

REPORT BY THE LEADER ON THE WORK OF THE EXECUTIVE

The attention of Members is drawn to the following items which have been discussed by the Executive since the last ordinary meeting of the Council:-

EXECUTIVE 26th OCTOBER, 2017

- **Redevelopment of Pendle Leisure Centre – Loan to Pendle Leisure Trust**

We supported the proposal from Pendle Leisure Trust for the redevelopment of Pendle Leisure Centre in Colne and endorsed their request for a loan of up to a maximum of £0.5m. We recommended Council approve a supplementary capital estimate for this amount and granted delegated authority to the Financial Services Manager, in consultation with the Leader and the Executive Member for Finance, to agree the terms of the loan with the Leisure Trust.

However, at the Council meeting on 26th October this item was deferred pending a consultation exercise on the soft play proposal for the sports hall at Pendle Leisure Centre. A further consultation exercise would also be undertaken on the future provision of leisure and sports facilities within the Borough.

- **Clitheroe Road Housing Development, Brierfield – Deed of Subordination in favour of the Homes and Communities Agency**

Officers have been authorised to agree the execution of a Deed of Subordination in favour of the Homes and Communities Agency linked to the provision of loan funding for the PEARL2 housing development at Clitheroe Road, Brierfield.

- **Treasury Management 2017-2018 Mid-Year Report**

We noted the work on the Council's treasury activities for the period ending 30th September, 2017.

- **Annual Audit Letter**

We accepted the Annual Audit Letter for 2016/17 from Grant Thornton.

- **Local Government Finance Settlement 2018/19 – Response to Consultation**

The draft response to the consultation was accepted and the Financial Services Manager was authorised to submit this to the DCLG by the deadline of 26th October, 2017.

- **16 Kirby Road, Lomeshaye Industrial Estate, Nelson**

We refused the request for the purchase of the freehold of 16 Kirby Road, Lomeshaye Industrial Estate, Nelson. We did however, agree to extend the lease by an additional 27 years and the Strategic Director has been authorised to negotiate and agree terms for the lease extension.

- **Tender – BMX Track, Swinden Playing Fields, Cravendale Avenue, Nelson**

We noted that an exemption was granted from the Contract Procedure Rules for the BMX Pump Track at Swinden Playing Fields in Nelson.

- **Pendle Homelessness Strategy 2017-2022 and Homelessness Temporary Accommodation Policy 2017**

We recommended Council approve the above Strategy and Policy which was a requirement under the Homelessness Act 2002. *(This can be found elsewhere on the agenda).*

- **Land at Bamford Street, Nelson**

We accepted the highest offers received for Plots 3, 4 and 5 for this land.

- **Brownfield Registers and Permission in Principle**

The Executive agreed the approach to implementing the legislation which was set out in the report. We agreed not to pursue the Permission in Principle unless a change in the fees regulations compensated the Council for the loss of income. We also felt that there was no need to carry out any consultation for the inclusion of sites in the Part 1 Register.

- **Planning for the Right Homes in the Right Places: Consultation Proposals**

We agreed that the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager, in consultation with the Leader and Deputy Leader prepare a response to the consultation, but this be done pending the outcome of discussions at the Council meeting on 26th October, 2017.

- **Disposal of Housing Sites**

It was agreed that land at Leach Street, Colne and the Harrison Drive Recreation Ground in Colne be declared surplus to requirements.

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Leader, Pendle Borough Council.