

MEETING:	Full Council
DATE:	Thursday, 25 July 2019
TIME:	10.30 am
VENUE:	Council Chamber, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present

The Mayor (Councillor Markham)

- Central Ward - Councillors D. Birkinshaw, Bruff and Dyson
- Cudworth Ward - Councillors Hayward, Houghton CBE and Wraith MBE
- Darfield Ward - Councillors Saunders and Smith
- Darton East Ward - Councillors Charlesworth, Hunt and Spence
- Darton West Ward - Councillors T. Cave and Howard
- Dearne North Ward - Councillors Gardiner and Phillips
- Dearne South Ward - Councillors Danforth, C. Johnson and Noble
- Dodworth Ward - Councillors P. Birkinshaw, Fielding and Wright
- Hoyland Milton Ward - Councillors Franklin, Shepherd and Stowe
- Kingstone Ward - Councillors Mitchell and Williams
- Monk Bretton Ward - Councillors Felton, Green and Richardson
- North East Ward - Councillors Cherryholme, Ennis OBE and Higginbottom
- Old Town Ward - Councillors Lofts and Pickering
- Penistone East Ward - Councillors Barnard
- Penistone West Ward - Councillors Greenhough, David Griffin and Kitching
- Rockingham Ward - Councillors Andrews BEM, Lamb and Sumner
- Royston Ward - Councillors Cheetham, Makinson and McCarthy
- St. Helen's Ward - Councillors Leech, Platts and Tattersall
- Stairfoot Ward - Councillors Bowler, Gillis and W. Johnson
- Wombwell Ward - Councillors Eastwood and Frost
- Worsbrough Ward - Councillors Carr and Lodge

62. Mrs S Norman - Chief Executive

The Mayor and Members of the Council welcomes Mrs S Norman, Chief Executive, to this her first meeting of the Council.

63. Declarations of Interests

Councillor Lodge declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute nos.76 and 77 'South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority minutes' in view of the fact that he worked for an organisation which received funding from the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority.

64. 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 65 only 'External Annual Governance Report – Presentation' insofar as it relates to restrictions on Members speaking more than once.

65. External Annual Governance Report - Presentation

Mr G Mills (Engagement Lead) and Mr T De Zoyza (Engagement Manager) representing Grant Thornton, the Authority's External Auditor, made a presentation on the External Annual Governance Report 2018/19.

Mr Mills outlined the roles and responsibilities of the External Auditor with specific reference to the work undertaken in relation to the Accounts Audit, Use of Resources and Value for Money conclusion as well as explaining how this role was undertaken.

The following points were noted:

- In relation to the findings in the 2018/19 accounts
 - An unqualified 'clean' audit opinion was expected to be issued
 - Regular liaison had been undertaken with the Finance Team and wider Management Team
 - Good working papers had been provided and feedback sessions had been held
 - No major weaknesses in the financial systems had been identified
 - There were no audit adjustments impacting on useable reserves
 - A small number of other audit adjustments and presentation amendments had been suggested. The key accounting matters related to the valuation of the Council's land and buildings and pensions reserves and an adjustment to the prior year accounts for a school disposal

- In relation to the Key findings in 2018/19 in respect of Value for Money
 - Risk assessment had identified two areas of focus relating to the financial standing of the Council and the arrangements in place for the Glassworks development
 - There was an unqualified 'clean' conclusion on the Use of Resources/Value for Money conclusion and a good outcome for the Council based on positive findings with regard to:

- The delivery of the 2018/19 budget and savings
- The 2019/20 budget, reserves level and updated Medium Term Financial Strategy
- Governance and Risk Management arrangements for the Glassworks
- The views of other regulators including the Ofsted 'good' report of October 2018
- Key challenges for the Council remained particularly in relation to the ongoing financial environment for all Councils and the continued need to maintain strong governance, risk management and financial management of the Glassworks scheme

The External Auditors also recorded their thanks for the work for the Service Director Finance, for staff within the Finance Directorate and within Internal Audit, for SMT and all other staff who had contributed to ensuring that the Council received an unqualified opinion.

Councillor Sir Steve Houghton CBE (Leader of the Council) also placed on record thanks and appreciation for the work of the External Auditors for the way in which the audit had been conducted, to the Director of Finance and his Team and to the Senior Management Team and to all officers involved in the process.

66. Audit Committee - 22nd June, 2019

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 22nd June, 2019 be received.

67. Final Annual Governance Statement 2018/19

Moved by Councillor Gardiner – Seconded by Councillor Franklin; and

RESOLVED that the final Annual Governance Statement 2018/19 be approved and adopted.

68. External Audit Annual Governance Report 2018/19

In moving the report Councillor Gardiner thanked the External and Internal Auditors as well as the Service Director Finance and his team for all their hard work in preparing the Annual Governance Report, the financial statements and final accounts.

Moved by Councillor Gardiner – Seconded by Councillor Franklin; and

RESOLVED

- (i) That the External Auditor's Annual Governance Report 2018/19 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 2018/19 financial statements be noted and accordingly, the final accounts 2018/19 (as appended to the Annual Governance report now submitted) be approved.

69. Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on the 1th May, 2019 (Annual Council) and the 23rd May, 2019 (Ordinary meeting) were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

70. Councillor Lamb

Councillor Lamb stated that he had posed questions at the Council meeting held on the 23rd May, 2019 that he believed to be in the public interest. He had subsequently received further information that made it clear that Thurlstone Property Ltd was not a property letting company and did not need to be declared on Councillor Kitching's Register of Interests Form. He had now received further reassurances from Councillor Kitching that this company did not operate within the Borough and had no link with the private rental market.

Given the additional information and the assurances offered he was happy that Councillor Kitching did not need to declare the interest and did not act at all in an improper way. He, therefore, considered this matter to be amicably closed.

71. Communications

(a) Soaring to Success

The Chief Executive reported that Monday 10th June 2019 saw the start of the 'Soaring to Success' programme; a collaboration between Barnsley Council and the Air League Trust.

The Air League Trust was a Charity originally founded in 1909 at the beginning of powered flight whose role was to organise programmes to promote UK aviation, aerospace and space particularly amongst young people.

This was the first time that the Air League had worked with a local authority to bring aviation experiences and job opportunities to the young people in one area of the UK. To this end they had entered into a partnership with Barnsley Council to bring their programme to the young people of Barnsley.

The Air League Trust's programme contained four progressive stages.

The earlier stages involved a series of **Introduction to Aviation** careers events for 1000 young people, exploring the breadth of careers available within the aviation and space sectors

There would be a series of **Air Experience** days in which successful applicants would visit an operating airfield to gain an understanding of the roles involved in its operation. As part of this, students would have the opportunity of a taster glider flight. Later stages comprised a series of **Flying Days** and would see 20 year 12 students return to an airfield to gain further tuition in how to fly a glider leading to some students experiencing **Powered Flight** to transfer learning from their glider flying to the piloting of a light aircraft.

. The proposal created the opportunity for Barnsley learners to:

- have meaningful employability encounters with leaders in the aviation industry;
- gain further understanding of potential career opportunities
- develop skills that build confidence and raise aspiration irrespective of whether a career in aviation was their intention.

The contribution which Barnsley was making was acknowledged at the recent Annual Awards of the Air League organised with the permission of HRH the Duke of Edinburgh Patron of the Air League at a reception at St James's Palace held on 30th May. The Council was represented at the reception and Alastair Parker who was invited to address the reception and who was present this morning in the Council Chamber together with Lauren Surtees who had supported him in the delivery of the Project.

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

(b) Barnsley Museums Archive Service

The Chief Executive was very pleased to announce that the Archive Service has been successful in securing two grants recently. £30,000 has been awarded from the National Archives to catalogue the archives department's extensive and important collection of Non-Conformist records. There was a high demand for access to this collection.

A further £5,000 has been secured from The National Manuscripts Conservation Trust (NMCT) grants scheme. The money would be used as part of an ongoing project to conserve and make more accessible the well-known Dransfield collection of antiquarian papers, currently stored at Penistone Library. The collection includes some 19th century letters relating to football teams in the Penistone area, which were of national importance.

Congratulations were expressed to congratulate Paul Stebbing and David Blunden for securing this much needed extra funding for the service.

Councillor Cheetham, Cabinet Support Member for Place (Regeneration and Culture) asked to add his own thanks to Paul Stebbing and David Blunden of their hard work in achieving such a success as he was aware of how competitive it was to obtain such funding. He understood that only one in six of a hundred applications was successful and it was down to their hard work that this had been achieved. The Archives Service was exemplary and it was great that the Council provided the service for residents who valued their history and heritage.

Councillor Richardson, as the Council's representatives on the South Yorkshire Joint Advisory Committee on Archives asked to add his own personal congratulations to all involved. He also stated that the Archives Service was a true jewel in the crown for Barnsley.

Councillors Greenhough (Penistone West Ward Member) and Councillor Barnard (Penistone East Ward Member) also added their own congratulations to all involved as these archives were a vital part of Penistone's history

The Mayor and Members of the Council expressed their thanks to all involved in the usual manner.

(c) Helen Jagger – Berneslai Homes Chief Executive

The Chief Executive reported that Helen Jagger was to retire as Chief Executive of Berneslai Homes next month and she was pleased to say that she has joined Members in the Council Chamber this morning. Helen had been at the helm at Berneslai Homes since 2007 and she was sure everyone would wish to join her in wishing Helen well in her retirement and thanking her for her huge contribution to Barnsley

Councillor Sir Steve Houghton CBE asked to express his sincere thanks to Helen for all that she had done in Barnsley. Helen had worked in the public sector for 39 years becoming professionally qualified in Housing whilst working for the London Borough of Camden, extending her portfolio to Human Resources and Organisational Development with Leeds City Council.

She was a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Housing and Chartered Institute of Personal Development. Before joining Berneslai Homes in 2007 she was Chief Executive of one of the 6 Almo's in Leeds. Helen had maintained a broad interest in Partner and outside organisations including, until recently, the Chair of the Leeds Federated Housing Association, she represented Northern Almo's on the National Federation of Almo's Board, Vice Chair of Barnsley College Board, Chair of the Housing Customer Experience Committee, Board Member/Director of the Barnsley and Rotherham Chamber of Commerce and Chair of the Sheffield City Region Housing Provider Forum.

Helen's philosophy was that residents were at the heart of everything we did and she believed very strongly that Partnership with the Council must be at the centre of all that Berneslai Homes did. Under Helen's leadership the Authority had seen Berneslai homes go from strength to strength becoming one of the top performing housing organisations in the country and year on year Berneslai Homes was one of the top three performing organisations in the country which was a remarkable achievement.

There were so many achievements that could be mentioned; the three stars excellent rating from the Audit Commission in 2009; Berneslai Homes regularly featured in the Sunday Times top 100 companies list in the UK; the Investors in People Gold and Health and Well Being awards; and recently the building of new Council homes within Barnsley for the first time in decades. With that great performance and supporting the Council's priorities Berneslai Homes was named the No1 housing landlord by 24 Housing Magazine in 2017 and in 2015 Helen had been named Chief Executive of the Year

The Council had always prioritised the provision of decent homes for its residents and the Decent Homes Programme and the work that Berneslai Homes had done had been exemplary. In many areas Council housing was seen as a problem but here in Barnsley, because of the work Helen had done, council housing was seen as a solution and this was a fantastic achievement for all the residents.

Once again, he thanked Helen for all she had done and wished her well for the future.

The Mayor added her own congratulations to Helen and wished her a long and happy retirement.

The Mayor and Members of the Council expressed their thanks in the usual manner.

(d) Library@theLightbox

The Chief Executive stated that she was very fortunate that her first week as Barnsley Council's Chief Executive coincided with the opening of the Library @ the Lightbox. This was a fantastic facility. Over 5,000 people visited the Saturday it opened and she knew it has been extremely busy since. All the media coverage had been very complimentary including lots and lots of positive comments on social media. This was definitely a facility to be very proud of and a real boost to the town centre. She asked to place on record her congratulations to everybody who had been involved in making it happen.

Councillor Platts, Cabinet Spokesperson for Adults and Communities knew that many people had joined her at the opening of the Library and all who had attended were immensely proud to see this fabulous building open its doors. Many members of the public had posted on the day and had posted on social media since stating their appreciation for the development and enthused at the richness of the offer inside the building. She had been blown away by the diversity, the fabulous technology, the activities for children and the information and support. These facilities would continue to develop in the months ahead. The Lightbox would be hosting the 100 years celebration of social housing in August. She asked to place on record her thanks to Library Team, the IT Team, Henry Boot and the Regeneration Team who had all contributed in developing this fantastic community hub and making it such a success.

The Mayor and Members of the Council expressed their congratulations on these achievements in the usual manner.

72. Notice of Motion - Penny Pie Park

The following Motion in relation to Penny Pie Park submitted in accordance with Standing Order No 6 was:

Moved by Councillor Fielding – Seconded by Councillor Kitching

This Council notes:

- (i) The overwhelming public opposition to the construction of a gyratory road junction on Penny Pie Park
- (ii) The widespread harm to the community that will be caused by the construction of the gyratory on Penny Pie Park
- (iii) The proximity of the proposed gyratory road junction to the 2,100 pupil Horizon Community College

Furthermore, this Council believes that:

- (iv) The felling of over 75 mature urban trees should be avoided at all costs

- (v) The increase in air pollution that the scheme will cause in the vicinity of Horizon Community College is unacceptable given the increasing evidence of harm it causes to children
- (vi) The protection of safe, useable urban green spaces is of vital importance for local communities
- (vii) Plans to relocate the play and gym equipment immediately next to the gyratory system will expose children to unacceptable levels of air pollution
- (viii) The increase in noise levels to houses in the area caused by this scheme will significantly harm the quality of life for local residents
- (ix) The scheme will not work as promised to reduce traffic congestion and improve travel times
- (x) More sustainable solutions to traffic congestion need to be used, including deterring the use of single occupancy cars and promoting the use of active travel in a determined and meaningful way

Therefore, this Council calls for:

- (xi) The proposal to construct a gyratory junction on Penny Pie Park to be scrapped immediately
- (xii) A further comprehensive traffic management assessment to be carried out by independent consultants on behalf of the Council, taking into account any new proposed development in the area, the increased evidence of harm caused by air pollution and that more sustainable solutions are meaningfully examined and promoted
- (xiii) The public to be fully and rigorously consulted on future proposal and that their views be taken into account.

Upon being put to the vote, the motion was lost.

73. Questions by Elected Members

The Chief Executive reported that she had received a number of questions from Councillors in accordance with Standing Order No. 11.

Note: a maximum of 30 minutes was allocated for this item in accordance with Standing Order No 11 (2)(d)

(a) Councillor Carr – School Meals Service

‘Should a Labour controlled Council be considering removing its school meals service when we have one of the highest levels of high deprivation in the country?’

Should we expect the service to make a profit or should we be happy just to cover the costs of providing that service?’

I am led to believe that a consultant was recently employed to look at the service. What was the cost of this and what were the recommendations?

Would a decision to terminate the Service be a matter for consideration at full Council and what would be the costs to schools for providing a new service in terms of catering equipment and all that is required to deliver nutritious food?

Councillor Platts, Cabinet Spokesperson for Adults and Communities, responded by stating the Council had considered options for the future of the Barnsley Council School Catering Service (BCSCS) following a review of the school catering marked and the challenges facing the service. It had been decided to fully support BCSCS to explore all avenues so that it had a sustainable future.

The Council was not seeking to make a profit from providing the school meals service and wished to achieve a break-even financial position. The Council would support the service whilst it was operating a deficit in 2019/20 to allow time for a sustainable service to be developed.

A full market analysis report had been commissioned in November 2018 and the information it contained alongside other information informed the Cabinet report and the subsequent Council decision, namely, to continue to explore how the Service may achieve a sustainable position. The work and report cost £21,600 inclusive of VAT and this had been funded through a council development fund 'Invest to grow fund'. The Council had a resource of £55,000 had been made available through the Improvement and Growth Fund and this had enabled the market analysis to be completed and the balance of the fund would enable progress to be made on the recommendations.

In relation to any decision about the future of the Service, the usual governance arrangements would apply.

There was no additional cost to schools if they chose to purchase a different service to the Council's. The schools were responsible for their kitchen and already owned the heavy equipment they contained that was required to provide a hot nutritious meal. The schools Governing Body would decide who provided their school meals service. The BCSCS currently service 44 primary schools within Barnsley.

Councillor Carr did not ask a supplementary question.

(b) Councillor Barnard – Modern Foreign Language at GCSE

'Could the Cabinet Spokesperson inform the Council of the percentage of pupils in Barnsley Schools who studied a modern foreign language to GCSE level in the most recent year for which figures are available?'

Councillor Bruff, Cabinet Spokesperson for Children's Services thanked Councillor Barnard for his question and responded by stating that given the current climate of national political leadership, the persistent squeeze on school budgets and the ongoing Brexit dilemma, the future of young people would rest more and more on their need to have as wide a range of skills and knowledge as possible to enable them to compete in the employment market. Modern Foreign Languages could open doors to more options for work and travel. She believed that the opportunity to study another language would while still in secondary education was essential

The figures for 2018 were as follows. Of the 2,011 pupils at the end of Key Stage 4, 602 were entered for a Modern Foreign Language GCSE exam. Of those, 367 achieved a grade 4 or above and 251 achieved a grade 5 or above. Unfortunately she could not report on Modern Foreign Language activity in primary schools as she didn't have access to this information and it may only be known at an individual school level.

Councillor Barnard thanked the Cabinet Spokesperson for the response and, as a supplementary question, asked if any pupils in Barnsley studied for the International Baccalaureate which included at least one Foreign Language.

Councillor Bruff responded by stating that she was aware that some schools were encouraging pupils to study for the International Baccalaureate but she did not have the figures for that. She would, however, provide Councillor Barnard with those figures.

(c) Councillor Wright – Penny Pie Park Redevelopment

'Many will know my stance on the current Penny Pie Park redevelopment through various conversations I have had over the past 12 months.

However given that we are now keen to demonstrate to residents we are listening to concerns surrounding the scheme, could I therefore ask that a footbridge over the railway line be considered within the new developments that would link Penny Pie Park with Pogmoor Rec in order to effectively utilise as much of the remaining green space as possible?'

Councillor Cheetham, Cabinet Spokesperson for Place (Regeneration and Culture) stated that, as mentioned earlier in the meeting, the Council fully supported the principle of providing a footbridge over the Sheffield-Penistone railway line linking Penny Pie Park and Pogmoor Recreation Ground. This was to be provided as part of the mitigation measures in the area. The Council had recently made the decision to allocate funding towards the provision of a footbridge as had been mentioned in the meeting and to this end the Council had already opened dialogue with Network Rail. It must be borne in mind, however, that Network Rail was a legislative body that would approve the principle and facilitate the provision of any footbridge over the railway line. This meant that whilst the Council supported the provision of the bridge, the actual decision to install a footbridge was that of Network Rail.

Councillor Cheetham said that it was worthwhile stating that Councillor Wright was not allowing his personal principles and stance on Penny Pie Park to prevent him from pragmatically working for the best interests of his residents under any eventuality. Also, he understood that later on the agenda there was a question on networking and hospitality. At a recent event where the possible establishment of a Borough wide Rail Partnership was being discussed at which representatives attended from Rail Providers and indeed Network Rail, during a 'tea break' he was able to lobby quite strongly for the provision of a footbridge with the representative of Network Rail. Whilst considering hospitality, therefore, it was also important to consider the potential outcomes

Councillor Wright did not ask a supplementary question.

(d) Councillor Fielding – Demolition of Council Houses

‘Why has the Council instructed Berneslai Homes to evict the tenants and then demolish a pair of 4 bedroomed semi-detached council houses on South Road at Dodworth? ‘

Councillor Cheetham, Cabinet Spokesperson for Place (Regeneration and Transportation) stated that the land between South Road and the motorway slip road was allocated for housing in the Local Plan. The Persimmon Homes application submitted last year, which proposed to access part of the housing allocation from Bark Meadows, had not progressed because of concerns regarding the access. Alternative accesses were, therefore, being considered and one option included taking access from South Road. On that basis, Berneslai Homes had relocated tenants from a pair of semi-detached dwellings. Any demolition would be picked up as part of the planning process if that was felt necessary.

Councillor Fielding stated that the tenants had already been moved out of the properties he understood as long ago as January in one case and one family had to be relocated into a newly bought house in Dodworth as there were no other four bedroom houses available. The total cost to Berneslai Homes was £140,000. Berneslai Homes had stated to him that they would demolish these properties as soon as possible and one neighbour had said this could be as soon as the end of this week as all the services had been disconnected. Given that Persimmon had not reached any agreement with the Council about access arrangements, given that they may not go ahead with this development and given that planning permission may not be granted for this site he asked as a supplementary question why demolition was going to take place so early and what would happen if the site was not progressed? Would the houses be rebuilt?

Councillor Cheetham responded by stating that the cost had arisen as there was not sufficient housing stock in Dodworth and this demonstrated the need for more housing. The demolition of properties to open up sites allocated for housing in the area was obviously indicated. It was very important that the housing required within the area could be built. It did not cost £140,000 just to relocate a family within the area but also included the cost of bringing another property back into social ownership.

(e) Councillor Felton - Hospitality

‘Following the submission of a question by Councillor Greenhough on hospitality to the last Council and the response provided by Councillor Gardiner (Cabinet Spokesperson for Core Services) I submitted a request for further information to the finance team. I would firstly like to thank that team for taking time to gather the information I requested. Can I please, therefore, confirm that the hospitality on Armed Forces events is less than £5,100 and not what was quoted on a social media post?’

Councillor Gardiner, Cabinet Spokesperson for Core Services responded by stating that in accordance with Council policy, refreshments were only provided at meetings/events where external parties were present.

The Council had recently reported expenditure totalling £216,210 in 2018/19 on Catering and Hospitality. Upon further investigation and analysis it was apparent that only £91,300 had actually been spent on hospitality and catering in accordance with

the policy, with the remaining amount being spent on the provision of support staff for the Council's kitchen/breakout areas (Facilities Management costs) or costs that were subsequently recovered from external organisations using Council facilities.

It should also be noted that these costs were attributable to over 2000 meetings and over 100 events held during the year. The breakdown and further analysis of the expenditure incurred was as follows:

	£	£
TOTAL 2018/19 SPEND REPORTED		216,210
LESS:		
Cost of Kitchen/Breakout area support staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amounts paid to Barnsley Norse for the provision of staff to maintain the breakout/kitchen areas in Gateway Plaza, Westgate and the Town Hall. 	(72,325)	
Cost of milk provision in staff breakout areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Milk is provided for employees and visitors in Town Centre buildings for the purposes of making drinks. Significant additional costs would be incurred in providing adequate space and equipment to store personal milk supplies. The cost to provide milk equates to around £3.40p per employee per year. 	(11,963)	
Non BMBC costs recovered from external organisations using the Council's facilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These costs are fully recovered from the individual organisations using Council facilities. E.g South Yorkshire Fire Authority / Pension Authority meetings. 	(20,300)	
Costs funded by external grant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A number of events held (e.g cultural and heritage events) are fully funded via external grants inc. Heritage Lottery Fund, National Lottery and Arts Council grants. 	(20,322)	
TOTAL HOSPITALITY & CATERING		91,300
<i>Of Which:</i>		
Incurred at meetings Teas, coffees and catering (where appropriate) provided at meetings and events where external parties are present in accordance with the Council's catering policy. These include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safeguarding Children Board; • Training courses e.g Foster Carers, Mental Health, Health & Safety, Volunteering, training for ex-service personnel; • Barnsley Economic Partnership; • School visits to Town Hall inc. achievement/awards events; • Cabinet/Full Council/Other Council meetings e.g Planning board/schools appeals board; • External visitors to the Mayors parlour & Leaders Office. 		56,825
Incurred on events Costs of catering etc at events. Key Events include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Mayor Making £9.9k</u> – Each new Mayor can invite upto 40 members of their family and friends to the event. Any elected member pays £30 to attend. • <u>Mayoral Events £5.1k</u> - Mayors social events, Barnsley Armed Forces day, Remembrance Sunday, Refugee Social Group Event, Civic Carol Service, Organ Donation Celebration Event. 		34,475

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Business events £14k</u> – including Landlord Liaison, 0-19 Service Conference, Barnsley in Bloom Awards, Celebration of Learning event. • <u>Cultural events £5.5k</u> - includes launch events at Experience Barnsley , 5th anniversary celebration, Cooper Gallery exhibition launches and Regency Ball at Cannon Hall. 		
TOTAL		91,300

As Members were aware, the Council had lost over 1,500 full time staff since 2010. Financial Services had also lost hundreds of staff. To prepare this response had taken 1 ½ weeks which was a resource that the Service couldn't afford and the capacity was not available without taking staff of their normal full time duties. This question had been put, though he acknowledged that this was not the questioners fault, during an audit period which was the busiest part of the Financial Service's year. This had put extreme pressure on the staff within Financial Services. He, therefore, suggested that whilst being fully aware of the democratic right to ask questions, all Members should take into consideration the pressure being put on staff. In a recent staff satisfaction survey the biggest staff related issue was stress and all Members should recognise this and be aware of it when asking questions.

With regard to the second part of the question, the £5,100 referred to in social media, he had commented on this within the expenditure reported on Mayoral Events he was not, however, going to comment any further on social media posts.

Councillor Felton stated that she had thanked the Financial Services Team for their response as she understood that things had been very difficult, however, she didn't feel that her question had been answered. Councillor Gardiner had mentioned on a social media post that Veterans got most of the money and when she had attended veterans events they had asked her to seek clarification of this as they were extremely concerned and upset that they were being 'blamed' for the hospitality bill. She asked if Members could avoid using veterans as a political tool and then asked as a supplementary question if she could be provided with details of the amount spent on veterans from the hospitality budget.

Councillor Gardiner responded by stating that he had made no such post as he did not use social media he would, however, provide Councillor Felton with details of the expenditure.

(f) Councillor Wright – Development of new school

'I have been contacted by numerous residents in regards to the proposed new school and particularly as to where the new school will be built.

Can I therefore ask the cabinet member to explain how such a planning application is processed and what participation we as a Council will have within the proposed development?'

Councillor Cheetham, Cabinet Spokesperson for Place (Regeneration and Culture) stated that this was one of the most frequently asked question both in his current and previous portfolio position. In this particular case and indeed with any application, an organisation which wished to develop and run a school had to apply to the DfE to express an interest in doing so. They were required to identify an area and the

authority always attempted to work with applicants to take matters forward but such approaches did not have to be taken up.

The location of the proposed new school was yet to be determined and the Council had worked on a limited capacity on this, however, the site would be announced as soon as it was formally confirmed with the DfE. A planning application was then required to be submitted and would be publicised widely and well beyond the prescribed statutory requirements. The application would then be assessed by officers taking into account all relevant Local Plan policies and need for school places in a particular area in order to ensure that any potentially adverse impact was mitigated against and to ensure a high quality design which would provide an outstanding learning environment for Barnsley children. The application would then be determined by the Planning Regulatory Board.

Councillor Wright did not ask a supplementary question

(g) Councillor Hunt – Barnsley Market

‘Traders in the new Barnsley Market have signed up to 5-year leases with a break clause after 3 years. What assumptions has the council made as to the likely numbers of market traders that will activate the break clause?’

Councillor Cheetham, Cabinet Spokesperson for Place (Regeneration and Transportation) stated that no assumptions had been made. The break clause took effect on 30th September, 2021, however, the right to break could be served anything up to 31st March, 2012 and as yet no tenants had served notice to break.

Councillor Hunt thanked Councillor Cheetham for the response and asked, as a supplementary question whether the Council was aware of dissatisfaction amongst the market traders, many of whom were sole traders, in relation to the requirement for six day working and the effect on their work life balance and if so what the Councils plans were to address this.

Councillor Cheetham responded by stating that on this particular issue the Council was with market traders on issues they had. The Council had a very good relationship with them currently and if there were any issues that needed resolving the Council would endeavour to do so as had been the case this week in respect of a stolen vehicle. The Council had an open dialogue with the market traders.

(h) Councillor Felton – Assisted Bin Collection

‘Why do people who qualify for assisted bin collection have to pay the fee for a replacement bin when the damage has obviously been caused by a council employee or equipment?’

Councillor Lamb, Cabinet Spokesperson for Place (Environment and Transportation) responded by stating that he had received similar questions from Ms S Peacock MP and Mr D Jarvis MP to whom he would respond personally in writing.

The process for damaged bins was the same for all residents. A five year warranty was offered on all bins and if they broke during this period a preplacement would be delivered without charge. Residents were asked to contact the Council if they

suspected that their bin was damaged during the process of emptying. Each case was investigated on an individual basis using the bin wagons camera systems and if it was found that the bin had dropped into the back of the wagon or was damaged by the collections crew, a replacement would be delivered without charge.

Indeed, his wife had recently been required to use the online system for ordering a new bin and this had proved to be very effective and efficient and staff involved in this process were thanked.

If this question was directed towards removing the cost of the delivery of the bins then consideration would have to be given to the impact this would have to the standard of service generally.

In relation to those standards, it was important to celebrate the success of the service as 99.7% of bins were collected on time, 97.1% of all waste was diverted from landfill, there was a 47% recycling rate and in the last year 6,221 bulky items had been collected. These were stunning statistics and he wouldn't want to see the diminution of service in order to recover the cost of the delivery of replacement bins.

He was aware that Councillor Felton had been handling an issue on behalf of a resident and she had contacted him some time ago. This matter had been referred to the appropriate officers and he had thought that this matter had been resolved but if this was not the case he would gladly take this matter up on Councillor Felton's behalf.

Councillor Felton referred to the Assisted Bin Collection Service and to the fact that residents never touched the bins. Sometimes the residents concerned were not even aware that the bin had been broken until notified by a relative/carer and this could be some time after the bins had been damaged. In many cases it was not possible, therefore, to give actual dates to the service so that an investigation of the CCTV could be undertaken. Councillor Felton asked, therefore, if a guarantee could be given in such instances that a replacement bin could be delivered free of charge.

Councillor Lamb stated that whilst he understood and sympathised with Councillor Felton's comments, there were significant financial implications to such a decision and he could not give an absolute assurance that such costs could be waived today. He would, however, welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter further with Councillor Felton outside the Council Chamber to see if an appropriate solution could be found.

Note As the time limit of 30 minutes had now been reached written answers would be provided for all Members in relation to the outstanding questions.

74. 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.

75. Police and Crime Panel (Annual) - 3rd June, 2019

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

76. South Yorkshire Pensions Authority (Annual) (Draft) - 13th June, 2019

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

77. South Yorkshire Pensions Authority (Ordinary) (Draft) - 13th June, 2019

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

78. South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority (Extra Ordinary) - 14th June, 2019

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

79. South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority (Annual) (Draft) - 24th June, 2019

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

80. Planning Regulatory Board - 21st May, 2019

Moved by Councillor D. Birkinshaw - Seconded by Councillor Richardson; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Planning Regulatory Board held on the 21st May, 2019 be received.

81. Audit Committee - 5th June, 2019

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 5th June, 2019 be received.

82. Planning Regulatory Board - 25th June, 2019

Moved by Councillor D Birkinshaw - Seconded by Councillor Richardson; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Planning Regulatory Board held on the 25th June, 2019 be received.

83. General Licensing Regulatory Board - 26th June, 2019

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

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the General Licensing Regulatory Board held on the 26th June, 2019 be received.

84. Statutory Licensing Regulatory Board - 26th June, 2019

Moved by Councillor C Wraith MBE - Seconded by Councillor Tattersall; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Statutory Licensing Regulatory Board held on the 26th June, 2019 be received.

85. General Licensing Panel - Various

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

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

86. 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.

87. Health and Wellbeing Board - 4th June, 2019

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

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Health and Well Being Board held on the 4th June, 2019 be received.

88. Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Thriving and Vibrant Economy Work Stream) - 4th June, 2019

Moved by Councillor Ennis OBE – Seconded by Councillor Lofts; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Thriving and Vibrant Economy Work Stream) held on the 4th June, 2019 be received.

89. Overview and Scrutiny Committee (People Achieving their Potential Work Stream) - 18th June, 2019

Moved by Councillor Ennis OBE – Seconded by Councillor Tattersall; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (People Achieving their Potential Work Stream) held on 18th June, 2019 be received.

90. Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Special Meeting) - 24th July, 2019

Moved by Councillor Ennis OBE - Seconded by Councillor Tattersall; and

RESOLVED that the minutes now submitted of the proceedings of the special meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on the 24th July, 2019 be received.

91. Dearne Area Council - 13th May, 2019

Moved by Councillor Noble – Seconded by Councillor Gardiner; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Dearne Area Council held on the 13th May, 2019 be received.

92. North Area Council - 13th May, 2019

Moved by Councillor Leech – Seconded by Councillor Lofts; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the North Area Council held on the 13th May, 2019 be received.

93. North East Area Council - 23rd May, 2019

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 23rd May, 2019 be received.

94. Central Area Council - 3rd June, 2019

Moved by Councillor W Johnson - Seconded by Councillor Wright; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Central Area Council held on the 3rd June, 2019 be received.

95. Penistone Area Council - 13th June, 2019

Moved by Councillor Barnard – Seconded by Councillor David Griffin; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Penistone Area Council held on the 13th June, 2019 be received.

96. South Area Council - 14th June, 2019

Moved by Councillor Shepherd - Seconded by Councillor Stowe; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the South Area Council held on the 14th June, 2019 be received.

97. North Area Council - 27th June, 2019

Moved by Councillor Leech - Seconded by Councillor Lofts; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the North Area Council held on the 27th June, 2019 be received.

98. Statutory Polling District and Station Review

The report of the Executive Director Core Services on the final proposals arising from a Review of Polling Districts and Polling station provision as required to be undertaken under the Electoral Administration Act 2006 was:

Moved by Councillor Andrews BEM – Seconded by Councillor Howard; and

RESOLVED:

(i) that the review of Polling District and Polling Station provision be approved;

(ii) that the formal consultation involve:

- All Elected Members
- Members of Parliament for the Barnsley Central, Barnsley6 East, Penistone and Stocksbridge and Wentworth and Dearne
- Area Councils
- Town and Parish Councils
- Disability Groups
- Returning Officers from Rotherham MBC and Sheffield City Council in relation to Penistone and Stocksbridge and Wentworth and Dearne Constituencies

(iii) that following the formal consultation process all Members of the Council be consulted on current polling stations with a view to final recommendations on future polling station arrangements being submitted to the Council meeting in November; and

(iv) that the process of dialogue to bring about the final recommendations be co-ordinated by the Executive Director Core Services in consultation with the Deputy Leader and other Group Leaders as appropriate in order to ensure that every Member's local knowledge is taken into account to provide the best location for polling stations for the residents of the borough.

99. Representation on Regulatory Boards, Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Outside Bodies

Moved by Councillor Howard – Seconded by Councillor Charlesworth; and

RESOLVED that the following changes be made to the bodies indicated for the ensuing year:

Appeals, Awards and Standards

Delete - S Carvell and M Moore

Add – Mrs J Cairns

General Licensing Regulatory Board

Delete – Councillors Phillips, Pickering, Spence and Wright

Add – Councillors Clarke and Williams and one Vacancy (2 Labour)

Statutory Licensing Regulatory Board

Delete – Councillor Phillips and Spence

Add – Councillor Williams and one Vacancy (Labour)

Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Delete – Councillor Wright
Add – Councillor Pickering

Overview & Scrutiny Committee (People Achieving their Potential Work Stream)

Delete – Councillor Smith
Add – Councillor Felton

Overview & Scrutiny Committee (Thriving and Vibrant Economy Work Stream)

Delete – Councillors Felton, Stowe and Wright
Add – Councillors Gollick, Pickering and Smith

Overview & Scrutiny Committee (Strong and Resilient Communities Work Stream)

Delete – Councillors Gollick
Add – Councillor Stowe

Planning Regulatory Board

Delete – Councillors Clarke, Lofts and Williams
Add – Councillors Pickering, Phillips and Wright and one Vacancy (Liberal Democrat)

Berneslai Homes Board

Add – Councillor Tattersall and one Vacancy

Cooper Art Gallery

Delete – Councillor D Birkinshaw
Add – Councillor Makinson

Environmental Protection UK

Add – Councillor Williams

Fostering Panel

Add – Councillor Hayward

George Beaumont Foundation

Add – Councillor Hunt

Safer Barnsley Partnership

Add – Councillor Mitchell

Schools Forum

Add – Councillor Lodge

Sheffield City Region Housing Board

Delete – Councillor Lamb
Add – Councillor Cheetham

Virtual School Governors

Add – Councillors Felton, Lodge, Williams and Wilson

100. Cabinet Meeting - 15th May, 2019

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 15th May, 2019 be received.

101. Cabinet Meeting - 29th May, 2019

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 29th May, 2019 be received.

102. Cabinet Meeting - 24th June, 2019

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 24th June, 2019 be received.

103. Cabinet meeting - 10th July, 2019

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 10th July, 2019 be received.

104. Notice of Motion - Standing Orders of the Council - Public Questions at Council Meetings

The following Motion submitted in accordance with Standing Order No 6 in relation to Public Questions at Council Meetings having been deferred from the Council Meeting held on the 23rd May, 2019 in accordance with Standing Order No.41 was:

Moved by Councillor Kitching – Seconded by Councillor Hunt.

This Council believes that:

- (1) Its primary role is to both serve and empower local residents and to work with them to help Barnsley achieve its full potential.
- (2) In order to do this effectively it is imperative that it is a Council that actively engages with and listens to its residents and acts on local people's issues.
- (3) Accepting Public Questions delivered by residents at Full Council meetings is an excellent and widely adopted way of starting to ensure that culture of engagement, openness and listening.

Therefore, this Council calls for:

- (4) A portion of every Full Council meeting to be reserved for questions and relevant supplementary questions asked by Members of the Public to Cabinet Members.
- (5) That appropriate amendments be made to Standing Orders.

The following amendment was:

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

This Council believes that:-

- (1) Its primary role is to both serve and empower local residents and to work with them to help Barnsley achieve its full potential.
- (2) In order to do this effectively it is imperative that it is a Council that actively engages with and listens to its residents and acts on local people's issues.
- (3) Allowing formal questions delivered by residents to be reported at Full Council meetings is an effective mechanism to facilitate that culture of engagement, openness and listening.

Therefore, this Council resolves:-

- (4) That any formal questions asked by residents relating to the business of the Council, together with an appropriate response approved by the relevant Cabinet Spokesperson or Committee or Regulatory Board Chair be attached to the Summons of the next available Council meeting.
- (5) That a copy of such responses be placed on the Council's web-site for a period of three months following the relevant Council meeting.
- (6) That appropriate amendments be made to Standing Orders.

Upon put to the vote, the amendment was carried.

The amendment was then put as the Substantive Motion and was carried:

RESOLVED:

- (i) that any formal questions asked by residents relating to the business of the Council, together with an appropriate response approved by the relevant Cabinet Spokesperson or Committee or Regulatory Board Chair be attached to the Summons of the next available Council meeting;
- (ii) that a copy of such responses be placed on the Council's web-site for a period of three months following the relevant Council meeting; and

(iii) that appropriate amendments be made to Standing Orders.

105. Notice of Motion - Improving air quality in Barnsley

The following Motion submitted in accordance with Standing Order No 6 in relation to improving air quality in Barnsley was:

Moved by Councillor Fielding – Seconded by Councillor Hunt

This Council notes:

- (i) Breathing clean air is essential to health and well being
- (ii) Air pollution from vehicles has a significant and detrimental impact on the health of all people, but particularly children
- (iii) The areas of particular concern in the authority are the Air Quality Management Areas such as the M1 corridor and Dodworth Road where air quality objectives are known to be regularly breached
- (iv) The Council, through its actions, has the ability to significantly affect the levels of exposure to harmful air pollution within its area by all people, but particularly children

Furthermore, this Council believes that:

- (v) Local authorities should not be facilitating or encouraging the building of houses, schools or leisure facilities or the siting of play areas in areas with high levels of air pollution, particularly in air quality management areas
- (vi) Efforts should be made during all planning processes to minimise the exposure of people to poor air quality

Therefore, this Council calls for:

- (vii) An end to all new housing, school and leisure development (including outdoor play areas, sports pitches and gyms) in air quality management areas
- (viii) In the light of the adoption of the Local Plan and the consequent expected high levels of development in the area, and the increasing body of evidence of the significant harm that poor air quality has on children, the Councils Air Quality Management Strategy is fully reviewed immediately, rather than waiting for the permitted 5-year review period
- (ix) An immediate review of the Local Plan to remove all proposed development sites that are situated within an air quality management area

The following amendment was:

Moved by Councillor Cheetham – Seconded by Councillor Frost

The Council notes

- (i) Breathing clean air is essential to health and wellbeing
- (ii) Air pollution from vehicles has a significant and detrimental impact on the health of all people, but particularly children

Furthermore the Council believes

- (iii) Local Authorities should continue to give appropriate care and consideration to air quality, in all areas, including those specifically designated for AQM, when undertaking their duties as local planning authorities, and continue to make representations to national bodies where further development outside their remit may impact air quality in their local authority areas (trains, trams, airports etc)

Upon put to the vote, the amendment was carried.

The amendment was then put as the Substantive Motion and was carried.

106. Notice of Motion - Improving affordability of school uniform

The following Motion submitted in accordance with Standing Order No 6 in relation to improving the affordability of school uniforms was:

Moved by Councillor Greenhough – Seconded by Councillor Kitching;

This Council notes:

- (i) That schools in the authority are implementing ever stricter school uniform policies, forcing families to purchase uniform from just one supplier
- (ii) That the cost of school uniform, including required footwear, bags and sportswear can be in excess of £250 per child
- (iii) That such practice disproportionately affects families from more deprived backgrounds, including but not limited to refugees
- (iv) That children have been missing school due to their family's financial inability to purchase the required uniform to allow them to attend

Furthermore, this Council believes that:

- (v) No child should be prohibited from attending school by the cost of uniform
- (vi) It is possible for schools to take measures, such as those recently brought into statutory legislation in Wales, to make school uniform affordable, accessible and gender neutral

Therefore, this Council calls for:

- (vii) The Leader of the Council to write to all Head Teachers in the authority, stating this Council's wishes that:

- (a) The cost of uniform should never prohibit a child from attending school
 - (b) That they exercise discretion in implementing and policing uniform policy to take account of family's abilities to meet the policy's requirements
 - (c) That uniform policies are reviewed, to facilitate purchase of uniform from a range of suppliers, including affordable options and the second hand market
 - (d) That consideration is given as to whether school logos are necessary, or if a generic, more affordable option should be permitted
- (viii) The Leader of the Council to write to the Secretary of State for Education, stating this Council's wishes that the Government makes efforts to introduce statutory guidance to mirror that recently implemented in Wales, which provides a pupil development grant of £125 if the pupil qualifies for free school meals, and £200 to help with the costs of beginning secondary school for eligible Year 7 pupils.

The following amendment was:

Moved by Councillor Bruff – Seconded by Councillor Saunders:

The Council notes:-

- (i) The ever increasing financial pressure on families on low incomes and on our schools caused by deliberate decisions of the Liberal Democrat/Conservative Government
- (ii) Recognises that school uniform is important to schools as is discipline within schools to encourage a strong learning environment to all our children
- (iii) The work done by Labour MPs Emma Hardy and Stephanie Peacock on this matter

Furthermore, this Council believes

- (iv) No child should be prohibited from attending school by the cost of uniform
- (v) Officers should continue to encourage schools to support parents in meeting those costs

Therefore the Council notes

- (vi) Many of these problems were caused by the Liberal Democrat/Conservative Coalition
- (vii) The Council congratulate SIGOMA on the work that it continues to do on our behalf, challenging those government financial policies and seeking fair funding for schools and parents so that the cost of school uniforms are no longer an issue

Upon put to the vote, the amendment was carried.

The amendment was then put as the Substantive Motion and was carried.

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Chair