

MEETING:	Cabinet
DATE:	Wednesday, 9 February 2022
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Council Chamber, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

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

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

Members in Virtual Attendance: Councillor Gardiner

202. Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

The following Councillors declared a non-pecuniary interest:-

- Councillor Tattersall as Berneslai Homes Board Member in respect of Minute 207 (Medium Term Financial Strategy);
- Councillors Lamb and Frost as local ward councillors in respect of Minute Number 210 (Development of Parkside Sports Facility) ; and
- Councillor Houghton as a relative lived in the area in respect of Minute 211 (Dearne Hall Objection Report).

203. Leader - Call-in of Cabinet decisions

The Leader reported that no decisions from the previous meeting held on 26 January 2022 had been called in.

204. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 26 January 2022 (Cab.9.2.2022/3)

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 January 2022 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

205. Decisions of Cabinet Spokespersons (Cab.9.2.2022/4)

The Record of Decisions taken by Cabinet Spokespersons under delegated powers during the week ending 10 December 2021 were noted.

206. Petitions received under Standing Order 44 (Cab.9.2.2022/5)

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

207. Medium Term Financial Strategy 2022-25 (Cab.9.2.2022/6)

2022/23 BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

1. 2022/23 Revenue Budget, Capital Programme and Council Tax

RESOLVED THAT CABINET RECOMMENDS TO FULL COUNCIL ON 24 FEBRUARY 2022:

- a) that the report of the Service Director Finance (S151 Officer), under Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003 at **Section 1** be noted, that the 2022/23 budget proposals be agreed and 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 in 23/24 and beyond.
- b) that the revised Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) and Budget Forecast for 22/23 to 24/25 contained at **Section 3** (supported by the suite of background papers in **Sections 3a – 3d**) be noted and that these are monitored as part of the arrangements for the delivery of the MTFS.
- c) that **£3.8M** of additional one-off funding received in the 2021 Local Government Finance Settlement be set aside pending further assessment of the emerging financial risks identified in the MTFS at **Section 3**.
- d) That provision of £10.7m to cover anticipated demographic and other cost pressures in Children's Social Care, Adult Social Care, Homes to School Transport and Waste Services be approved for inclusion in the budget as identified at **Section 3**.
- e) That additional service investment of £7.4m including Neighbourhood Services (grass cutting and clean up teams), Car Parking and the Glassworks be approved for inclusion in the budget as identified at **Section 3**.
- f) that the proposed efficiency savings in 22/23 highlighted in **Section 3** and detailed at **Section 5a** be approved for implementation and that the 23/24 efficiency savings also contained in **Section 5a** be noted with final approval to take place as part of the 23/24 budget setting process.
- g) that the Council's reserves strategy and updated reserves position at **Section 3b** be noted.
- h) that the proposed changes to the 22/23 fees and charges policy and accompanying schedule of charges set out at **Section 3d** be approved.
- i) to submit to Council for approval the cash limited budgets for each Service with overall net expenditure for 22/23 of £211.4M as highlighted in **Section 6a**.

- j) to consider the budgets for all services and approve, for submission into Council, the 22/23 – 24/25 budget proposals presented at **Sections 6a – 6c**, subject to Cabinet receiving detailed implementation reports where appropriate.
- k) to consider and approve the changes to the schools funding formula including the transfer of funding from the schools block to the high needs block and approve the proposed 22/23 schools block budget as set out at **Section 6d**.
- l) that the capital investment schemes totalling £56.2M (Section 7 Appendix 1), be included within the capital programme and released subject to receiving further detailed business cases where appropriate.
- m) to note the capital investment proposals of £310.8M (Section 7 Appendix 2) which are currently the subject of live external funding bids / specific Government announcements and thereafter to receive regular updates on their progress.
- n) that further detailed feasibility work / business case development be carried out on the capital investment proposals totalling £58.6M at (Section 7 Appendix 3)
- o) that the Chief Executive and SMT, in consultation with Cabinet Spokespersons, be required to submit reports into Cabinet, as a matter of urgency, in relation to the detailed General Fund Revenue Budget for 22/23 on any further action required to achieve an appropriately balanced budget in addition to those proposals set out above.
- p) that the Chief Executive and SMT be responsible for managing their respective budgets including ensuring the implementation of all approved saving proposals.
- q) 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.
- r) that Cabinet and the Section 151 Officer be authorised to make any necessary technical adjustments to form the 22/23 budget.
- s) that appropriate consultation on the 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.
- t) that the budget papers be submitted for the consideration of the full Council.

2. Council Tax 2022/23

RESOLVED:-

- 2.1 That Cabinet note the contents of **Section 3a** (22/23 Council Tax options) and that:
- a) the Council Tax Collection Fund net surplus as at 31st March 2021 relating to BMBC of £3.2M be used to reduce the 22/23 Council Tax requirement, in line with statute.
 - b) the 22/23 Band D Council Tax increase for Barnsley MBC services be set at 3.5% (1.5% for Core Council Services and an additional 2.0% for the Adult Social Care precept).
 - c) the Band D Council Tax for Barnsley MBC's areas be determined following confirmation of the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner and South Yorkshire Fire Authority precepts for 22/23.
 - d) the Band D Council Tax for areas of the Borough with Parish / Town Councils be determined following confirmation of individual parish precepts for 22/23.
 - e) additional Local Council Tax Support be provided to all eligible working age claimants in the form of a flat rate discount of £125 per claimant, and that all eligible claimants are further protected from any agreed council tax increase for 22/23.

3. Treasury Management Strategy & Policy Statement 2022/23

RESOLVED:-

- 3.1 that Cabinet approve the 22/23 Treasury Management Strategy and Policy Statement (included in the main papers at **Section 3c**) and specifically:
- a) approve the 22/23 Treasury Management Policy Statement (**Section 3c Appendix A**).
 - b) approve the 22/23 Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement (**Section 3c Appendix B**).
 - c) approve the 22/23 Borrowing Strategy at **Section 3c** including the full suite of Prudential and Treasury Indicators (**Section 3c Appendix C**).
 - d) approve the 22/23 Annual Investment Strategy at **Section 3e**.

208. Review of Peer Challenge Activity Across the Council (Cab.9.2.2022/7)

RESOLVED:-

1. The response to the 2019 Corporate Peer Challenge and the positive programme of peer reviews that have taken place across the Council since, was noted;
2. The proposed timeline for the next Corporate Peer Challenge and the suggested future programme of peer reviews was agreed;
3. The adoption of a centralised system for monitoring peer review activity and final reports was endorsed; and
4. It was agreed that the report would go to the Audit and Governance Committee for information and comments.

209. School Term Times and Holiday Dates for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools (2023-24) (Cab.9.2.2022/8)

RESOLVED that the draft proposed term times and holiday dates for 2023-2024 be approved as outlined in Appendix 1 to the report.

210. Development of Parkside Sports Facility (Cab.9.2.2022/9)

RESOLVED that Cabinet approves:-

1. The release of £1.160M to front fund the construction of a new pavilion in compensation for loss of facilities at Rockingham Sports ground due to the development of land identified in the local plan and the construction of the new Hermes facility;
2. Approves the design and construction of the Parkside scheme to commence in 2022/23 financial year; and
3. Approves the submission of a joint bid with the Forge Partnership to the Football Foundation for the provision of an artificial grass pitch and the acceptance of the grant if successful. This is expected to be in the region of £0.700M.

211. Dearne Hall Road, Dearne Hall Lane and its side roads junctions of Millers View, Millers Grove and Dearne Hall Park, Barugh Green, Barnsley - 'No Waiting at Any Time Restrictions' Objection Report (Cab.9.2.2022/10)

Resolved that:-

1. The objections received are rejected for the reasons set out in this report and the objectors are informed accordingly;

2. The proposal to enact a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions on parts of Dearne Hall Road, Dearne Hall Lane and its side road junctions as shown on Appendix 1 of the report submitted is approved; and
3. The Head of Highways and Engineering and the Legal Service Director and Solicitor to the Council be authorised to make and implement the Traffic Regulation Order.

212. Exclusion of Public and Press

RESOLVED it was reported that Appendix B to the report at item number 213 (Glass Works and Town Centre Update) was not available to the public and press because it contained exempt information described in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person.

Accordingly, if the content of the appendix was to be discussed, the public and press would be excluded from the meeting.

213. Glass Works and Town Centre Update (Cab.9.2.2022/12)

RESOLVED that:-

1. The progress on the overall Glass Works scheme be noted;
2. The progress made in relation to the Glassworks leasing strategy be noted;
3. The revised budget envelope for the Glass Works scheme and the wider town centre redevelopment at a total capital cost of £210.6M, an increase of £0.6M, [noting that this increase will be contained within the total budget allocated to the scheme including resources set aside to operate the development on a day to day basis] be approved; and
4. The Council's capital programme be updated accordingly in line with Financial Regulations.

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Chair