

MEETING:	Cabinet
DATE:	Wednesday, 1 December 2021
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Council Chamber, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

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

Members in Attendance: Councillors Eastwood, Franklin, Frost, McCarthy and Tattersall

Members in Virtual Attendance: Councillor Gardiner

142. Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

Councillor Howard declared a non-pecuniary interest as a DWP employee in respect of Minute Number 147.

Councillor Tattersall declared a non-pecuniary interest as a Berneslai Homes Board Member in respect of Minute Numbers 149 and 151.

143. Leader - Call-in of Cabinet decisions

The Leader reported that no decisions from the previous meeting held on 17 November 2021 had been called in.

144. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 17 November 2021 (Cab.1.12.2021/3)

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 November 2021 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

145. Decisions of Cabinet Spokespersons (Cab.1.12.2021/4)

There were no Records of Decisions by Cabinet Spokespersons under delegated powers to report.

146. Petitions received under Standing Order 44 (Cab.1.12.2021/5)

RESOLVED that the report notifying the receipt of the following petitions be noted and the recommended actions for responding to them be endorsed:-

1. Containing the signatures of 239 signatories, in respect of Introduction of traffic/speed controls on Paddock Road from Shaw Lane to Wakefield Road, Staincross, Barnsley.

- a. *Having considered the request in detail the Traffic Team does not support the request for a road closure or traffic calming as the road in question does not have a history of personal injury collisions. In addition, traffic calming features would have a direct impact on a number of properties in the area and the views of those residents would need to be sought and considered*

before making any permanent changes. We will add Paddock Road to the list of locations to be assessed for deployment of our Speed Indicator Devices.

2. Containing the signatures of 3,797 signatories, in respect of objections to the proposed development of MU2 and MU3 (Carlton, Monk Bretton and Cudworth).
 - a. *The petition was submitted by residents at the Cabinet meeting held on the 3rd November 2021 and was gathered contemporaneously with the public consultation period in June/July. The petition and matters raised within were considered within the report to Full Council on the 25th November 2021 and as such no further actions are recommended.*

147. Cost of Living Crisis - Household Support Grant (Cab.1.12.2021/6)

RESOLVED that Cabinet agrees:-

1. The approach to delivering the DWP £2.3m Household Support Grant (HSG) (to be named Cost of Living Crisis – Household Support Grant) which has to be spent by 31 March 2022 by working with the following BMBC teams:
 - Healthier Communities – to support people with food and wider essentials including essentials linked to energy and water.
 - Sustainability & Climate Change – to allocate funds to support people with energy and water bills.
 - Housing Options – to support people with emergency housing costs.
2. To utilise £1m BMBC match funding to vulnerable households which can be used post March 2022 when the HSG will cease.
3. To move to allocating Local Welfare Assistance (LWA) to vouchers to alleviate supplier and stock issues.

148. Annual Review of the Sufficiency of Early Years Provision (Cab.1.12.2021/7)

RESOLVED that Cabinet:-

1. Notes the outcomes of the annual review of the sufficiency of early years provision in the Borough; and
2. Endorses the actions to be taken to maintain resilience within the sector which supports the sustainability of provision as indicated in Section 5 of the report.

149. Corporate Performance Report Quarter 2 July - September 2021 (Cab.1.12.2021/8)

RESOLVED that Cabinet:-

1. Notes the contents of the Corporate Performance Report in relation to the delivery of the Corporate Plan priorities and outcomes; and
2. Agrees that the Performance Report is shared with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to inform and support their ongoing work programme.

**150. Corporate Finance Performance Quarter Ending 30 September 2021
(Cab.1.12.2021/9)**

RESOLVED that Cabinet:-

CORPORATE FINANCE PERFORMANCE

1. Notes the forecast 21/22 General Fund financial pressure of £22.7 Million, mostly comprised of the ongoing impact of COVID-19;
2. Notes the overall improving net impact (after all specific Government funding) of £3.1Million;
3. Notes that this net impact will be funded from resources previously set aside within the 21/22 budget, effectively ensuring the delivery of a balanced budget this year;
4. Notes the current 21/22 forecast of a £0.4M overspend position on the Housing Revenue Account; and
5. Approves the write off of historic bad debts totalling £0.618M.

CAPITAL PROGRAMME PERFORMANCE

1. Notes the forecast position on the approved Capital Programme; and
2. Notes the ongoing review of the capital programme.

TREASURY MANAGEMENT

1. Notes the key messages from the Council's Quarter 2 Treasury Management activities.

151. The Cost-of-Living Crisis - Energy Prices for Council Tenants in Communal/Sheltered Accommodation (Cab.1.12.2021/10)

RESOLVED that Cabinet:-

1. Notes the contents of the report alongside the Household Support Grant report also submitted to Cabinet for consideration (Cab.1.12.2021/6);
2. Approves the proposed reduction in the price of energy charged to tenants by 3.1p per KW-H, [from 9.5p to 6.4p per KW-H] from 1 September 2021; and
3. Notes that the Council will review the pricing strategy in future years, given the current volatility in the energy market.

152. Town Centre Events Programme (Cab.1.12.2021/11)

RESOLVED that Cabinet approves:-

1. The long-term approach to events delivery;
2. That all stakeholders are invited to participate in delivery of the town centre events programme; and
3. That the financial recommendations highlighted in section 7 of the report be progressed.

153. Dearne Hall Road, Dearne Hall Lane and its side road junctions of Miller's View, Miller's Grove and Dearne Hall Park, Barugh Green, Barnsley - 'No Waiting At Any Time Restrictions' Objection Report (Cab.1.12.2021/12)

RESOLVED that the item be deferred.

154. Furlong Road, Prospect Road, Goldthorpe, Barnsley - 'No Waiting At Any Time Restrictions' Objection Report (Cab.1.12.2021/13)

RESOLVED that Cabinet:-

1. Agrees that the objections received be rejected for the reasons set out in the report and the objectors informed accordingly;
2. Approves the proposal to enact a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions on parts of Furlong Road and its junction with Prospect Road, as shown on Appendix 1 of the report submitted; and
3. Authorises the Head of Highways and Engineering and the Legal Service Director and Solicitor to the Council to make and implement the Traffic Regulation Order.

155. Manor Road/Barnsley Road junction, Cudworth, Barnsley - 'No Waiting At Any Time Restrictions' Objection Report (Cab.1.12.2021/14)

RESOLVED that Cabinet:-

1. Agrees that the objections received be rejected for the reasons set out in the report and the objectors informed accordingly;
2. Approves the proposal to enact a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions on the junction of Manor Road and Barnsley Road, Cudworth, as shown on Appendix 1 of the report submitted; and
3. Authorises the Head of Highways and Engineering and the Legal Service Director and Solicitor to the Council to make and implement the Traffic Regulation Order.

156. Warner Road, Barnsley - 'No Waiting At Any Time Restrictions' Objection Report (Cab.1.12.2021/15)

RESOLVED that Cabinet:-

4. Agrees that the objections received be rejected for the reasons set out in the report and the objectors informed accordingly;
5. Approves the proposal to enact a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions on parts of both sides of Warner Road and its junctions with Pennine Way, Hambleton Close, Cotswold Close, Mendip Close, Grampian Close and Malvern Close, as shown on Appendix 1 of the report submitted; and
6. Authorises the Head of Highways and Engineering and the Legal Service Director and Solicitor to the Council to make and implement the Traffic Regulation Order.

157. Exclusion of the Public and Press

RESOLVED that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of item number 158 (Community Asset Transfer) because of the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) of such Act indicated, as now amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

158. Community Asset Transfer (Cab.1.12.2021/17)

RESOLVED that Cabinet approves:-

1. 'In principle' the community asset transfer of the Computer Centre building to Barnsley Youth Choir (BYC);
2. That the Service Director Regeneration and Culture, working with the Head of Property be delegated authority to finalise Heads of Terms for a 50-year lease to Barnsley Youth Choir Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO);
3. That the Service Director of Legal Services be delegated authority to complete the lease to Barnsley Youth Choir CIO, subject to the necessary fundraising planning consents being achieved;
4. That the Council agrees 'in principle' to provide up to £0.500m in grant funding to support the programme of capital works required to realize the planned development/refurbishment of the building by Barnsley Youth Choir – any release of grant to be conditional on the Council's Section 151 Office being satisfied with progress made by BYC in respect i) fundraising to support the totality of the proposed capital programme and ii) the ongoing viability/sustainability of their proposals;
5. That BMBC nominate the Service Director Regeneration and Culture to be the key point of liaison for the Choir throughout this project and hold regular review meetings throughout;

6. That, in the event of the Nave being completed, a nominated representative of BMBC would have observer status on BYC's Steering Group and / or Board of Trustees and convene regular review meetings of how the Asset Transfer is enabling the Choir to achieve its objectives for Barnsley.

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Chair