



# BURNLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

BURNLEY TOWN HALL

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2010

## PRESENT

## MEMBERS

His Worshipful The Mayor (Councillor Anthony Lambert) in the Chair:

Councillors Gordon Birtwistle, Charlie Briggs, Lynne Briggs, Bill Brindle, Charlie Bullas, Frank Cant, Ida Carmichael, Julie Cooper, Jean Cunningham, Peter Doyle, Gary Frayling, Roger Frost, John Harbour, Tony Harrison, David Heginbotham, Karen Heseltine, Michael Heys, Imtiaz Hussain, Shah Hussain, John Jones, Anne Kelly, Arif Khan, Wajid Khan, Jennifer Knowles, Margaret Lishman, Maureen McCaffrey, Peter McCann, Elizabeth Monk, Neil Mottershead, Tom Porter, Darren Reynolds, Paul Reynolds, Martin Smith, Jeff Sumner, Andrew Tatchell, Cosima Towneley, Linda White and Sharon Wilkinson.

## OFFICERS

Steve Rumbelow	-	Chief Executive
David Brown	-	Director of Environment
Mick Cartledge	-	Director of Community Services
Nick Aves	-	Director of Resources
Mike Cook	-	Director of Regeneration & Housing
Tom Forshaw	-	Head of Chief Executives Office
David Wilcock	-	Head of People & Law
Jeremy Richards	-	Communications Officer
Imelda Grady	-	Democracy Officer
Elaine Newsome	-	Democracy Officer
David Farrar		Mayor's Officer

### 61. Minutes

The Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council held on the 28<sup>th</sup> October 2010 were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

### 62. Declaration of Interest

Councillor Anne Kelly declared a personal interest in Minute No. 65 and a personal and prejudicial interest in Minute No 69. She left the meeting during consideration of that item.

Councillor Margaret Lishman declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Minute Nos 69. She left the meeting during consideration of that item.

Councillor Paul Reynolds declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Minute No 76. He left the meeting during consideration of that item.

Councillor Roger Frost declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Minute No. 69. He left the meeting during consideration of that item.

Councillor Ida Carmichael declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Minute No.65. She left the meeting during consideration of that item.

Councillors Heys, Heginbotham, Doyle, Cunningham, Harbour, Lambert and Tatchell declared a personal interest in Minute No.69.

### **63. Presentation of Awards**

The Mayor made presentations to the Domestic Violence Co-ordinator upon the award of White Ribbon Town status.

The Mayor also presented the North Charter for Elected Member Development to Councillor Anne Kelly and a representative from the Democracy team.

### **64. Public Question Time**

Mrs Elizabeth Bolton addressed the Council under the Request To Speak Policy on the proposed reduction or abolition of grants to Parish and Town Councils

Mr Robert Robinson addressed the Council under the Request to Speak Policy on the Act Against Injustice Charity.

Mr Mark Townsend addressed the Council under the Request to Speak Policy on the Revenue Support Grant settlement.

It was moved by Councillor Julie Cooper and seconded by Councillor Frank Cant that Standing Orders were suspended to allow debate on the Revenue Support Grant Settlement.

On being put to the vote the motion was declared to be lost.

### **65. Notices of Motion**

It was moved by Councillor Darren Reynolds and seconded by Councillor Gordon Birtwistle:

That Burnley Borough Council re-states its opposition to the Meeting Patients needs programme and calls on the East Lancashire Teaching Primary Care Trust to re-open children's inpatient facilities in Burnley.

The mover and seconder of the motion accepted an amendment

proposed by Councillor Julie Cooper to change the wording of the motion to:

“That Burnley Borough Council re-states its opposition to the Meeting Patients Needs Programme and calls on the Government and the East Lancashire Teaching Primary Care Trust to re-open children’s inpatient facilities in Burnley and to guarantee the best healthcare provision for the children of Burnley including full consultant care and specialist paediatric nursing staff. The Council also calls for the re-opening of Accident and Emergency facilities at Burnley General Hospital.”

On being put to the vote the motion as amended was declared to be carried and it was RESOLVED ACCORDINGLY.

**66. Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel on the Members Allowance Scheme for 2011/2012**

Mr Graham Knott, member of the Independent Remuneration Panel presented the panels report.

Consideration was given to the findings of the Independent Remuneration Panel in respect of the Members’ allowance scheme for 2011/12 as required by the Local Authorities (Members Allowances) (England) Regulation 2003.

**RESOLVED** That approval be given to the proposed scheme of members allowances for 2011/2012 for consultation purposes.

**67. 2010-2011 Treasury Management Strategy – Mid Year Report**

With reference to Minute No.96 (16<sup>th</sup> November 2010) of the Executive consideration was given to the Councils mid year update on Treasury Management

**RESOLVED** That the mid year update on the Treasury Management Strategy for 2010/2011, in compliance with the requirements of the CIPFA Code, be endorsed.

**68. Licensing Act Policy 2011-2014**

With reference to Minute No. 110 (13<sup>th</sup> December 2010) of the Executive consideration was given to the Licensing Act Policy for 2011-2014.

**RESOLVED** That approval be given to the Licensing Act Policy 2011-2014 as submitted.

**69. Revenue Budget 2011/2012 Corporate Savings**

With reference to Minute No. 108 (13<sup>th</sup> December 2010) of the Executive consideration was given to savings proposals identified to meet the target set for corporate savings.

**RESOLVED** That approval be given to savings proposals, as set out below, totalling £225,000 for the 2010/11 Revenue Budget:

£50,000 Vacant Posts

£27,000 Annual grant to BDCAS

£30,000 Staff car allowances

£50,000 Ward Opportunities Fund (Revenue Element)

£20,000 Interest received on deposits

A reduction of 15% be made to the level of grant paid to each Parish/Town Council next year and that the savings figure be reduced to £5,500 from £28,000 and

The assumed saving from senior management restructuring be increased to £42,500 from £20,000

## **70. Fees and Charges 2011/2012**

With reference to Minute No. 117 (13<sup>th</sup> December 2010) of the Executive, consideration was given to proposed fees and charges.

- RESOLVED**
1. That approval be given to the tariff of fees and charges from 4<sup>th</sup> January;
  2. That delegated authority be granted to the Head of Finance, in consultation with the relevant Head of Service to determine any new charges or changes to existing charges relating to the preparation and approval of the 2011/2012 revenue budget;
  3. That delegated authority be granted to Directors in consultation with Executive Portfolio members to amend fees and charges periodically in their own area on the basis that overall income in their portfolio area remains the same or increases.

## **71. Changes in Executive Arrangements**

With reference to Minute No. 119 (13<sup>th</sup> December 2010) of the Executive consideration was given to the future Executive Arrangements as required by the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007

- RESOLVED**
1. That the new Leader and Cabinet Executive Model be adopted;
  2. That provision be made in the constitution to remove the Leader upon a simple majority decision of the Council.

## **72. Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies**

Consideration was given to the appointment of a Member to the Licensing Committee and to the appointment of a Member to the Economy Scrutiny Committee arising from a change in the size of political groups.

Consideration was given to the appointment of a Member as a Trustee to the Mid Pennine Arts Association following a change to its constitution.

**RESOLVED**

1. That Councillor Howard Baker be appointed to the Licensing Committee for the remainder of the 2010/2011 Municipal Year;
2. That Councillor Jennifer Knowles be appointed to the Economy Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the 2010/2011 Municipal Year;
3. That Councillor Tony Harrison be appointed as a Trustee to the Mid Pennine Arts Association

**73. Three Tier Forums**

Consideration was given to the establishment of a Three Tier Forum as part of locality working with Lancashire County Council and the appointment of six members to the Burnley Three Tier Forum,

**RESOLVED** That Councillors Brindle, Frost, Harrison, Mottershead, Porter and Towneley be appointed to the Burnley Three Tier Forum.

**74. Urgent Decision Taken By the Chief Executive – Treasury Management**

In compliance with the Constitution, Council received, for information, details of an urgent decision that had been made by the Chief Executive in relation a change to the approved list of counterparties where the Council can invest its surplus funds.

**RESOLVED** That the report be noted.

**75. Urgent Decision Taken By the Chief Executive – Redundancy Procedure**

In compliance with requirements set out in the Constitution, Council received, for information, details of an urgent decision that had been made by the Chief Executive in relation to a minor variation to the Redundancy Procedure.

**RESOLVED** That the report be noted.

**76. Strategic Plan Progress Reports and Minutes of Committees**

**RESOLVED** That the strategic plan progress reports from the Executive Members and the minutes of the meetings of the following committees held on the dates shown be received and the decisions contained in them be noted.

**Committee****Date**

Executive	19 <sup>th</sup> October 2010
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Development Control	18 <sup>th</sup> November 2010
Licensing	25 <sup>th</sup> November 2010
Leadership & Community	30 <sup>th</sup> November 2010
Standards	10 <sup>th</sup> November 2010