

# 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 24<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2018**

- **Gearing up for Growth – Apprenticeship Provision**

We allocated £10,000 from the residual balance of the Gearing up for Growth Programme towards the promotion and recruitment of apprenticeships and asked for an update on progress in six months' time.

- **Local Plan Altering the Housing Requirement**

The Committee noted the likely implications, both financially and in terms of timescale, for altering the housing requirement in the Local Plan. We asked for a review of the housing numbers in the Local Plan and requested a new Strategic Housing Market Assessment be commissioned. We also allocated up to £50,000 from the Local Plan Reserve to undertake these works.

- **Lomeshaye Development Brief**

A six week consultation exercise on the Lomeshaye Development Brief was agreed.

- **Brownfield Sites Fund Review**

We received an update on the current status of the Brownfield Sites Fund and agreed that the remaining site owners who had expressed an interest in the scheme be given a deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2018 by which to submit an application. A report on innovative ways of distributing the Brownfield Sites Fund was to be submitted to a future meeting.

- **Disposal of Sites for Housing**

Progress had been made on some sites which had previously been agreed for disposal. We noted the progress made on establishing the Developer Register and agreed that the first site offered to the Register be Trent Road, Nelson. The site at Mansfield Crescent, Brierfield is to be offered for self-build through the Self- Build Register. We agreed not to dispose of land at Dewhurst Street/Knotts Lane, Colne and land at Aspen Grove, Earby. Nelson Committee and Colne and District Committee have been consulted on the possible disposal of land at End Street, Colne and land at Wickworth Street, Nelson.

- **Call In – Disposal of Property Interests**

The Committee noted the estimated costs for the sale of Number One Market Street and Elliott House, Nelson and requested any bids received for the properties be submitted to the Committee for consideration. A report is to be submitted to the Committee in September 2019 should the sale of these two properties not be agreed by then.

- **PEARL Joint Venture Companies Development Programme 2018/19**

We noted progress made during 2017/18 and the Development Programme for the PEARL Companies for 2018/19.

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

The Corporate Director was granted delegated authority to carry out negotiations with Colne FC on the transfer of land at Holt House, Colne and a report will be submitted to the Committee in December, 2018. A public meeting with local residents to find out their views on the proposed transfer of land is currently being arranged.

- **Pendle Housing Strategy 2018-2023**

Subject to further discussions between the three Group Leaders, Councillor P. Foxley and relevant officers, the Pendle Housing Strategy for 2018-2023 is to be submitted to a future Council meeting for approval.

- **Universal Enforcement Team**

We agreed that the scope of the review would include enforcement of dog fouling and litter, dog warden service, waste, bins and abandoned vehicles (within Environmental Services) and parking services (within Neighbourhood Services). The review would take account of the following:

- ❖ The outcome and timescale of the impending Council wide organisational review and associated accommodation review.
- ❖ The need for synergy and sound business reasons for putting staff together.
- ❖ The desirability of increasing capacity for enforcement work.
- ❖ The need to generate savings and increase income in view of the Council's financial position.
- ❖ Training on relevant legislation, practice etc.
- ❖ To include prevention and education as well as formal action.
- ❖ To fully exploit IDOX.

Outsourcing and joint working are to be explored and a report on the outcome of the review is to be submitted to the Committee in the autumn.

- **The Sutton Building, Netherfield Road, Nelson**

The relaxation of the restrictive covenant on this site was approved and we agreed to waive the premium to relax the covenant.

- **Back Street Lighting in Whitefield, Nelson**

We agreed a supplementary estimate of £6,000 from the Budget Support Reserve 2018/19 for the installation of three street lights on Buccleugh Road Nelson.

## **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 28<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2018**

- **Planning Applications**

Application 18/0362/FUL land to the east of Beckside, Salterforth was refused and we granted delegated authority to the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager to approve application 18/0358/FUL Unit 5a The Foundry, Riverside Mill, Greenfield Road, Colne subject to further discussions and applying the necessary conditions.

- **Strategic Monitoring report to 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2018**

We noted progress made on the actions identified in the Strategic Plan.

- **Matters Requiring Financial Approval**

We agreed to the allocation of £11,678 to move the CCTV viewing and recording room from Nelson and Colne College and the installation of a new Siklu wireless network in Brierfield. The costs would be met from the CCTV Capital Funding budget.

- **Review of Pendle Leisure Trust**

The Committee noted the provisional management fee of £1.3m for Pendle Leisure Trust in 2019/20 (a reduction of £200k when compared to 2018/19). The Trust have been asked to submit proposals to the Council as to how it could save £200k in 2019/20 in support of the Council's

overall savings requirement for next year. We also asked for a strategic review to be undertaken on the Trust's delivery of sports/leisure provision.

- **Colne Business Improvement District (BID) Implementation**

We noted the results of the Colne BID ballot and the next stages to implement it. Councillor Joe Cooney was nominated as the Council's representative on the Colne BID Company and we delegated authority to the Chief Executive to finalise the Operating Agreement and Baseline Service Agreement between Pendle Council and the Colne BID Company.

- **Lomeshaye Industrial Estate Extension Phase 2**

We agreed that Liberata Property Services begin negotiations with the landowner to acquire the Phase 2 land; that any offer made and compensation be paid as if a Compulsory Purchase Order was in place; granted authority for the initial preparation of a Compulsory Purchase Order; and the necessary studies to enable a planning application to be submitted once the Development Brief had been approved be undertaken.

- **Land adjacent to Unit 4 Pendleside, Lomeshaye Industrial Estate**

The Committee agreed to the disposal of land adjacent to Unit 4 Pendleside for a term of 125 years and that the loss of open space be advertised to facilitate the grant of the lease.

- **Land at Thomas Street, Colne**

We did not agree to the private treaty disposal of this land.

- **Tenders and Other Contract Related Matters**

We noted the exemption granted from Contract Procedure Rules for the Earby Property Level Resilience Scheme.

- **Rear of 177-203 Leeds Road, Nelson**

The request for a supplementary estimate of £7,000 towards the resurfacing scheme at the rear of 177-203 Leeds Road, Nelson was not agreed.

- **Use of Dispersal Powers in Brierfield**

The introduction of a Public Spaces Protection Order, to include the Massey Street area of Brierfield was agreed for an initial period of 12 months.

- **Glen Cottage, Barnoldswick**

Following a request from West Craven Committee for the Compulsory Purchase of this property, the Committee asked for a report on the proposed CPO to be submitted to the October meeting.

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