

MEETING:	Cabinet
DATE:	Wednesday, 29 May 2019
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Reception Room, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

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

Members in Attendance: Councillors Franklin, Frost, Saunders, Sumner and Tattersall

1. Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

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

2. Leader - Call-in of Cabinet decisions

The Leader reported that no decisions from the previous meeting held on 15th May, 2019 had been called in.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 15th May, 2019 (Cab.29.5.2019/3)

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th May, 2019 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

4. Decisions of Cabinet Spokespersons (Cab.29.5.2019/4)

The Record of Decisions taken by Cabinet Spokespersons under delegated powers during the week ending 10th May, 2019 were noted.

5. Action Taken Under Paragraph B6 of the Responsibility for Executive Functions - Officer Delegations Contained in the Council Constitution (Cab.29.5.2019/5)

RESOLVED that the action taken by Executive Director Core Services under Paragraph B6 of the Responsibility for Executive Functions – Officer Delegations, as contained within the Appendix attached to the report now submitted and detailed below, be noted:-

- (i) that the Council acquires the freehold interest in Westgate Plaza One; and
- (ii) that the Executive Director Core Services be authorised to complete all necessary practical arrangements to secure the surrender of the existing long term lease on those terms agreed.

6. Petitions received under Standing Order 44 (Cab.29.5.2019/6)

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

Cabinet Spokesperson without Portfolio

7. Member Development Charter Plus Award (Cab.29.5.2019/7)

Members requested that their thanks to everyone involved with achieving the Award be noted.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the Council's achievement of the Local Government Association Member Development Charter Plus Award, as set out in the report now submitted, be acknowledged and recognised; and
- (ii) that the Council commits to addressing the identified areas of improvement outlined in the North East Charter's assessment report (at Appendix 1 to the report) in preparation for its reassessment against the Charter Plus standard in 2022.

Core Services Spokesperson

8. Code of Conduct for Employees (Cab.29.5.2019/8)

RESOLVED that the revised Code of Conduct for Employees, as detailed in the report and appendix submitted, be approved.

Adults and Communities Spokesperson

9. Proposal to Remove Public Library Fines and Reservation Charges (Cab.29.5.2019/9)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that approval be given to cease charging library fines for the late return of items with effect from 1st July, 2019. Charges for lost or damaged items would be retained. Replacement charges for items borrowed after 1st July, 2019 and not returned would also apply;
- (ii) that the deletion of historic fines, replacement charges and reservation charges on customer records prior to 1st July, 2019 be approved;
- (iii) that approval be given to cease charging to reserve items already in stock or on order for Barnsley's libraries. Request and inter-library loan charges for items not currently in stock would be retained; and
- (iv) that a further report to be presented to Cabinet in 12 months to show the impact of the changes and review the decision.

Children's Spokesperson

10. Outcomes from the National Takeover Challenge 2019 (Cab.29.5.2019/10)

The Children's Spokesperson welcomed the following young people to the meeting to present the outcomes of the National Takeover Challenge:-

- Chloe Marshall
- Cai Clapham.

A presentation on the very positive feedback received from participants in the Challenge was provided.

Members commented on how they too had derived much from what had been a very worthwhile undertaking and considered what more might be done in future years to build on the initiative further.

RESOLVED that the continued success of this annual event as an example of good working across partnerships which can continue to be built upon in future Takeover events and activities aimed at improving the range of outcomes for children and young people, including those in care and care leavers be noted

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Chair