



BURNLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

BURNLEY TOWN HALL

Wednesday 23rd July 2014

PRESENT

MEMBERS

His Worshipful The Mayor Councillor Andrew Tatchell (in the Chair);

Councillors Baker, Barker, Birtwistle, Briggs, Brindle, Bullas, Campbell, Cant, Carmichael, Chaudhary, Cooper, Cunningham, Ellis, Fifield, Foster, Graham, Greenwood, Harbour, Harrison, Heginbotham, Hussain, Isherwood, Johnstone, Kelly, Kennedy, Wajid Khan, Large, Lishman, Martin, Monk, Newhouse, Pate, Porter, Reynolds, Royle, Stringer, Sumner, Towneley, Townsend

OFFICERS

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| Steve Rumbelow | - | Chief Executive |
| Mike Cook | - | Director of Economic Regeneration |
| Helen Seechurn | - | Director of Resources |
| Tom Forshaw | - | Head of Chief Executive's Office |
| David Wilcock | - | Head of People, Law and Regeneration |
| Imelda Grady | - | Democracy Officer |
| Elaine Newsome | - | Democracy Officer |
| David Bristow | - | Deputy Mayors Officer |
| Jeremy Richards | - | Communications Officer |

19. Minutes

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 4th June 2014 were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

20. Mayors Communications

His Worshipful the Mayor presented long services awards to Councillors Baker, Frayling and Sumner in recognition of over eight years' service to the Borough.

His Worshipful the Mayor reported that this would be the last meeting at which the retiring Director of Economic Regeneration, Mike Cook and the Council's Monitoring Officer, David Wilcock who would be taking up a post with another Local Government organisation, would be attending. On behalf of the Council he thanked both Officers for their service to the Borough over the years and wished them well for the future.

21. Notice of Motion

It was moved by Councillor Gordon Birtwistle and seconded by Councillor Anne Kelly that:

“This Council welcomes the millions of pounds invested in Burnley by the Coalition Government over the past four years; further welcomes the reduction in unemployment to 4.7%. The council wishes to congratulate Burnley Bondholders and other companies who achieved the award of most enterprising town in the UK. This council also welcomes the recent report from Centre for Cities which placed Burnley in the top 10 in the UK for the high growth prospects for its SMEs and identified as an area where firms are driving economic recovery. The council calls on the executive and officers to continue to work with the Coalition Government to ensure continued funding to provide further growth and prosperity.”

An amendment was moved by Councillor Mark Townsend and seconded by Councillor John Harbour to change the wording of the motion to read:

“This council welcomes the millions of pounds invested in Burnley by the private and public sectors to support the Councils economic growth plans; further welcomes the reduction in unemployment to 4.7% but recognises that living standards are falling for hard working families in Burnley who on average are £1600 worse off over the 4 years of the Coalition Government. The council wishes to congratulate Burnley Bondholders and other companies who achieved the award of most enterprising town in the UK. This council also welcomes the recent report from Centre for Cities which placed Burnley in the top 10 in the UK for the high growth prospects for its SMEs and identified as an area where firms are driving economic recovery. The council calls on the MP, executive and officers to stress to the Coalition Government that the tens of millions of pounds cut in housing and revenue support grants since 2010 is putting future economic growth in Burnley at risk; and to work with the Coalition Government to ensure continued funding to support the Councils ambitious economic growth and prosperity plans.”

22. Adjournment of meeting

The Mayor adjourned the meeting for a short time to allow Members the opportunity to consider the amendment.

23. The meeting reconvened at 7.30 p .m.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13(i), it was moved by Councillor Tony Martin that the question be now put and it was **RESOLVED ACCORDINGLY.**

On being put to the vote, the amendment was carried and became the substantive motion.

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

24. 2013/14 Final Outturn Position

With reference to Minute No. 6 (15th July 2014) of the Executive consideration was given to the final position on the Council's Revenue and Capital Accounts for 2013/14.

RESOLVED

1. That the final position on the Council's revenue account for 2013/14 and the net overall surplus, compared with the revised budget, of £192k as shown in Appendix 1, be approved;
2. That the transfers to/from Earmarked Reserves totalling a net £341k increase in reserves (see Appendix 2) be approved;
3. That the creation of a new Earmarked Reserve, the Revenue Grants Unapplied Reserve, in accordance with accounting practice, be approved;
4. That an additional payment to the Leisure Trust for budget requests totalling £32k for Sport & Culture, this payment being for grant funded schemes and uniforms, be approved;
5. That the final position on capital spending and financing of £19,444,488 for 2013/14 as shown in Appendices 3 & 4, which equated to 89% of the final budget, be approved; and
6. That the revised capital budget for 2014/15 totalling £17,659,958 as outlined in Appendix 5 (including carry forward of £2,292,757) be approved.

25. Treasury Management Activity 2013/2014

With reference to Minute No 7 (15th July 2014) of the Executive consideration was given to the Council's treasury management activity during 2013/14.

RESOLVED

1. That the annual treasury management activity for the year ended 31 March 2014 be noted; and
2. That the closure of the Financial Instruments Shortfall Reserve as part of the final accounts process be approved.

26. Report on Summary of Urgent Executive Decisions

Consideration was given to a report on the urgent decisions made by the Executive since the implementation of The Local Authorities (Executive

Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

RESOLVED That the report detailing urgent Executive decisions made since October 2012 be noted.

27. Scrutiny Annual Report

Consideration was given to the Scrutiny Annual Report for the 2013/14 Municipal Year.

RESOLVED That the Scrutiny Annual Report for 2013/14 be approved.

28. Scrutiny Chair's Cycle 1 Report

RESOLVED That the report of the Chair of Scrutiny be noted.

29. Strategic Plan Progress Reports

RESOLVED That the Strategic Plan Progress Reports of Executive Members be noted.

30. Exclusion of the Public

RESOLVED That the public be excluded from the meeting before discussion took place on the following item of business on the grounds that in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, to the public would be present there would be a disclosure to them of exempt information within the meaning of Part VA of the Local Government Act 1972 relating to the business or financial affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

31. Prairie Sports Complex

With reference to Minute No 13 (15th July 2014) of the Executive consideration was given to the outcome of the tender process for the Pavilion and Driving Range element of the Prairie Sports Complex

RESOLVED

1. That an increase in the capital programme allocation for the Prairie Sports Complex from £2,659,000 to £2,801,487 be approved ;and
2. As amended, that the increased allocation of £142,487 be funded, as detailed in section 13 of the report.