

REPORT BY THE LEADER ON THE WORK OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The attention of Members is drawn to the following items which have been discussed by the Policy and Resources Committee since the last ordinary meeting of the Council

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE 26th JUNE, 2018

- **Planning Applications**

We refused the outline application for residential development on land north east of Meadow Way in Barnoldswick (18/0248/OUT); granted delegated authority to the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager, in consultation with myself, to approve the application for a pilates studio at Suite 5 Vantage Court, Barrowford (18/0122/FUL); refused the application for an illuminated fascia sign at 68-70 Manchester Road, Nelson (17/0337/ADV) and authorised the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager to take enforcement action for its removal.

- **Strategic Plan 2018-2020**

We have recommended Council agree the Strategic Plan for 2018/19 (this can be found elsewhere on the agenda).

- **Disposal of Property Interests**

After considering a report on the proposed disposal of property interests we agreed to market for sale Number One Market Street and Elliott House in Nelson and for the bids to be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee. We felt however, that the ACE Centre should not be disposed of at the present time pending a resolution on matters linked to the current occupation of the building by Pendle Leisure Trust Ltd.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNCIL'S CALL-IN PROCEDURE THE ABOVE DECISION STANDS REFERRED TO THE THREE GROUP LEADERS FOR DISCUSSION.

- **Lomeshaye Industrial Estate Extension – Phase 1**

We agreed to await the outcome of the Compulsory Purchase of this site before making a decision on the proposals put forward by the landowner to act as developer for the scheme.

- **Provisional Revenue Out-Turn 2017/18**

The position on the Council's Revenue Budget for 2017/18 was noted and we acknowledged that this was provisional pending the completion of the audit of the accounts for the year. We agreed to carry over into the Council's Revenue Budget for 2018/19 a budget provision in the sum of £36.9k. We also agreed a supplementary revenue estimate in 2018/19 of £100k to set up a Community Action Fund.

- **Capital Programme – Provisional Out-Turn 2017/18**

The Council's Capital Programme provisional out-turn for 2017/18 was noted as was the proposals to carry forward budget slippage from the 2017/18 programme to 2018/19. We agreed that £9k be used from the CCTV Upgrade budget in 2018/19 to support initiatives in Barnoldswick and Brierfield in the sum of £4.5k per site.

- **Review of Revenue Reserves as at 31st March, 2018**

We noted the outcome of the review of revenue reserves as at 31st March, 2018. We also made a recommendation to Council to approve the transfer in 2017/18 of £0.466m from specific reserves to the Budget Support Reserve (this can be found elsewhere on the agenda).

- **Matters Requiring Financial Approval**

A funding allocation of £10,000 was approved for Burnley, Pendle and Rossendale Council for Voluntary Services for a three year period from 2018/19. We agreed that this be funded from the 2017/18 Revenue Out-Turn. The application from Bodies in Motion was not agreed.

- **Implementation of New Recycling Arrangements**

We acknowledged the difficulties experienced during the implementation of the blue bin scheme and in doing so passed on our congratulations to the staff in Environmental Services, Communications and the Contact Centre in responding to the unexpected work and demand for these bins and their response to dealing with resulting queries. We recommended Council approve a supplementary virement of £90,000 to purchase a further 2,000 bins (this can be found elsewhere on the agenda).

- **Gearing up for Growth**

We noted the programme's achievements during the last financial year. We also approved the proposed activity and respective budget allocations for the 2018/19 programme.

- **Holt House, Colne – Community Asset Transfer Request**

We agreed that Colne FC be offered the freehold of the land at Holt House in its current lease, together with the additional land identified in the report. The Corporate Director, in consultation with myself has been authorised to agree the terms.

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- **20 Scotland Road, Nelson**

We approved a three year lease for this property to Building Bridges Pendle and the Chief Executive has been authorised to negotiate the terms.

- **2B Keighley Road, Colne**

The Chief Executive has been authorised to invite proposals, including designs, for the development of this site from two interested parties.

Councillor Paul White,
Leader,
Pendle Borough Council.