



BARROW BOROUGH COUNCIL

TOWN HALL
DUKE STREET
BARROW-IN-FURNESS

26th August, 2016

To: The Members of Barrow Borough Council

Madam Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen

You are hereby summoned to attend an Extraordinary meeting of BARROW BOROUGH COUNCIL to be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER at the TOWN HALL, BARROW on TUESDAY the 6th day of SEPTEMBER, 2016 COMMENCING AT 5.30 PM for the transaction of the business specified below.

Executive Director

Prior to the business of the meeting, Prayers will be offered.

Business

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

To receive declarations by Members and/or co-optees of interests in respect of items on this Agenda.

Members are reminded that, in accordance with the revised Code of Conduct, they are required to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests or other registrable interests which have not already been declared in the Council's Register of Interests. (It is a criminal offence not to declare a disclosable pecuniary interest either in the Register or at the meeting).

Members may however, also decide, in the interests of clarity and transparency, to declare at this point in the meeting, any such disclosable pecuniary interests which they have already declared in the Register, as well as any other registrable or other interests.

2. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

To expedite the business of the meeting, Members are requested to give the Executive Director adequate notice of any Amendment which they propose to raise.

3. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS.
4. PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON 2016/20 BUDGET STRATEGY.
5. TO PASS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION, THAT IS TO SAY:

That the Council authorises the fixing of its Common Seal to any documents to give effect to the Minutes and proceedings of the Committees submitted to or approved by this meeting and any other matters dealt with at this meeting.

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COUNCIL	Agenda Item 3
Date of Meeting: 6th September, 2016	
Reporting Officer: Executive Director	

**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
(Report of the meeting held on 27th July, 2016)**

Recommendations:

The following recommendations have been referred to Council.

Executive Committee – 27th July, 2016

1.0 2016-2010

1.1 The Executive Director's report considered the 2016-2020 Budget Strategy including the detailed proposals for services. The impacts of the strategy had been forecast into the Medium Term Financial Plan which would be submitted to Government as the Council's Efficiency Plan. The projected budget deficit by 2019-2020 was £2.37m and £2.4m of cost savings and additional income had been identified, balancing the medium term finances of the Council.

1.2 Recommendation:-

To recommend the Council:-

- (i) To endorse and adopt the 2016-2020 Budget Strategy;**
- (ii) To agree that items of non-recurring expenditure necessary to deliver the 2016-2020 Budget Strategy were funded from the Medium Term Financial Plan reserve;**
- (iii) To agree that the outturn result during the strategy period be met from or added to the Medium Term Financial Plan reserve;**
- (iv) To agree that £1m of the Medium Term Financial Plan reserve be set aside into the business rate volatility reserve; part of the Budget Contingency reserve;**
- (v) To agree the service resilience recommendations;**

- (vi) To agree the leisure recommendation;**
- (vii) To agree the burial and cremation recommendations;**
- (viii) To agree the ring-fenced properties recommendation;**
- (ix) To agree the Dock Museum recommendation;**
- (x) To agree the commercial estate recommendation;**
- (xi) To agree the kennels recommendations;**
- (xii) To agree the playgrounds recommendations;**
- (xiii) To agree the allotments recommendations;**
- (xiv) To agree the Barrow Park recommendations;**
- (xv) To agree the conveniences recommendations;**
- (xvi) To approve the Medium Term Financial Plan for 2016-2020; and**
- (xvii) To agree that the Budget Strategy and Medium Term Financial Plan be submitted to the Department for Communities and Local Government as the Council's Efficiency Plan.**

2.0 Financial Outturn 2015-2016

2.1 The Director of Resources report contained the financial outturn for the year ended 31st March, 2016. The report included all aspects of the Council's finances; General Fund, Housing Revenue Account, Collection Fund, Capital Programme and Treasury Management.

2.2 Recommendation:-

To recommend the Council:-

- 1. To note the financial outturn for 2015-2016;**
- 2. To approve the reserves transactions as set out in Section G of the report;**
- 3. To note the annual treasury management review; and**
- 4. To note the amounts written off under delegation in 2015-2016.**

3.0 2016-2010 Budget Strategy

3.1 The Director of Resources report set out the establishment impacts of the 2016-2020 Budget Strategy.

3.2 Recommendation:-

To recommend the Council:-

- (i) To agree that voluntary redundancy/early retirement be offered to the permanent kennels employees at 31st March, 2017;**
- (ii) To agree that the permanent kennels post holders were placed on the at risk register from 7th September, 2016, until 31st March, 2017;**
- (iii) To agree that voluntary redundancy/early retirement be offered to the sheltered placement team members until 31st March, 2017; and**
- (v) To agree that the voluntary redundancy payment weeks were doubled, to a maximum of 52 weeks, for these applicants only.**

4.0 Enforced Sale of 2 Abbsotsfield Gardens, Barrow-in-Furness

4.1 The Executive Director reported that the Council had been dealing with a property for an extended period of time without resolution.

Direct action had been taken and monies were owed to the Council to the value of £5,265.00.

The Council had been unable to identify the current owner and the property and land continued to decay.

S.193 of the Law of Property Act 1925 enabled a Local Authority to force a sale of a property which had a local land charge, or charging order on it for money owed, for example for works carried out by the Council in default following the service of a statutory notice or for unpaid Council Tax.

4.2 Recommendation:-

To recommend the Council:-

- 1. To prepare a statutory declaration (which included the details in the report);**

- 2. To apply to the Land Registry to have a charge noted on the property title; and**
- 3. To force the sale of 2 Abbotsfield Gardens, Barrow-in-Furness in the event that the monies owed to the Council remained unpaid.**

Delegated Decisions

The matters determined by the Executive Committee in exercise of the powers which have been delegated to the Committee will be detailed in the Minutes of the meetings noted above reproduced in Volume 2 (2016/17) of the printed Minutes.

Background Papers

Nil

COUNCIL	Agenda Item 4
Date of Meeting: 6th September, 2016	
Reporting Officer: Executive Director	
<p>Title: Public Consultation on 2016/20 Budget Strategy</p> <p>Summary and Conclusions:</p> <p>The results of the public consultation on the 2016-2020 Budget Strategy are presented.</p> <p>Recommendations:</p> <p>It is recommended that Members take the responses into account when considering the 2016-2020 Budget Strategy.</p>	

Report

Members agreed to public consultation on the 2016-2020 Budget Strategy and this ran between 20th July and 19th August.

In total 11 responses were received during this period with one beyond the deadline.

The issues raised were as follows:

- Opposed to outsourcing Forum (10 responses)
- Opposed to outsourcing Park Leisure Centre (3 responses)
- Opposed to closure of Forum (1 response)
- Support for outsourcing Park Leisure Centre (1 response)
- Opposed to cuts in toilet provision (1 response)
- Opposed to reduction in street cleansing (1 response)
- Opposed to increase in allotment rents (1 response)
- (Some respondents commented on more than one issue)

The proposal to outsource the Forum has generated most responses and concerns about the level of charges and access currently enjoyed by local amateur groups were the most commonly raised issues. Some respondents suggested local companies should be approached for sponsorship and that the venue could be run by local groups.

Members are requested to take these responses into account when considering the Budget Strategy for 2016-2020.

Background Papers

Nil