

MEETING:	Cabinet
DATE:	Wednesday, 24 March 2021
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY

MINUTES

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

Members in Attendance: Councillors T. Cave, Franklin, Frost, McCarthy, Shepherd and Tattersall

91. Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

Councillor Tattersall declared a non-pecuniary interest as a member of the (i) Berneslai Homes Board in respect of minute numbers 102, 103 and 104, and; (ii) Premier Leisure Board in respect of minute number 105.

Councillor Howard declared a non-pecuniary interest as a DWP employee in respect of minute number 104.

92. Leader - Call-in of Cabinet decisions

The Leader reported that no decisions from the previous meeting held on 10 March 2021 had been called in.

93. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 March 2021 (Cab.24.3.2021/3)

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2021 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

94. Decisions of Cabinet Spokespersons (Cab.24.3.2021/4)

The Record of Decisions taken by Cabinet Spokespersons under delegated powers during the week ending 12 March 2021 were noted.

95. Action Taken under Paragraph B6 of the Responsibility for Executive Functions - Officer Delegations Contained in the Council Constitution (Cab.24.3.2021/5)

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

Date of Decision - 10 March 2021

Approval of a Deed of Variation as part of the Glassworks' scheme and associated delegations.

- 1.1 The update be noted;
- 1.2 The points outlined within the report for inclusion within the Deed of Variation be approved; and
- 1.2 The required approvals to agree the final Deed of Variation be delegated to the Service Director, Finance, Service Director, Legal in consultation with the Executive Director, Place

96. Petitions received under Standing Order 44 (Cab.24.3.2021/6)

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

- 1. Containing the signatures of 205 signatories, in respect of Improved road safety at Carr Green Lane, Mapplewell, Barnsley.
 - a. BMBC Traffic Team does not support this proposal as there is no history of Personal Injury Collisions (PICs) at the point in question within the last 5 years and only one slight PIC on the whole of Carr Green Lane. We justify the significant investment of road safety improvements on the basis of a reduction in PIC's at the location. Each accident saved produces a cost benefit to society as a whole through reduced emergency service involvement, reduced hospital costs, reduced loss of earnings for injured parties and loss of productivity, reduced insurance claims and so on.

Every site that is recommended for treatment on an accident basis is prioritised for funding across the borough. As the budget for road safety improvements is finite, it is the sites with the greatest proven need which are treated first and these will have a cluster of incidents with a discernible trend or pattern in the cause of each.

Installing traffic calming measures without justification on an accident basis leaves the council open to criticism that there is no human or cost benefit to society; an investment of thousands of pounds with no substantial return to the tax payer. We could also not justify to local communities where road users have been killed and seriously injured in speed related collisions, expenditure on a location that has no justification in terms of an historic accident basis.

97. National Takeover Day (2020) (Cab.24.3.2021/7)

The Children's Services' Cabinet Support Member welcomed representatives from the Youth Council to the meeting to present the outcomes of the National Takeover Challenge.

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

Members commented on the excellent work that had been undertaken, highlighted the importance of listening to the voices of young people and thanked the participants for their valuable contributions.

RESOLVED:-

1. The achievements of Young People in the most recent Takeover Challenge across all service areas were acknowledged; and
2. That Cabinet would continue to highlight and identify future opportunities to build on this success.

98. Safeguarding Children: Implementation of Operation ‘Encompass’ in the Borough (Cab.24.3.2021/8)

RESOLVED:-

The implementation of Operation ‘Encompass’ within the Borough, with effect from 1 April 2021, be approved.

99. Council Plan 2021-2024 and Associated Performance Framework (Cab.24.3.2021/9)

RECOMMENDED TO FULL COUNCIL ON 1 APRIL 2021:-

1. That the publication of the new Council Plan be approved; and
2. The approach for the revised accompanying performance framework agreed.

100. Gender Pay Gap Report 2020 (Cab.24.3.2021/10)

RESOLVED:-

1. The results outlined in Appendix 1.2.2 of the report were noted;
2. The long-term commitment to reducing the Council’s Gender Pay Gap was endorsed; and
3. The Action Plan at Appendix 2 of the report was noted.

101. Sprinkler Installation Programme 2021/22 (Cab.24.3.2021/13)

RESOLVED:-

1. The procurement and installation of sprinkler systems to the seven blocks of flats within the Council’s portfolio of properties and release the necessary resources as detailed in this report be approved; and
2. The appointment of a suitable specialist contractor be authorised following the outcome of a procurement exercise and containment of costs within the approved sum.

102. 2021/22 Barnsley Homes Standard Programme and Supplementary Investment Programme (Cab.24.3.2021/12)

RESOLVED:-

1. The HRA 2021/22 Barnsley Homes Standard Programme be approved;
2. The HRA 2021/22 Supplementary Investment Programme be approved;
3. The added Social Value delivered by the Property Repairs and Improvement Partnership 2020 as set out at Section 5 of the report, including use of directly employed local staff and over 30 directly employed apprentices be noted; and
4. The Carbon Saving efficiency measures, and anticipated reductions to tenant's energy bills, as set out in Paragraph 3.8 of the report, be noted.

103. Sprinkler Installation Programme 2021/22 (Cab.24.3.2021/13)

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2. The appointment of a suitable specialist contractor, following the outcome of a procurement exercise and containment of costs within the approved sum, be authorised.

104. Employment and Skills - Barnsley Youth Employment Programme (Cab.24.3.2021/14)

RESOLVED:-

1. Officers to develop the programme with the aim of launching in May 2021; and
2. The implementation of the programme be delegated to the Executive Director of Place, or their duly authorised representative.

105. Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme (PSDS) 2021/22 (Cab.24.3.2021/15)

RESOLVED:-

That the following be approved:-

1. The acceptance of the funding of £5,647,940 from the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme;
2. That the Council enter into a contract with Ameresco to develop and deliver the Council buildings element of the project on its behalf; and
3. That the Council provide funding to develop and deliver the BSF Schools element of the project through the existing Project Agreement mechanisms.

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Chair