

MEETING:	Full Council
DATE:	Thursday, 26 July 2018
TIME:	10.30 am
VENUE:	Council Chamber, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present

The Mayor (Councillor S. Green)

- Central Ward - Councillors D. Birkinshaw, Bruff and M. Dyson
- Cudworth Ward - Councillors Hayward, Houghton CBE and C. Wraith MBE
- Darfield Ward - Councillors Coates and Markham
- Darton East Ward - Councillors Charlesworth and Miller
- Darton West Ward - Councillors Burgess, Cave and Howard
- Dearne North Ward - Councillors Gardiner, Gollick and Phillips
- Dearne South Ward - Councillors C. Johnson and Sixsmith MBE
- Dodworth Ward - Councillors Riggs and Wright
- Hoyland Milton Ward - Councillors Franklin, Shepherd and Stowe
- Kingstone Ward - Councillors Mitchell and Williams
- Monk Bretton Ward - Councillors Richardson and Sheard
- North East Ward - Councillors Ennis OBE, Hampson and Higginbottom
- Old Town Ward - Councillors Lofts and Pickering
- Penistone East Ward - Councillors Barnard, Hand-Davis and Wilson
- Penistone West Ward - Councillors David Griffin, Kitching and Millner
- Rockingham Ward - Councillors Andrews BEM, Lamb and Sumner
- Royston Ward - Councillors Cheetham, Clements and Makinson
- St. Helen's Ward - Councillors Leech and Tattersall
- Stairfoot Ward - Councillors Bowler, K. Dyson and W. Johnson
- Wombwell Ward - Councillors Frost and R. Wraith
- Worsbrough Ward - Councillors G. Carr, Clarke and Pourali

58. Mayor's Announcements

(a) Councillor J Ennis OBE

The Mayor expressed his congratulations to Councillor J Ennis in being awarded the OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours for Parliamentary and Political Services.

Members of the Council expressed their own congratulations in the usual manner.

(b) Councillor Daniel Griffin

The Mayor and Members of the Council expressed their congratulations to Councillor Daniel Griffin and his wife following the birth of their third child.

59. Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest from members in respect of items on the agenda.

60. Suspension of Standing Orders

Moved by Councillor Sir Steve Houghton CBE – Seconded by Councillor Andrews BEM; and

RESOLVED that Standing Order 13(5) of the Council be suspended in respect of Minute 61 only insofar as it relates to restrictions on Members speaking more than once.

61. External Annual Governance Report - Presentation

Ms A Warner, representing KPMG, the Authority's External Auditor, made her final presentation on the External Annual Governance Report 2017/18 as it was noted that KPMG would no longer be the Council's Auditors from 2018/19.

Ms Warner outlined the roles and responsibilities of the External Auditor with specific reference to the work undertaken in relation to the Financial Statements, Use of Resources and Whole of Government Accounts.

The following points were noted:

- An unqualified opinion was to be given on the Financial Statements, on the Use of Resources and the Whole of Government Accounts
- The Accounts and Working Papers had been produced to a high standard and the Local Authority Finance Team had dealt with the audit queries efficiently and professionally
- The following risks had been identified for 2017/18 all of which had been mitigated
 - The Valuation of the Local Government Pension Scheme pension assets and liabilities
 - The Valuation of Property, Plant and Equipment
- One Value for Money Risk had been identified in relation to the Delivery of Budgets but this risk and also been mitigated
- In relation to Audit Adjustments:

- The following had been identified as part of the External Audit work all of which had been adjusted in the final version of the accounts:
 - An amendment to accounting treatment of early payment of pension deficit
 - Minor presentational adjustments in relation to notes to the accounts
- There was one unadjusted audit difference identified in relation to the increase in valuation of pension assets arising from applying more timely assumptions for the return on investment. The External Auditor had not required an adjustment in relation to this balance and this related largely to the timing of the accounts which had been reduced by two months compared to previous years
- Three recommendations had been raised in the year:
 - To improve SAP IT controls
 - To ensure robust governance controls were in place in relation to the Glassworks project and to ensure that these were maintained
 - To ensure the receipt of related party declaration forms from all Councillors
- The Annual Governance Statement complied with CIPFA guidance and was consistent with other information the Council published

Councillor Richardson (Chair of Audit), Councillor Gardiner (Cabinet Spokesperson for Core Services and Councillor Sir Steve Houghton CBE (Leader of the Council) all asked to place on record their thanks and appreciation for the work of the External Auditors and for the way in which the audit had been conducted both this year and in the 6 years previously. They also recorded their thanks for the work of the Service Director Finance, for staff within the Finance Directorate and within Internal Audit, for SMT and all other staff who had contributed to the Annual Governance Report and ensuring that the Council received an unqualified opinion. It was pleasing to note that the Authority was managing its finances correctly.

62. Audit Committee Minutes - 20th July, 2018

Moved by Councillor Richardson – Seconded by Councillor Barnard; and

RESOLVED that the minutes now submitted of the proceedings of the Audit Committee held on the 20th July, 2018 be received.

63. External Audit Annual Governance Report 2017/18

Moved by Councillor Gardiner – Seconded by Councillor Franklin; and

RESOLVED

- (i) That the External Auditor's Annual Governance Report 2017/18 be approved;
- (ii) That the findings on the effectiveness of the Council's internal controls and the conclusions on the Council's arrangements for securing Value for Money be noted; and
- (iii) That the findings from the audit work in relation to the 2017/18 financial statements be noted and accordingly, the final accounts 2017/18 (as appended to the Annual Governance report now submitted) be approved.

64. Final Annual Governance Statement 2017/18

Moved by Councillor Gardiner – Seconded by Councillor Franklin; and

RESOLVED that the final Annual Governance Statement 2017/18 be approved and adopted.

65. Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on the 18th May, 2018 (Annual Council) and the 24th May (Ordinary meeting) were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

66. Communications

Materials Recycling World - National Recycling Awards

The Chief Executive was delighted to inform Members that the Council had been winners in the MRW National Recycling Awards. This was a fantastic achievement for Barnsley and involved a private/public partnership arrangement. This demonstrated once again how good the Authority was in getting achievement and success out of its partnership working arrangements and also highlighted the importance of recycling to the Council and to its residents

Councillor Miller (Cabinet Spokesperson for Place) reported that the Environment and Transport Commercial Support Services in partnership with FCC environment and Cycle Penistone were rescuing bikes that were otherwise destined for scrap. They were refurbishing them so that they could be re-used through the sale or hire at an affordable price. This enabled a wider demographic to enjoy the benefits of cycling.

The project turned waste into employment, health and visitor opportunities; with positions created at FCC and Cycle Penistone with bikes for sale or hire at Penistone and Elsecar.

The Rescued and Reused Bikes project had achieved:

- Gold in the IESE Awards for Transformation in Environmental Services
- Highly Commended at the LGC Awards for Partnership Working
- Finalist in the Lets Recycle Awards for Excellence in Partnership Working

and finally

- Winners in the MRW National Recycling Awards for Public/Private Partnership Working

The judges at the MRW National Recycling Awards had said that the scheme won 'for its use of second hand products that lead to a rise in social interaction and shoed health benefits'.

Councillor Miller asked to Council to appreciate the hard work undertaken in both Penistone and Elsecar in achieving this award.

The Mayor and Members of the Council expressed their congratulations to all concerned on this achievement in the usual manner.

67. Questions by Elected Members

The Chief Executive reported that she had received the following question from Councillor Kitching in accordance with Standing Order No. 11:-

'HomeStart South Yorkshire ceased providing support services to vulnerable families on May 31st.

At the previous Council meeting held on May 24th, you told us that plans for filling this gap in service were still in development.

Can you please outline exactly what equivalent provision is now in place across the Borough for families who formerly relied on HomeStart?'

Councillor Bruff (Cabinet Spokesperson for People (Safeguarding)) thanked Councillor Kitching for the question and reported that families which may have previously accessed the support of HomeStart could access their local Family Centre which supported families with children aged 0-19 years (25 years if the young person was disabled). Family Centres provided assistance and advice to children, young people and families through groups, activities and, where appropriate, through one to one Family Support in community venues and in the home. Information on services for families across Barnsley and in local communities was also available through the Families Information Services contact details for which were readily available and could be provided upon request.

More specifically, in relation to the Independent Visitor Scheme, the responsibility for this had recently transferred into the Early Start, prevention and Sufficiency Service. This Service sat within the Early Intervention and prevention arm of Targeted Youth Support. Work had commenced in relation to the scheme's co-ordination and current service users and volunteers would be contacted over the summer. A full programme of support would be in place for volunteers and young people would be supported to continue to access the service or encouraged to where they did not currently do so.

Councillor Bruff then referred to another small contract (which she had referred to at the last Council meeting) and took the opportunity to update Members on the current position with regard to this. The Central Area Council had a contract to deliver a home visiting service to families living in private rented accommodation within the Central Area Council area. The contract was due to last until 30th September, 2018. An update report about HomeStart's financial insolvency was provided and discussed at the Central Area Council meeting held on the 2nd July, 2018 where it was noted that discussions had taken place with HomeStart before the insolvency date to ensure that families had been contacted and, where necessary, were linked back to other statutory and voluntary organisations. Discussions had also taken place regarding the importance of continuing the Central Area HomeStart Family Support Group held at the Hope House Church on a regular weekly basis and an amount of funding was set aside to support the continuation of this group with interim support being provided by the Central Area Team in liaison with HomeStart volunteers.

The full details of the Central Area Council's Procurement and Update report could be found on the Council's website or via the ModGov App for the meeting held on the 2nd July, 2018.

Councillor Kitching, in thanking Councillor Bruff for the response asked, as a supplementary question 'How many families are going to be affected by this and what the increased demand would be for the Family Centres.

Councillor Bruff responded by stating that she did not have this information with her at the meeting but would ensure that a written response would be provided for Councillor Kitching.

68. Questions relating to Joint Authority, Police and Crime Panel and Combined Authority Business

The Chief Executive reported that she had received no questions from Elected Members in accordance with Standing Order No. 12.

69. Police and Crime Panel (Annual Meeting) - 4th June, 2018

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

70. Police and Crime Panel - 2nd July, 2018

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

71. South Yorkshire Pensions Authority (Annual) (Draft) - 7th June, 2018

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

72. South Yorkshire Pensions Authority (Ordinary) (Draft) - 7th June, 2018

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

73. Sheffield City Region Combined Authority (Draft) - 11th June, 2018

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

74. South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority (Annual) (Draft) - 25th June, 2018

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

75. South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority (Ordinary) (Draft) - 25th June, 2018

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

76. Planning Regulatory Board - 22nd May, 2018

Moved by Councillor D. Birkinshaw - Seconded by Councillor R Wraith; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Planning Regulatory Board held on the 22nd May, 2018 be received.

77. Audit Committee - 6th June, 2018

Moved by Councillor Richardson - Seconded by Councillor Barnard; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Audit Committee held on the 6th June, 2018 be received.

78. Planning Regulatory Board - 26th June, 2018

Moved by Councillor D Birkinshaw - Seconded by Councillor R Wraith; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Planning Regulatory Board held on the 26th June, 2018 be received.

79. Audit Committee (Special Meeting) - 2nd July, 2018

Moved by Councillor Richardson - Seconded by Councillor Barnard; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Audit Committee (Special Meeting) held on the 2nd July, 2018 be received.

80. General Licensing Panel - Various

Moved by Councillor C. Wraith, MBE – Seconded by Councillor Lofts; and

RESOLVED that the details of the General Licensing Regulatory Board Panels held in the last cycle of meetings, together with their decisions, be received.

81. Appeals, Awards and Standards - Various

Moved by Councillor Shepherd – Seconded by Councillor Makinson; and

RESOLVED that the details of the various Appeals, Awards and Standards Regulatory Board Panels held in the last cycle of meetings together with their decisions be received.

82. Health and Wellbeing Board - 5th June, 2018

Moved by Councillor Sir Stephen Houghton, CBE – Seconded by Councillor Howard; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Health and Well Being Board held on the 5th June, 2018 be received.

83. Overview and Scrutiny Committee - 5th June, 2018

Moved by Councillor Ennis OBE – Seconded by Councillor W Johnson; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on the 5th June, 2018 be received.

84. Overview and Scrutiny Committee - 19th June, 2018

Moved by Councillor Ennis OBE – Seconded by Councillor W Johnson; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Safeguarding Scrutiny Committee held on the 19th June, 2018 be received.

85. Central Area Council - 14th May, 2018

Moved by Councillor Riggs - Seconded by Councillor Pourali; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Central Area Council held on the 14th May, 2018 be received.

86. Dearne Area Council - 14th May, 2018

Moved by Councillor Gardiner – Seconded by Councillor Sixsmith MBE; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Dearne Area Council held on the 14th May, 2018 be received.

87. North Area Council - 14th May, 2018

Moved by Councillor Leech – Seconded by Councillor Tattersall; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the North Area Council held on the 14th May, 2018 be received.

88. North East Area Council - 31st May, 2018

Moved by Councillor Hayward – Seconded by Councillor C Wraith MBE; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the North East Area Council held on the 31st May, 2018 be received.

89. Penistone Area Council - 7th June, 2018

Moved by Councillor Barnard – Seconded by Councillor Millner; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Penistone Area Council held on the 7th June, 2018 be received.

90. South Area Council - 15th June, 2018

Moved by Councillor Stowe - Seconded by Councillor Shepherd; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the South Area Council held on the 15th June, 2018 be received.

91. Appointments to Regulatory Boards and Outside Bodies

Moved by Councillor Howard – Seconded by Councillor Makinson; and

RESOLVED that the following Members be appointed to the Regulatory Boards and Outside Bodies indicated:

Planning Regulatory Board

Councillor Kitching

General Licensing Regulatory Board

Councillor Newing

Statutory Licensing Regulatory Board

Councillor Newing

Appeals, Awards and Standards

Councillor Newing

Sheffield City Region Combined Authority Scrutiny Committee and Audit and Standards Committee

Councillor Richardson to fill the existing vacancy together with the following substitute Members: Councillors Clements, Lofts and Tattersall

Schools Forum

Cabinet Support Member for People (Achieving Potential)

Shaw Lands Trust

Councillor Williams

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education

Vacancy (one Elected Member)

Corporate Parenting Panel

Councillors Lofts and Burgess to replace Councillors Shepherd and Williams

Adoption Panel

Councillor Lofts

Councillor Newing was welcomed by the Mayor and all Elected Members to this, her first Council Meeting, following her election to the Council on the 12th July, 2018.

92. Minor Amendments to the Council's Constitution

The report of the Executive Director Core Services proposing certain amendments to the Council's Constitution was:

Moved by Councillor Howard – Seconded by Councillor Makinson; and

RESOLVED that the amendments to the Constitution contained within Section 4 of the report now submitted, be approved.

93. Council Nominations To The Berneslai Homes Board (Cab.2.7.2018/6)

Moved by Councillor Howard – Seconded by Councillor Makinson and;

RESOLVED that approval be given to the nomination of Councillors Coates and Pourali to the Berneslai Homes Board.

94. Registration of Members Interests/Code of Conduct – Response to Audit Report (Cab.11.7.2018/7)

Moved by Councillor Howard – Seconded by Councillor Makinson; and

RESOLVED:

- (i) that the recommendations arising from the Internal Audit review of the Registration of Member Interests be noted;
- (ii) that the revised Member Code of Conduct, amended in the light of the review as outlined in Section 4 of the report and attached at Appendix 1, be approved; and
- (iii) that forms for the Registration of Gifts and Hospitality and for the Declaration of Relationships, as set out at Appendices 2 and 3 respectively, be approved.

95. Cabinet Meeting - 16th May, 2018

Moved by Councillor Sir Stephen Houghton, CBE – Seconded by Councillor Andrews BEM; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the Cabinet Meeting held on THE 16TH May, 2018 be received.

96. Cabinet Meeting - 30th May, 2018

Moved by Councillor Sir Stephen Houghton, CBE – Seconded by Councillor Andrews BEM; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the Cabinet Meeting held on the 30th May, 2018 be received.

97. Cabinet Meeting - 13th June, 2018

Councillor Sir Steve Houghton CBE, in moving the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on the 13th June, 2018, referred to Minute 18 'Corporate Financial Summary for the 2017/18 Financial Year' and to the fact that some authorities had 'negative' Revenue Support Grant. This meant that such authorities were better resourced and had additional income in excess of that required to meet the 'needs' of the services within those areas. In response to lobbying from those Authorities, the Government had agreed to fund this cost (totalling approximately £152m) which effectively 'rewarded' those authorities with additional resources. He stated that the Council and SIGOMA were to lobby the Government to reconsider this policy so that scarce resources could be targeted to those Authorities with greatest need.

The Minutes were Seconded by Councillor Andrews BEM; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the Cabinet Meeting held on the 13th June, 2018 be received.

98. Cabinet Meeting - 2nd July, 2018

Moved by Councillor Sir Stephen Houghton, CBE – Seconded by Councillor Andrews BEM; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the Cabinet Meeting held on the 2nd July, 2018 be received.

The Mayor, in closing the meeting, thanked all those Members who had attended the Mayor's Charity Ball on the evening of the 13th July, 2018 at which over £4,000 had been raised for the two Mayor's charities.

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Chair