

MEETING:	Cabinet
DATE:	Wednesday, 6 February 2019
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Reception Room, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

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

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

180. Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

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

181. Leader - Call-in of Cabinet decisions

The Leader reported that no decisions from the previous meeting held on 23rd January, 2019 had been called in.

182. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 23rd January, 2019 (Cab.6.2.2019/3)

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd January, 2019 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

183. Decisions of Cabinet Spokespersons (Cab.6.2.2019/4)

The Record of Decisions taken by Cabinet Spokespersons under delegated powers during the week ending 25th January, 2019 were noted.

184. Petitions received under Standing Order 44 (Cab.6.2.2019/5)

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

Core Services Spokesperson

185. The Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy - 2019/20 Budget Recommendations (Cab.6.2.2019/6)

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL ON 28TH FEBRUARY, 2019:-

- (i) that the Future Council 2020 Strategy at Section 1 of the report now submitted be noted and implemented accordingly;

- (ii) that the report of the Service Director Finance under Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003 at Section 2 be noted, that the 2019/20 budget proposals be agreed on the basis that the Chief Executive and Senior Management Team (SMT), in consultation with Cabinet Spokespersons, submit, for early consideration detailed plans that ensure the Council's ongoing financial sustainability for 2020/21 and beyond;
- (iii) that the revised Medium Term Financial Strategy and Forecast for 2019/20 to 2021/22 contained at Section 3 and Section 3a (supported by the Capital Investment Strategy at Section 3b and the Financial Resilience position at Section 3d) be noted and monitored as part of the arrangements for the delivery of the Future Council 2020 Strategy;
- (iv) that the Treasury Management Strategy and Policy Statement at Section 3c be noted and the proposed Treasury Management Strategy for 2019/20 be approved including:-
- the Borrowing Strategy and Prudential and Treasury Indicators;
 - the revised Minimum Revenue Position Statement; and
 - the Annual Investment Strategy.
- (v) that the Council's current reserves position at Section 4 be noted and monitored as part of the arrangements for the delivery of the Future Council 2020 Strategy;
- (vi) that the budgets for all services and the 2019/20 budget proposals presented at Sections 6A – 6C and Sections 10A – 10E of the report be approved subject to Cabinet receiving detailed implementation reports where appropriate;
- (vii) that the changes to the schools funding formula, including the transfer of funding from the schools block to the high needs block, be approved together with the proposed 2019/20 schools block budget as set out at Section 6D;
- (viii) that the new General Fund capital investment of £23.9m (as outlined at Section 7 Appendix A) and £8.4m (Section 7 Table 5) of specifically funded schemes be included within the capital programme and released subject to further detailed reports on the proposals for their use;
- (vix) that the availability of £1.9m of Housing related reserves to be considered against future housing priorities in 2019/20 as set out at Section 7 Table 3 be noted;
- (x) that approval be given to earmark the remaining unallocated resources of £16.1m at Section 7 Table 3 in view of the ongoing Brexit uncertainty particularly recognising the major economic regeneration initiatives the Council is taking forward;
- (xi) that the detailed proposals for increases to existing fees and charges and new fees and charges be approved and implemented as set out at Section 9;

- (xii) that the efficiency proposals for 2019/20 in Sections 10A to 10E be agreed, subject to consideration of any further Equality Impact Assessments;
- (xiii) that approval be given to the creation of a spot salary for the role of Service Director with effect from 1 June 2019 (see Section 11);
- (xiv) that that the existing Elected Members Scheme of Allowances (Section 12) continue and that following consideration of a report from the Council's Independent Remuneration Panel that the indexation formula for the increase in allowances (linked to related increases for officer remuneration) be retained;
- (xv) that the Aggregated Equality Impact Assessment (Section 14) of the proposals be noted and the proposed mitigation actions in the report be approved;
- (xvi) that the cash limited budgets for each service with overall net expenditure for 2019/20 of £169.064m be approved;
- (xvii) that the Chief Executive and SMT, in consultation with the Cabinet Spokespersons, be required to submit reports into Cabinet, as a matter of urgency, in relation to the detailed General Fund Revenue Budget for 2019/20 on any further action required to achieve an appropriately balanced budget in addition to those proposals set out above;
- (xviii) that the Chief Executive and SMT be responsible for managing their respective budgets including ensuring the implementation of savings proposals;
- (xix) that the Authority's SMT be charged with ensuring that the budget remains in balance and report regularly into Cabinet on budget/savings monitoring including any action required;
- (xx) that Cabinet and the Section 151 Officer be authorised to make any necessary technical adjustments to form the 2019/20 budget;
- (xxi) that appropriate consultation on the agreed budget proposals takes place with the Trade Unions and representatives of Non-Domestic Ratepayers and that the views of consultees be considered by Cabinet and the Council; and
- (xxii) that the budget papers be submitted for the consideration of the Full Council.

(B) Council Tax 2019/20

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL ON 23RD FEBRUARY, 2017:-

- (i) that the contents of Section 8 of the report (2019/20 Council Tax options) now submitted, be noted;
- (ii) that the Council Tax Collection Fund net surplus as at 31st March 2019 relating to BMBC of £2.615m be used to reduce the 2019/20 Council Tax requirement, in line with statute;

- (iii) that the 2019/20 Band D Council Tax increase for Barnsley MBC's services be set at 4.49% (2.99% for Barnsley MBC services and an additional 1.5% for the Chancellor's Adult Social Care levy);
- (iv) that the Band D Council Tax for Barnsley MBC's areas be determined following confirmation of the South Yorkshire Police Authority and South Yorkshire Fire Authority precepts for 2019/20; and
- (v) that the Band D Council Tax for areas of the Borough with Parish/Town Councils be determined following confirmation of individual parish precepts for 2019/20.

186. 2019/20 Service and Financial Planning - Redundancy Compensation and Procedures (Cab.6.2.2019/7)

RECOMMENDED TO FULL COUNCIL ON 28TH FEBRUARY, 2019:-

- (i) that for the purpose of the 2019/20 budget procedures, payments in accordance with the Discretionary Compensation Regulations 2006 be up to a maximum of 30 weeks actual pay based on the Statutory Redundancy Scheme; and
- (ii) that any employee (excluding Teachers) declared redundant be afforded the maximum of 12 weeks' notice of termination of employment.

187. Social Value Policy and Council Wide Adoption (Cab.6.2.2019/8)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the Social Value Policy be approved for Council-wide adoption, as detailed in the report now submitted, and
- (ii) that approval be given for the Executive Director Core Services to act as a 'social value champion' and provide senior leadership support in respect of the implementation and ongoing development of the Social Value Policy and associated processes, documentation and reporting.

People (Achieving Potential) Spokesperson

188. Proposed Conversion of Kendray Resource Centre into a Satellite Facility for Pupils with SEN(D) (Cab.6.2.2019/9)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that approval be given to the arrangements for the conversion of the Kendray Resource Centre into a satellite facility for pupils with special educational needs, as summarised in Section 4 of the report now submitted, with effect from the 2019/20 school year;
- (ii) that the financial implications arising from this report be included in the Capital Programme and released in accordance with the Financial Regulations Code of Practice C5.2(a);

- (iii) that, as part of the report's proposals, approval be given to the granting of two new leases to the Wellspring Multi Academy Trust for up to 25 years at Kendray Resource Centre and up to 7 years at the Athersley IKIC Centre at nominal rents, in both instances;
- (iv) that the Corporate Assets Manager be authorised to finalise Heads of Terms for the new leases to the Wellspring Multi Academy Trust; and
- (v) that the Executive Director Core Services be authorised to complete the new leases to the Wellspring Multi Academy Trust.

People (Safeguarding) Spokesperson

189. Ofsted Inspection of Local Authority Children's Services in Barnsley (2018) (Cab.6.2.2019/10)

RESOLVED that the findings and recommendations of the Ofsted Inspection of Local Authority Children's Services in Barnsley (2018) and the commitment to drive continuous improvement in the effectiveness of children's services in the Borough, as detailed in the report submitted, be noted.

Joint People (Safeguarding) and Communities Spokespersons

190. Extending the Scope of Extra Care Provision (Cab.6.2.2019/11)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that approval be given to the introduction of the proposed model of extra care provision, as indicated in Section 4 of the report, and to proceed with the commissioning and procurement of a care and support provider for this purpose; and
- (ii) that a follow-up report on the implementation and benefits of the new scheme be submitted for Cabinet's consideration during 2020/21.

Place Spokesperson

191. Darton Academy and Outwood Academy Carlton - Work to Accommodate Additional Pupils (Cab.6.2.2019/12)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the position with regard to the demand for school places in the Central Planning area in September 2019 and September 2020 be noted;
- (ii) that approval be given to fund the estimated £642,477 capital cost for the remodelling work required at Darton Academy utilising the Basic Need Grant awarded by the Department of Education to address the shortfall in pupil places in the Central Planning area in September 2019 and September 2020; and

- (iii) that approval be given to fund the estimated £150,000 capital cost of providing a mobile classroom/portakabin at Outwood Academy Carlton utilising the Basic Need Grant awarded by the Department for Education to address the shortfall in pupil places in the Central area in September 2019.

192. Barnsley Active Travel Strategy 2019-2033 (Cab.6.2.2019/13)

RESOLVED that the Barnsley Active Travel Strategy 2019-2033, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report now submitted, be adopted.

193. European Social Fund - Pathways to Success (Cab.6.2.2019/14)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that agreement be given to accept the European Social Fund (ESF) grants for the Pathways to Success and Pathways to Progression projects and contribute the required match funding;
- (ii) that agreement be given to a sub-contract with lead partner Sheffield City Council and undertake the responsibilities of delivering the Barnsley activity detailed within the report; and
- (ii) that approval be given to the minor restructure in order to ensure successful delivery of both projects.

194. 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>
195	Paragraph 3

Place Spokesperson

195. The Glass Works Development - Appointment of Phase 2 Works Contractor (Cab.6.2.2019/16)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that subject to securing the necessary planning approvals, approval be given to the appointment of Henry Boot Construction as contractor for Phase 2 of the Glass Works Scheme;
- (ii) that the Executive Director Core Services be authorised to complete any necessary contract documentation relating to the appointment of Henry Boot Construction;

- (iii) that the Executive Director Core Services be authorised to issue a letter of intent to Henry Boot Construction to enable preparatory work to be completed prior to completion of the final contract documentation;
- (iv) that the Executive Director Core Services be authorised to apply for any necessary consents, licence arrangements, footpath diversions, traffic regulation orders, closure orders, side road orders and CPO procedures that may be required to deliver the Scheme;
- (v) that approval be given to release Phase 2 of the development into the Council's capital programme in line with the agreed cost as highlighted in paragraph 7.4 of the report; and
- (vi) that progress be noted with the Glass Works funding bid to Sheffield City Region and that the Executive Director Core Services and Executive Director Place in consultation with Cabinet Spokespersons be authorised to negotiate and finalise any funding offer from Sheffield City Region for the Glass Works Scheme.

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Chair