourses consents and authorise enforcement action under Section 23 of the Land Drainage Act 1991 as amended by the Flood and Water Management Act 2010; and
- (v) that the Service Director Culture, Housing and Regulation, be authorised to enter into partnerships under Primary Authority with businesses and request nomination of partnerships by Regulatory Delivery under the provisions of Section 25 of the Regulatory Enforcement and Sanctions Act 2008.

Core Services Spokesperson

130. Corporate Plan Performance Report - Quarter 2 Ending 30th September, 2017 (Cab.29.11.2017/7)

The Chief Executive reported that the Council had won Investors in People's (IIP's) Award for Excellence in Leadership and Management (500+ Employees).

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the Corporate Plan Performance Report for Quarter 2 (July to September 2017), as detailed in the report now submitted, be noted;
- (ii) that follow-up reports arising from the Quarter 2 report be submitted on:-
 - Areas for Improvement:
 - Response times to complaints
 - Internal foster care placements
 - Superfast broadband
 - Mental health needs (joint report between People and Public Health)
 - Areas of Achievement:
 - Housing growth; and
- (iii) that the report be shared with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to inform and support their ongoing work programme.

**131. Corporate Financial Performance, Quarter 2 ending 30th September, 2017
(Cab.29.11.2017/8)**

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the Corporate Financial Performance Report for the quarter ending 30th September 2017, as detailed in the report now submitted, be noted;
- (ii) that Executive Directors (where appropriate) provide detailed plans on how their forecast overspends will be brought back into line with existing budgets on a recurrent basis;
- (iii) that approval be given to the write off of £0.547m of historical debt as shown at paragraph 6.3 of the report;
- (iv) that the budget virement detailed in Appendix 1 of the report be approved;
- (v) that the potential impact of the Quarter 2 monitoring position on the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy at paragraph 7 of the report be noted; and
- (vi) that an update be given on the Council Reserves Strategy as part of the 2018/19 Budget Process.

**132. Capital Programme Performance, Quarter 2 ending 30th September, 2017
(Cab.29.11.2017/9)**

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the Capital Programme Performance Report for the quarter ending 30th September 2017, as detailed in the report now submitted, be noted;
- (ii) that both the 2017/18 and overall 5 year Capital Programme positions be noted;
- (iii) that approval be given to the 2017/18 scheme slippage totalling -£0.524m and scheme re-phasing totalling £0.018m (as detailed in paragraphs 4.4, 4.5 and Appendix B of the report);
- (iv) that the total net increases in scheme costs in 2017/18 of £1.055m (as set out in paragraph 4.6 and Appendix B of the report) be approved; and
- (v) that approval be given to the net increase in scheme costs in future years totalling £0.182m (as noted in paragraph 4.7 and Appendix B of the report).

133. Treasury Management Activities and Investment Performance, Quarter 2 ending 30th September, 2017 (Cab.29.11.2017/10)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the Treasury Management Activities and Investment Performance Report for the quarter ended 30th September 2017, as detailed in the report now submitted, be noted;

- (ii) that the Treasury Management activities undertaken during the quarter and compliance with the Prudential Indicators be noted;
- (iii) that the Authority's latest borrowing position as set out in Section 5 of the report be noted;
- (iv) that the Authority's latest investment portfolio and performance for the quarter as detailed in Section 6 of the report be noted; and
- (v) that the Authority's latest outturn position against the approved Treasury Management budget, referred to in Section 8 of the report, be noted.

134. 6 Month Analysis Of Selective Voluntary Early Retirement And Voluntary Severance - April 2017 To September 2017 (Cab.29.11.2017/11)

RESOLVED that the Selective Voluntary Early Retirement and Voluntary Severances that have taken place in the period 1st April to 30th September 2017, as detailed in the report now submitted, be noted.

135. Superfast Broadband Phase II Proposal (Cab.29.11.2017/12)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the proposal to further extend Superfast Broadband across South Yorkshire, as set out in the report now submitted, be supported;
- (ii) that agreement be given to the release of £610,000 as part of the Council's reserves strategy in order to support the proposals; the release of reserves to be contingent on the other South Yorkshire Districts also receiving approval to contribute their share of the total match funding requirement; and
- (iii) that approval be given to the Passenger Transport Executive levy saving being used to support the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy going forward.

Place Spokesperson

136. Better Barnsley Public Realm - Developed Design (Cab.29.11.2017/13)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the Better Barnsley Public Realm detailed design, as set out in the report now submitted, be approved;
- (ii) that approval be given to the expenditure of £8,128,000 for the phased delivery of the public realm improvements to be completed by Spring 2020, in line with the allocation previously agreed by Cabinet on 6th September 2017 (Minute No. 73 refers); and
- (iii) that the public consultation on the proposed designs and the submission of a full planning application be approved.

People (Achieving Potential) Spokesperson

137. Penistone Grammar School Enlargement: Outcome Of Statutory Consultation (Cab.29.11.2017/14)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that approval be given to the proposed enlargement of Penistone Grammar School from 1400 to 1650 places with effect from September 2018, as detailed in the report now submitted;
- (ii) that the approval be subject to the granting of planning permission under Part 3 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990(a) by 31st August, 2018; and
- (iii) that a further report be submitted to Cabinet on the final proposed works and costs.

138. 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>
139	Paragraph 3
140	Paragraph 3

Core Services Spokesperson

139. Treasury Management - Forward Borrowing Option (Cab.29.11.2017/16)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the Treasury Management forward borrowing options and deal, as outlined in Section 5 of the report now submitted, be approved;
- (ii) that the Executive Director Core Services and the Service Director Finance, or their authorised representatives, be authorised to finalise the terms of the Project Documents and any ancillary documents to ensure that financial close is reached on behalf of the Council;
- (iii) that the holding of legal documents in escrow be noted and approved; and
- (iv) that further updates be received where necessary.

140. Energise Barnsley - Distributed Energy Proposal (Cab.29.11.2017/17)

The Core Services Spokesperson reported that the Council had received a Highly Commended Award at the Community Energy England and Community Energy Wales Community Energy Awards 2017 for its work with Energise Barnsley.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the Energise Barnsley – Distributed Energy Proposal, as detailed in Section 4 of the report now submitted, be approved;
- (ii) that the Executive Director Core Services be authorised to enter into legal agreements to deliver the distributed energy proposal;
- (iii) that approval be given for the Council to make the following financial commitments in support of the proposal:
 - To pay one-off legal fees capped at £15,000; and
 - Underwrite site survey fees totalling £60,000 comprising Stairfoot (£35,000) and Beevor Court (£25,000); and
- (iv) that the Council makes an annual donation (up to a maximum of 10%) from 15 year fixed income stream receivable for the proposal to the Energise Barnsley Community Fund – the contribution to be used to create a funding ‘pot’ to be used for the benefit of Community Groups in Barnsley.

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Chair