

**REPORT FROM: NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES MANAGER**

**TO: WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE**

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL BLIGHT**

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To report any new environmental blight sites and provide updates on existing sites.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- (1) That members note the report.
- (2) That members report any new environmental blight sites to the Neighbourhood Services Manager for inclusion in future reports including a contact name and contact details with a brief description of the site and problem.
- (3) That members agree to remove item 4(a) from the list as the site is no longer under Pendle Council ownership.

### **REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

To deal with environmental blight in the area.

### **ISSUE**

1. The definition of environmental blight is:
  - Untidy/derelict piece of Council land requiring tidying up.
  - Untidy/derelict piece of unregistered land requiring tidying up.
  - Untidy/derelict piece of **Council-owned or unregistered land** which needs a scheme to regenerate the site (eg a former garage colony converted to a landscaped parking area).

Private pieces of land requiring tidying are best not dealt with under environmental blight as they may require enforcement. These should be reported to Planning and Building Control to be included on the Problem Buildings List for Section 215 enforcement if the problem is persistent.

2. Any new sites should be reported to Tricia Wilson or Peter Atkinson including a contact name and contact details, exact location and a brief description of the site and the problem.
3. Plans and photographs of the sites will only be included for new sites unless clarification is needed.
4. Please see table below.

Site	Owner	Issue	Area Committee Resolution	Current Position
a) Land off Hill Street/Earl Street, Barnoldswick	Barnoldswick Town Council	The Council's freehold interest on this land was transferred to Barnoldswick Town Council in May 2018		This site was being maintained by Parks but transferred to Neighbourhood Services as part of the Problem Sites Review. It was resolved to retain this site on the Environmental Blight list to monitor maintenance which was being carried out by EAG three times a year. However, the land was transferred to Barnoldswick Town Council in May 2018 and is no longer the responsibility of Pendle Council
b) Cemetery Road Car Park, Earby	Pendle Council	The site belongs to Pendle Council and is managed by Liberata Property Services	Members agreed that the drainage works had resolved the flooding issue on the car park. However, the car park still needed to be resurfaced	It was estimated that resurfacing the car park would cost in the region of £6,000. It was suggested that the Policy and Resources Committee be asked if they would be willing to contribute towards the cost. However, the Policy and Resources Committee did not agree and West Craven members were asked to consider applying to the Community Investment Fund for the funding instead. In the meantime, another bid to Pendle's Capital Programme has been submitted for the additional £3,000 needed

## IMPLICATIONS

**Policy:** None arising directly from the report.

**Financial:** No new financial implications arise from this report. Any action proposed that has additional financial implications would be the subject of a further report. There is no specific allocation for environmental blight sites.

**Legal:** None arising directly from the report.

**Risk Management:** None arising directly from the report.

**Health and Safety:** These issues will be considered when the schemes are progressed.

**Sustainability:** This will be considered for each individual scheme. Long-term maintenance may be an issue.

**Community Safety:** This will be considered for each individual scheme.

**Equality and Diversity:** This will be considered for each individual scheme.

## **APPENDICES**

None.

## **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None.