

**REPORT FROM: HOUSING, HEALTH AND ENGINEERING 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 Housing, Health and Engineering 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 items 4(a) and 4(b) from the list as they have been dealt with.

### **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 Julie Whittaker 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	It was resolved that the Environmental Action Group (EAG) be asked to continue to maintain this site following its transfer to Barnoldswick Town Council	The land was transferred to Barnoldswick Town Council in May 2018 and is no longer the responsibility of Pendle Council. However, at the January meeting the Area Committee resolved that EAG be asked to continue to maintain the site. This has been approved and EAG will now maintain the site three times a year for Barnoldswick Town Council
b) Cemetery Road Car Park, Earby	Pendle Council	The site belongs to Pendle Council and is managed by Liberata Property Services	Drainage works completed. Car park to be resurfaced	£3,000 was set aside for the resurfacing works from the Area Committee Capital Programme. The three Earby councillors agreed to put their full contributions from the Community Investment Fund (CIF) towards this scheme (£2,040 each) making £9,120 available for the resurfacing works  The scheme was recently put out to tender and the lowest tender returned at £13,417. At the June Area Committee meeting an additional £4,200 was approved from the Capital Programme thus covering the cost. Works started on 10/6/2019 and is due to complete on 14/6/2019

## 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.