



BURNLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL

BURNLEY TOWN HALL

Thursday, 29th October, 2020

This was a remote meeting held under the Coronavirus Act 2020.

PRESENT

MEMBERS

His Worshipful The Mayor (Councillor Wajid Khan) in the Chair;

Councillors M Townsend, A Anwar, H Baker, G Birtwistle, C Briggs, B Brindle, P Campbell, F Cant, T Commis, I Emo, D Ferrier, A Fewings, B Foster, P Gill, S Graham, S Hall, J Harbour, A Hosker, S Hussain, M Ishtiaq, M Johnstone, A Kelly (Vice-Chair), A Khan, L Khan, S Khan, G Lishman, M Lishman, S Lone, T Martin, P McCann, L Mehanna, N Mottershead, A Newhouse, L Pate, E Payne, M Payne, A Raja, A Royle, J Sumner, A Tatchell and C Towneley

OFFICERS

Mick Cartledge	– Chief Executive
Lukman Patel	– Chief Operating Officer
Catherine Waudby	– Head of Legal and Democratic Services
Imelda Grady	– Democracy Officer
Alison McEwan	– Democracy Officer
Mark Hindman	– Graphic Designer
Georgia Robinson	– Business Administration Apprentice

35 Minutes of the Last Meeting

RESOLVED The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 30th September 2020 were agreed as an accurate record.

36 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Andy Fewings declared a personal interest in items 6 (b) 6 (c) 6(d) and 6 (f).of the agenda. He took no part in the discussions or vote on these items.

37 Motion to Council - James Anderson

It was moved by the Mayor, Councillor Wajid Khan and seconded by Councillor Andy Tatchell that

This Council recognises the record breaking, and outstanding achievement of Burnley born international cricket star, James Anderson by taking 600 international test match wickets.

That this Council honours James Anderson being the first ever test match fast bowler to achieve this historic milestone by naming a Burnley Borough road/street in the names of James Anderson. He has been a great ambassador for the borough having been born and bred in Burnley as well as starting his career at Burnley Cricket Club. James is an excellent role model for Burnley youngsters as he has demonstrated it's possible to achieve their goals and aspirations and reap the rewards of hard work.

This recognition would complement the previous freedom of the borough award given to James Anderson due to his outstanding services to cricket.

That this Council recommends that the Head of Streetscene in consultation with Group Leaders and other relevant bodies identify a suitable/road/street, which shall be named (or re-named) after James Anderson.

On being put to the vote the motion was declared to be carried and it was RESOLVED accordingly.

38 Motion to Council - Aerospace Industry

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14.7 (a) Councillor Frank Cant proposed an ALTERED motion as follows, and this was consented to by the meeting and then seconded by Councillor Sue Graham that:

Burnley Borough Council is aware that the aerospace industry forms a backbone of highly skilled jobs in Burnley. The contribution of manufacturers such as Safran, MB, Velocity and Elite to the local economy is vital. The spin-offs from these industries can be found in our education facilities, shops, banks, and housing providers to name a few. A supply chain hub has been created in the Bancroft Rd, area to bring these industries together to increase competitiveness.

The coronavirus pandemic and resulting lockdowns have had wide ranging and detrimental impacts of the aerospace industry, globally and in Burnley.

Council notes with dismay the announcement by Rolls-Royce that the manufacture of the crown jewels of the company, wide chord fan blades, is to be offshored to Singapore, with the loss of hundreds of skilled jobs at the Barnoldswick plant and the knock-on consequences for the supply chain throughout Burnley and East Lancashire.

This Council resolves to:

- a. Support the recommendations of the `Lancashire Aerospace Task Force – A Recovery Plan for Lancashire`.
- b. Write to our MP and Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy calling for
 - i. Government to commit to fully funding the `Aerospace Recovery Plan for Lancashire` through the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership.
 - ii. Government to enact legislation urgently to prohibit the offshoring manufacturing processes that are of strategic national importance to the United Kingdom.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Andy Fewings and seconded by Councillor Sarah Hall to add the following words after (a) and (b)(i) `where it puts the immediate needs and support for the workforce affected first` and to add as (b)(iii) `in the event of redundancies for the workforce, the Government to make additional funds available for enhanced support packages for workers to transition to sustainable jobs, based locally`.

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

An amendment was moved by Councillor Gordon Lishman and seconded by Councillor Dale Ferrier that
` that (b) (ii) be deleted from the motion`.

The mover of the motion Councillor Frank Cant accepted the amendment but the seconder Councillor Sue Graham did not. On being put to the vote the amendment was declared to be lost.

On being put to the vote the altered motion was declared to be carried and it was RESOLVED accordingly.

39 Executive response to Single Use Plastics Motion

Consideration was given to the Executive`s response to a motion on Single Use Plastics which had been referred to the Executive in December 2019 because if carried it would materially increase the expenditure of a service which is managed by the Council (Full Council minute 47/2019)

The matter was an Executive function and the Executive`s decision was

- a. An audit and publication of single use plastic (SUP) items used by the council is not undertaken
- b. An annual SUP audit and publication scheme is not introduced
- c. Where reasonably practical council actions are maintained to reduce SUP in the supply of council good, services and works, through appropriate tender specifications
- d. Where reasonably practical and appropriate include specific lease or tenancy conditions to support SUP removal and reduction`
- e. Criteria are included in tender specifications to evaluate the supplier compliance to SUP removal or reduction
- f. The recommendations at c and e above are applied where SUP is identified in the existing council supply chain
- g. Work continues to encourage local businesses to reduce SUP
- h. The council does not undertake a feasibility study to identify available premises for a community co-operative shop
- i. The council uses social media to facilitate and raise awareness on actions to support SUP reduction, linking this with existing County wide awareness initiatives.

RESOLVED

That the decision of the Executive be noted.

40 Annual Review of Treasury Management Activity 2019/20

With reference to Minute 21 of the Executive (11th August 2020) consideration was given to the Council's treasury management activity during 2019/20.

RESOLVED

That the annual treasury management activity for the year ended 31st March 2019 be noted.

41 2019/20 Final Capital Outturn Position

With reference to Minute 22 of the Executive (11th August 2020) consideration was given to the 2019/20 final Capital Outturn position.

RESOLVED

- (1) That approval be given for the final position on capital spending and financing of £14,026m for 2019/20 as shown in Appendices 1 and 2 which equates to 90% of the final resources position; and
- (2) That approval be given to the revised capital budget for 2020/21 totalling £20.874m as outlined in Appendix 3 (including net carry forward of £1.406m).

42 Revenue Monitoring 2020/21 Quarter 1

With reference to Minute 23 of the Executive (11th August 2020) consideration was given to the forecast outturn position for the year as at 31 March 2020 based upon actual spending and income to 30 June 2020.

The financial impact of the Coronavirus pandemic as detailed in paragraph 5 of the report was noted and that in view of these exceptional times the revenue monitoring position is uncertain.

RESOLVED

- (1) That approval be given for the latest revised net budget of £15.695m as shown in table 1 of the report; and
- (2) That approval be given for the net transfers to earmarked reserves of £1.703m as shown in appendix 2 as attached to the report.

43 Capital Monitoring Report 2020/21 Quarter 1

With reference to Minute 24 of the Executive (11th August 2020) consideration was given to an update on capital expenditure and the resources position along with highlighting any variances.

RESOLVED

- (1) That approval be given to the net budget changes totalling a decrease of £1,758,987 giving a revised capital budget for 2020/21 totalling £19,115,145 as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report; and
- (2) That approval be given to the proposed financing of the revised capital budget totalling £19,115,145 as shown in Appendix 2; and

- (3) Note the latest estimated year end position on capital receipts and contributions showing an assumed balance of £946,774 as 31 March 2020 as shown in Appendix 3 of the report.

44 Final Revenue Outturn Position 2019/20

With reference to Minute 32 of the Executive (20th October 2020) consideration was given to the provisional position on the Council's revenue accounts for 2019/20.

RESOLVED

That approval be given to

- a) The provisional final position on the Council's revenue account for 2019/20 shows a net deficit of £93k which has been funded from the Transformation Reserve. Of the £93k net deficit, £66k was due to Covid-19 related budget pressures incurred in March 2020 which reduces the true in year net deficit to £27k. The projected overspend from the outturn position estimated during quarter 3 budget monitoring was £140k.
- b) The transfers to/from Earmarked Reserves totalling a net £0.888m increase to reserves as shown in appendix 2; and
- c) The additional revenue budget carry forward requests from Heads of Service totalling £0.047m as shown in appendix 3.

45 Licensing Act 2003 Policy

With reference to Minute 38 of the Executive (20th October 2020) consideration was given to the draft Burnley Licensing Act 2003 Policy.

RESOLVED

That approval be given to the Licensing Act 2003 Burnley Borough Council Licensing Policy and it be implemented as soon as practicable.

46 Amendment to Mayoral Protocol

Consideration was given to an amendment to the Mayor/Deputy Mayor Protocol.

RESOLVED

That approval be given to the amendment of the Appointment of Mayor/Deputy Mayor Protocol by inserting a new paragraph v) which states as follows; "Any Member who is appointed as the Deputy Mayor for the remainder of the municipal year 2020/21 who has not previously held the office of Mayor or Deputy Mayor shall not be prohibited from being offered the Office of Deputy Mayor for the municipal year 2021/22 or any subsequent municipal year. The relevant Member's service as Deputy Mayor for the remainder of the 2020/21 municipal year shall be disregarded on the application of paragraph (i) and service as Deputy Mayor for said municipal year shall not be deemed to have taken place when applying the criteria at paragraph (i)".

47 Appointment to Deputy Mayor, Committees, Working Group and Forums

Consideration was given to the appointment of a Deputy Mayor for the remainder of the 2020/21 municipal year and to the appointments to Committees, Working Groups, Forums and Panels for the 2020/21 municipal year and to note the changes to the Executive appointments and revised Executive portfolios.

It was moved by the Mayor, Councillor Wajid Khan and seconded by Councillor Anne Kelly and it was

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

That Councillor Cosima Towneley be elected the Deputy Mayor for the Borough for the remainder of the 2020/21 municipal year.

The Deputy Mayor Councillor Cosima Towneley then made and subscribed the Declaration of Officer as required by Law.

Councillor Cosima Towneley in the Vice Chair position for the remainder of the meeting.

It was further **RESOLVED**

- (1) That it be noted that Councillor Andrew Newhouse has resigned from the Conservative Group and has become a member of the Burnley and Padiham Independent Party;
- (2) That the consequential amendments to the Political Balance and amended Group Committee places be noted;
- (3) That approval be given to the appointments to Committees, Working Groups and Outside Bodies as nominated by Political Groups ;
- (4) That the Executive appointments to Committees, Working Groups and Outside Bodies and revised Executive Portfolios be noted;
- (5) That Councillor Cosima Towneley replace Councillor Andrew Newhouse as the Conservative member on the Scrutiny Committee
- (6) That Councillor Andrew Newhouse replace Councillor Emma Payne as the Burnley & Padiham Independent Group member on the Scrutiny Committee
- (7) That Councillor Shah Hussain replace Councillor Sue Graham as Vice Chair of the Audit and Standards Committee;
- (8) That Councillor Charlie Briggs replace Councillor Andrew Newhouse on the Licensing Committee;
- (9) That Councillor Ivor Emo replace Councillor Andrew Newhouse and Councillor Mark Payne replace Councillor Charlie Briggs on the Member Structures and Support Working Group;
- (10) That Councillor Bea Foster be appointed to Burnley Leisure Trust to replace Councillor Afrasaib Anwar;
- (11) That Councillor Cosima Towneley be appointed as the experienced opposition group member to the Burnley and Pendle Citizens Advice Bureau to replace Councillor Bea Foster;
- (12) That Councillor Paul Campbell be appointed as lead member and Councillor Andrew Newhouse be appointed as substitute members on LCC Health Scrutiny to replace Councillors Lian Pate and Tracy Kennedy;
- (13) That Councillors Ann Royle, Andy Tatchell and Bea Foster be appointed to Burnley Acorn Fund until October 2024.

48 Reports from Committee Chairs

RESOLVED

That the reports of the Chairs of Scrutiny, Audit and Standards, Development Control and Licensing be noted.

49 Strategic Plan Progress Reports

The reports of the Leader, Deputy Leader and Executive member for Health and Wellbeing, Executive member for Resources and Performance Management and Executive member for Housing were noted.

50 Close of Meeting

It was noted that the meeting had gone beyond three hours and that a motion one Council Procedure Rule 13 (I) that the meeting continue beyond 3 hours in duration had not been taken the Mayor declared the meeting to be closed and would be reconvened on 4th November 2020.

The meeting finished at 9.50 pm