

<b>MEETING:</b>	Full Council
<b>DATE:</b>	Thursday, 6 February 2020
<b>TIME:</b>	10.00 am
<b>VENUE:</b>	Council Chamber, Barnsley Town Hall

## MINUTES

### Present

The Mayor (Councillor Markham)

Central Ward	- Councillors D. Birkinshaw and Bruff
Cudworth Ward	- Councillors Hayward, Houghton CBE and Wraith MBE
Darfield Ward	- Councillors Saunders and Smith
Darton East Ward	- Councillors Hunt and Spence
Darton West Ward	- Councillors A. Cave, T. Cave and Howard
Dearne North Ward	- Councillors Gollick 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 Newing and Pickering
Penistone East Ward	- Councillors Barnard, Hand-Davis and Wilson
Penistone West Ward	- Councillors Kitching
Rockingham Ward	- Councillors Andrews BEM, Lamb and Sumner
Royston Ward	- Councillors
St. Helen's Ward	- Councillors Leech, Platts and Tattersall
Stairfoot Ward	- Councillors Bowler, Gillis and W. Johnson
Wombwell Ward	- Councillors Frost
Worsbrough Ward	- Councillors Carr, Clarke and Lodge

## **181. Declarations of Interests**

Councillor Lodge declared a non-pecuniary interest in any items relating to Berneslai Homes in view of family and friends being Berneslai Homes tenants.

## **182. Minutes**

The minutes of the meetings held on the 28<sup>th</sup> November and 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

## **183. Communications**

### Shared Lives in the Prevention of Homelessness

The Chief Executive informed Members of the Council that in April 2019 a new pilot scheme had been launched under the Shared Lives offer to work collaboratively with the Council's Housing Options Team (the Team who supported people who were, or at risk of becoming homeless). The pilot aimed to offer an alternative to out of area bed and breakfast and instead offer up to twelve weeks support in the Shared Lives Service in Barnsley, a more personalised, family based approach. This was the first time nationally that Shared Lives had been developed to support homelessness.

The Service now supported adults to rebuild their lives by offering housing-related support which included applications to landlords, bidding on properties and preparing to move on. It also gave support with ongoing health issues, budgeting and social isolation. So far, 8 people had been supported by the scheme to get their lives back on track.

This innovative approach had received some fabulous recognition at the Shared Lives Plus Annual Conference and Awards Ceremony recently when it had received the Scheme Innovation Award for 2019.

The following staff from the Shared Lives and Housing Options Team were in the Council Chamber this morning:

- Lee Hardman (Senior Shared Lives Officer)
- Angela Beaumont (Shared Lives Officer)
- Steven Ellis (Shared Lives Officer)
- Rachel Burgon (Housing Advisor)

The Chief Executive thanked all members of the Team for the fabulous work they had done.

Councillor Platts (Cabinet Spokesperson for Adults and Communities) also asked to add her thanks to the Shared Lives Team. In addition she also thanked the Shared Lives Carers across the borough all of whom did a some fantastic work with vulnerable and homeless people. The Mayor also offered her own congratulations to the staff from the Shared Lives Team.

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

#### **184. Housing Revenue Account - Draft 2020/21 Budget and Investment Proposals 2020-24 (Cab.11.12.2019/6)**

Moved by Councillor Franklin – Seconded by Councillor Howard; and

##### **RESOLVED:**

- (i) that the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS), as set out in Section 3 of the report now submitted, be noted;
- (ii) that approval be given to the proposed variations to the existing Housing Growth Investment schemes, as outlined in paragraph 3.8 and Table 2 of the report;
- (iii) that approval be given to the Housing Revenue Account Draft Budget for 2020/21, as outlined in Section 6, including the proposed revenue investments and savings, as outlined in Section 5, with any final amendments/additions being delegated to the Cabinet Spokesperson for Place (Regeneration and Culture) and the Executive Director Place in consultation with the Cabinet Spokesperson for Core Services and the Service Director – Finance (Section 151);
- (iv) that a rent increase in line with the Government's rent policy be approved;
- (v) that it be noted that there is no proposed change to non-dwelling rents, service charges and heating charges for 2020/21;
- (vi) that approval be given to the 2020/21 Berneslai Homes Management Fee at paragraph 6.7, with any final amendments/additions delegated to the Cabinet Spokesperson for Place (Regeneration and Culture) and the Service Director Regeneration and Culture in consultation with the Cabinet Spokesperson for Core Services and the Service Director – Finance (Section 151);
- (vii) that the 2020/21 Berneslai Homes Management Fee for Gypsy and Traveller Sites, charged to the Authority's General Fund, detailed in paragraph 6.8 of the report, be approved;
- (viii) that approval be given, in principle, to the proposed emerging capital priority schemes as detailed in Section 7, subject to individual reports, as appropriate, in line with the Council's governance arrangements;
- (ix) that the Council Housing Capital Investment programme for 2020/21 be approved and that the indicative programme for 2021/22 through 2024-25, as outlined in Section 8 be noted; and
- (x) that the Council be approved to set aside resources for both remedial works at the 26 properties affected by the floods in November 2019 and to undertake a further wider flood risk assessment of all Council dwellings in the Borough (as referred to in paragraph 7.2).

#### **185. Corporate Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policies (Cab.8.1.2020/8)**

Moved by Councillor Franklin – Seconded by Councillor Howard; and

**RESOLVED** that suite of Corporate Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policies and Strategies appended to the report now submitted as detailed below be approved and that continued support and endorsement be given to the corporate approach to minimise the risk of fraud, corruption and bribery within the Authority's overall ethical framework:

- Corporate Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy
- Corporate Anti-Fraud and Corruption Strategy
- Corporate Anti-Bribery Strategy
- Corporate Prosecutions Policy
- Corporate Fraud Response Plan
- Confidential Reporting Policy (formerly the Whistleblowing Policy)
- Corporate Anti-Money Laundering Policy

**186. Adoption of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance Working Definition of Anti-Semitism**

The report of the Executive Director Core Services requesting the Council to consider the adoption by the Council of the Holocaust Remembrance Alliance working definition of Anti-Semitism was:

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

**RESOLVED** that the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance working definition of Anti-Semitism be adopted as follows:

*'Anti-Semitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred towards Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of Anti-Semitism are directed towards Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious families'.*

**187. Representation on Committees and Outside Bodies**

Moved by Councillor Howard – Seconded by Councillor Franklin; and

**RESOLVED** that the following changes be made to the bodies indicated for the remainder of the Municipal Year:

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

To note the appointment of Ms G Carter as Primary School Parent Governor

Berneslai Homes

To note that

- (i) following an independent review of the Board of Berneslai Homes, Mr P Hayes has been re-appointed as Chair for a further term of three years; and

- (ii) following an interview process, Councillor Green has been appointed as a Board Member

Police and Crime Panel

Delete Councillor Tattersall (Substitute Member)  
Add Councillor Cherryholme (Full Member) and Councillor Williams (Substitute Member)

**188. Appointment Panel - Executive Director Children's Services - 19th November, 5th December and 18th December, 2019**

Moved by Councillor Bruff – Seconded by Councillor Saunders; and

**RESOLVED** that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Appointment Panel (Executive Director Children's Services) held on the 19<sup>th</sup> November, 5<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 be received.

**189. Appointment Panel - Executive Director Core Services - 20th November, 5th December, 2019 and 14th January, 2020**

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

**RESOLVED** that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Appointment Panel (Executive Director Core Services) held on the 20<sup>th</sup> November and 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 and 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 be received.

**190. Planning Regulatory Board - 19th November, 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 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 be received.

**191. Planning Regulatory Board - 17th December, 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 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 be received.

**192. Planning Regulatory Board - 21st January, 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 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2020 be received.

**193. Audit Committee - 4th December, 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 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 be received.

**194. Audit Committee - 22nd January, 2020**

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 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2020 be received.

**195. General Licensing Panel - Various**

Moved by Councillor C. Wraith, MBE – Seconded by Councillor W Johnson; 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.

**196. Appeals, Awards and Standards - Various**

Moved by Councillor Shepherd – Seconded by Councillor Cherryholme; 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.

**197. Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Strong and Resilient Communities) - 3rd December, 2019**

Moved by Councillor Ennis OBE – Seconded by Councillor W Johnson; and

**RESOLVED** that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Strong and Resilient Communities Work Stream) held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2019 be received.

**198. Overview and Scrutiny Committee - 7th January, 2020**

Moved by Councillor Ennis OBE – Seconded by Councillor W Johnson; and

**RESOLVED** that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on the 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 be received.

**199. Central Area Council - 4th November, 2019**

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

**RESOLVED** that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Central Area Council held on the 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 be received.

**200. Dearne Area Council - 18th November, 2019**

Moved by Councillor Noble – Seconded by Councillor Gollick; and

**RESOLVED** that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Dearne Area Council held on 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 be received.

**201. North Area Council - 18th November, 2019**

Moved by Councillor Leech – Seconded by Councillor Platts; and

**RESOLVED** that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the North Area Council held on the 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 be received.

**202. North East Area Council - 28th November, 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 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 be received.

**203. Penistone Area Council - 5th December, 2019**

Moved by Councillor Barnard – Seconded by Councillor Wilson; and

**RESOLVED** that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Penistone Area Council held on the 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 be received.

**204. South Area Council - 17th January, 2020**

Moved by Councillor Stowe - Seconded by Councillor Shepherd; and

**RESOLVED** that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the South Area Council held on the 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 be received.

**205. Cabinet Meeting - 27th November, 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 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 be received.

**206. Cabinet Meeting - 11th December, 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 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 be received.

**207. Cabinet Meeting - 8th January, 2020**

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 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 be received.

**208. 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.

**209. South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority - 14th October, 2019**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes be noted.

**210. Sheffield City Region Mayoral Combined Authority Board (Draft) - 18th November, 2019**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes be noted.

**211. Questions by Elected Members**

The Chief Executive reported that she had received a number of questions from Elected Members 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

*‘How many applications for aids and adaptations are being received weekly? How many are for adaptations for residents to be able to leave health locations, who I understand are a priority? How many for low level showers and ramps for the residents in need of modifications to be able to live independently and access the outside world? What is the timeframe for these adaptations? What are the pressures in this department?’*

Councillor Platts, Cabinet Spokesperson for Adults and Communities responded by thanking Councillor Carr for her question and she stated that the response was rather lengthy.

The Service did not collect the data on a weekly basis but rather monthly and this was available from March 2019 to January 2020. In view of the amount of data available she would provide information on the totals but would provide Councillor Carr with a copy of the detailed data after the meeting.

The number of referrals from March 2019 to January 2020 was 241 and the number of Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) fast track stair lifts, through floor lifts, ceiling track hoists or access ramps was 47. The number of referrals that were deemed a priority by the Occupational Therapist was 62, the number of level access showers was 144 and the number of ramps was 37.

Other referrals included Wash Dry toilets, Step lifts and House Extensions and the funding of Central Heating replacements via better homes.



She was unable to give a figure of how many applicants were in health locations waiting to return home as this wasn't something that the service had historically reported on given the fact that as far as the service was aware, all applicants lived at home nearby.

If someone did need to relocate temporarily whilst a DFG adaptation was being installed, updates to policy allowed for some or all of the costs incurred to be funded. DFG could also fund some of the relocation costs if it was deemed that an adaptation to an existing property was not practicable or feasible and another property would accommodate the service users' needs or subsequent adaptations better.

If someone was deemed a higher priority, this was assessed by the referring Occupational Therapist and DFG would progress as priority cases (as reflected in the above information) and immediate action would be taken.

The average waiting times for 2017-18 was 168 days, for 2018-19 it was 108.3 days and for 2019 – 20 it was 76.33 days so waiting times had improved by over 50% since 2017/18 due to new initiatives, better processes and policy.

The average number of days from referral received to the first visit were as follows:

	Immediate	Fast Track	Standard
Quarter 1	3	36	149
Quarter 2	4	43	183
Quarter 3	11	18	175

The National Guidelines for DFG referrals indicated that customers should be contacted within the following timeframe for adaptations:

- Immediate – 5 days
- Fast Track – 4 weeks
- Standard – 6 months (dealt with in date order)

DFG quarter 3 statistics showed a blip/delay in the average number of days for immediate referrals due to a slightly higher number of priority referrals and staff capacity which was being addressed.

DFG had recently recruited 2 additional Project Officers who would commence early in February and a recruitment exercise was ongoing for an additional support officer. DFG was also funding an additional Occupational Therapist for which the recruitment was in progress via the Equipment and Adaptations Team.

Councillor Carr asked, as a supplementary question, why one of her constituents who had requested a low level shower 12 months ago for which funding had been granted in April was still waiting for this to be provided.

Councillor Platts was unable to discuss individual cases in the Council Chamber, however, if Councillor Carr provided her with details outside the meeting she would ensure that an answer was provided.

(b) Councillor Fielding

*'Please detail the costs of the security provided at Penny Pie Park as part of the project to construct the gyratory road junction on the park, specifically:*

- What has been the cost of legal advice relating to securing the park and the constructions site?*
- What has been the cost of engaging the services of Middlesbrough based security company Vistech – please detail the daily cost, the costs to date and the anticipated total cost of security services for the duration of this project?*
- What was the procurement process for this contract and how did it ensure value for money?*
- What is the total cost of the security fencing for the site?*
- What were the perceived risks that led the Council to believe that this level of security was necessary?*
- What was the estimated cost of security contained in the £4.3 million estimates for this scheme?*

Councillor Lamb, Cabinet Spokesperson for Place (Environment and Transportation) commented that he had become used to answering questions in this Council Chamber and indeed he always attempted to give as full, clear and frank response as possible. He regretted to say, however, that there were some elements of the answers to the questions that contained commercially and contractually sensitive information and so on this occasion he would not be able to give a full answer in this Chamber. It was important that this information was made available to Councillor Fielding and indeed to any other Member who wished to have it and he was, therefore, in the process of preparing a full written answer and he hoped to be able to provide that by the close of business today.

Councillor Fielding fully accepted that some aspects may be commercially confidential or contain restricted information but a lot of what he had asked for wasn't restricted so presumably this would be released within Councillor Lamb's document.

Councillor Lamb was happy to provide any information he could but clearly where this was commercially sensitive he wouldn't do.

(c) Councillor Hunt

*'it was reported in the Barnsley Chronicle on 10<sup>th</sup> January that an innovative scheme which could have seen potholes filled in with recycled plastic was being placed on the back burner. Is this report correct? Please provide an update on this project'*

Councillor Lamb, Cabinet Spokesperson for Place (Environment and Transportation) reminded the Council that he had presented a response to a question to Elected Members in August 2019 on the use of recycled plastic in road repairs. He could confirm that the Head of Highways and Engineering had met with representatives of the primary UK supplier of plastic bonded asphalt, MacRebur to discuss the potential applications for the material on Barnsley's highway network. Whilst it was true to say that the approach pioneered was innovative, the initial large scale trials carried out in Cumbria were still in their infancy with regard to how this material performed over the long term against more established, industry standard treatments. Once additional data on the performance of plastic bonded asphalt was made available the Service may consider it as a replacement sub-base material for highway construction before trialling it as a wearing course of infill material for 'pot-holes'.

Elected Members should be aware that a wide range of factors had to be considered by Highways Engineers before using new material on the highway network – for example: skid resistance, deformability, elasticity, viscosity at temperature, brittleness at temperature and ability to withstand loading and life-cycle durability. These were key engineering considerations that had to be proven before any perceived environmental benefits were factored in. The Department for Transport required all new materials to undergo rigorous testing procedures before they could be approved and endorse their widespread use.

At this point in time he was not prepared to act in haste and then repent at leisure as he wanted to ensure that this type of surface would not put Barnsley residents at risk, would be durable and good value for money as well as providing an environmental benefit. In summary, the Service was progressing with this but caution had to be the default setting.

Councillor Hunt thanked Councillor Lamb for his comprehensive response. He then asked as a supplementary question, what other innovative schemes the Highways Service was currently considering in relation to Barnsley's roads.

Councillor Lamb responded by stating that there were many innovative schemes being undertaken within the borough and indeed the Council had very innovative engineers and an innovative Management Team. Those innovations came from a number of places. Some of it was about the environmental innovation, some of it was about developing the active travel infrastructure, some of it was about ensuring that public transport could make its way across the borough's roads more easily and hence reduce the need for people to use their personal transport and some of it was driven by funding considerations as well. If he was required to provide a full breakdown of the innovation in place and being considered this could take some time, therefore, he proposed providing a full written response to Councillor Hunt.

(d) Councillor Hunt

*'At the Overview and Scrutiny meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> January the press were excluded part of the meeting where the Children's Services performance reports were discussed. Why was this part of the meeting held in closed session?'*

Councillor Bruff, Cabinet Spokesperson for Children's Services responded by stating that following the Ofsted Inspection of Children's Services in 2012 and the inadequate judgement, part of the Council's system wide Improvement Plan was to develop greater accountability and scrutiny of Officers by Elected Members.

The Private Session of Overview and Scrutiny provided Elected Members with granular and detailed information about the performance of Children's Social Care and Safeguarding Service. The Private Session enabled Elected Members to question Officers and raise any enquires that they may have, bringing forward their constituency experience. This could involve and/or be about very small numbers of children whose identity had to be protected, within the closed session. In these circumstances the Committee was entitled to consider this business in the absence of the press and public and in accordance with legislation. This session enabled Elected Members to discharge their safeguarding responsibilities effectively and thoroughly.

Children's Services were now judged to be good across the Board and further progress had been made to deliver the collective ambition to be outstanding. At the last inspection Ofsted had commended the Council's Service on the due diligence and Overview and Scrutiny from Elected Members. The Service and Business Intelligence Team would review the children's performance reports with a view to publication but children's safety would not be put at risk.

Councillor Hunt thanked the Cabinet Spokesperson for her answer. He commented that the performance report had generally been very positive and he understood that similar performance reports submitted to Sheffield, Rotherham and Doncaster Councils were considered in the public session. He felt that Barnsley's approach could give the impression that there was something to hide and he, therefore, asked as a supplementary question if the Cabinet Spokesperson could explain why there was a difference in Barnsley given that there was nothing in the Barnsley report that he considered was confidential.

Councillor Bruff responded by reiterating that the Service and Business Intelligence Team were looking at this issue with a view to publication. She had also undertaken and investigation to see what other Councils were publishing but the information provided by those Councils was not in the same detail as provided for Barnsley's Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The detailed reports allowed the opportunity for Elected Members to bring out, in those sessions, incidents and issues they were aware of and this could not happen if the sessions were in public so would not be permitted. She gave a commitment that the Service would be examining what could be published and that appropriate information would be published.

(e) Councillor Hunt

*'What is the current structure for parking enforcement in Barnsley? How many personnel are employed, how are they managed and what arrangements are in place to ensure that the Council's obligations under the Traffic Management Act 2004 are complied with? How many parking enforcement personnel routinely work outside the town centre? How does the current structure and arrangements compare with the situation when the Traffic Management Act 2004 was first introduced?'*

Councillor Lamb, Cabinet Spokesperson for Place (Environment and Transportation) responded by stating that Parking Enforcement formed part of Parking Services within the Environment and Transport Unit of the Place Directorate.

There were 17 staff in total 2 of whom were part time and deployment was based on meeting statutory requirements to ensure that payment machines were operational during the hours of payment and traffic demand where the Traffic Management Act could be enforced.

Enforcement Officers were allocated areas of the Town Centre to undertake patrolling duties. Officers were deployed to mirror the time restrictions placed for off road and on road parking.

In addition, Elected Members would be aware that Area Councils particularly the North East and South Area Councils had commissioned additional parking services through private contractors.

A total of 4.5 whole time personnel worked outside the Town Centre and covered school zig zags, residents parking zones, off street car parks and restrictions covered by the Traffic Management Act.

With the advent of decriminalised parking under the provisions of the Traffic Management Act 2004, in 2005 the Council had a total of 24 full time equivalents employed to carry out those functions.

Councillor Hunt thanked the Cabinet Spokesperson for his response and, as a supplementary question, asked what initiatives the Council was undertaking to enhance parking enforcement operations outside the Town Centre.

Councillor Lamb felt that he had answered this question. There were 4.5 full time equivalents and Area Councils were at liberty to commission any additional parking enforcement if they wished to do so.

(f) Councillor Fielding

*'What progress has been made by the Council in working with Barnsley Hospital NHS Trust to establish a Park and Ride scheme for staff and visitors at Barnsley Hospital? What does the Council intend to do to facilitate such a Park and Ride scheme?'*

Councillor Lamb, Cabinet Spokesperson for Place (Environment and Transportation) responded by stating that he intended to give a slightly fuller answer than just dealing with the specifics of the questions submitted, he would, however, ensure that these were covered within his response.

All Members of the Council knew that parking at the hospital had been an issue for many years, particularly for residents who lived in the locality. As a result of that and also because of the stoic pressure from the likes of Councillor Lofts over many years the Council was working with management and senior managers within the hospital with a strategic aim to reduce the impact that people visiting or working at the hospital had on the local community. Agreement had been reached to work jointly on a series of parking solutions that worked harmoniously for both residents, workers and visitors. To achieve this it had been agreed to work together on the following key areas prior to implementation:

- To undertake traffic and traveller analysis of the area around the hospital grounds. This had commenced on the 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 for one week and also Traveller analysis surveys were planned for the week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2020
- From this it was proposed to use the analysis and evidence gathered to further develop hospital employee travel/car parking strategy/policy that supported a range of improvements; and
- Look at options such as local park and ride, park and walk/bike/ebike solutions to support the hospitals employee travel strategy

From a personal perspective it was his aim to see fewer personal cars on the roads but that was a long term piece of work and something that was recognised by all. Infrastructure needed to be put in place to make public transport and active travel a viable option for residents and visitors to the town and indeed the hospital in particular. Consequently, Barnsley along with other South Yorkshire Authorities had

submitted a bid to the Department for Transport Transforming Cities Fund to deliver within Barnsley approximately £40m for such infrastructure development. Furthermore, a bid had been made for £800,000 for pinch point funding specifically in the vicinity of the hospital and once all of these initiatives came to fruition hopefully there would be a range of options in place which would hopefully reduce the traffic issues around the hospital and the neighbouring streets.

Councillor Fielding thanked the Cabinet Spokesperson for his comprehensive answer. He commented that he had already had a discussion with Councillor Lamb informally prior to this meeting, coincidentally at the hospital. It was also pleasing to note that Councillor Lamb had set a good example and had travelled to that meeting by public transport and he had also set a similar example by walking. Both Members were, therefore, 'doing their bit' to solve the parking problems. He was keen that solutions could be found to these issues and, having met with the hospital management, they seemed keen to support the park and ride scheme. He therefore asked, as a supplementary question, if consultation on proposals could take place when such schemes were put forward at an early stage, with local Members, residents and those who would be affected by the changes.

Councillor Lamb responded by stating that proposals were currently at the early stages of development with the gathering of evidence and information in order for a range of options to be developed. Once this had been undertaken there would be widespread, detailed and meaningful consultation not just with local Councillors but with local residents as it was recognised that this was a significant issue for all concerned.

## **212. Notice of Motion - Tree Planting Strategy**

A Motion Submitted in Accordance with Standing Order No 6 was;

Moved by Councillor Kitching – Seconded by Councillor Hunt:

*'This Council notes:*

- (i) The motion declaring a climate emergency which was passed on the 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2019;*
- (ii) That the biggest single contributor to climate change is the emission of carbon from fossil fuels;*
- (iii) That trees have the ability to soak up carbon emissions and, therefore, tree planting can offset some of the carbon dioxide which is contribution to climate change*

*Furthermore, this Council recognises:*

- (iv) The excellent efforts made by community groups, Ward Alliances and Area Councils to undertake small scale tree planting*

*Therefore, this Council calls on the Chief Executive and Team to prepare a borough wide tree planting strategy which:*

- (v) Aims to increase considerably the tree cover within the borough by identifying council owned land that could be used for tree planting;*

- (vi) Sets out to create more community orchards to help improve the supply of fresh, local produce and boost the health of residents;*
- (vii) Works with the voluntary sector to deliver tree planting plans, including via the Area Councils and Ward Alliances;*
- (viii) Involves schools, colleges and universities and their pupils and students in carrying out tree planting and woodland maintenance; and*
- (ix) Identifies sources of funding available to the Council and voluntary organisations to pay for tree planting*

Upon being put to the Vote, the Motion was lost.

In accordance with Standing Order No 18(b) at the request of Councillor Stowe, supported by more than 10 other Members, a recorded vote was taken on this Motion.

In favour of the Motion:

Councillors Fielding, Hunt, Kitching and Lodge.

Against the Motion:

The Mayor (Councillor Markham), and Councillors Andrews BEM, Barnard, D Birkinshaw, P Birkinshaw, Bowler, Bruff, Carr, A Cave, T Cave, Cherryholme, Clarke, Danforth, Ennis OBE, Felton, Franklin, Frost, Gillis, Gollick, Green, Hand-Davis, Hayward, Higginbottom, Sir Steve Houghton CBE, Howard, C Johnson, W Johnson, Lamb, Leech, Mitchell, Newing, Noble, Phillips, Pickering, Platts, Richardson, Saunders, Shepherd, Smith, Spence, Stowe, Sumner, Tattersall, Williams, Wilson, Wraith MBE, and Wright.

All Members present at the time of the vote actually voted.

**213. Mr G Brain - Mayor's Attendant/Chauffeur**

The Mayor and Members of the Council welcomed Mr G Brain (Mayor's Attendant/Chauffeur) to this his first meeting since returning to work following a lengthy illness.

They also extended thanks to those members of staff who had covered the post during Mr Brain's indisposition.

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Chair