

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 17th SEPTEMBER, 2020

- **Planning Applications**

We refused the following two applications:

19/0620/FUL Full: Major: Erection of 12 semi-detached dwellings and associated hardstanding and landscaping on land to the west of the playing fields, Bailey Street, Earby and;

20/0369/FUL Full: Change of use of a social club (sui generis) to retail (Class E(a)) at the Palatine Working Men's Club, Norfolk Street, Nelson

- **Treasury Management Outturn 2019/20**

The Committee noted the outturn position on the Council's treasury management activities for 2019/20.

- **Tackling Contamination in Recycling Bins**

We noted the report and asked for further reports to be submitted to this Committee in due course. In the meantime the report was circulated to Area Committees.

- **National Planning Reforms**

The changes to the Use Classes Order and General Permitted Development Order 215 were noted; an additional comment was added to in relation to affordability of housing in areas of lowland values; comments to the consultation set out in the appendix attached to the report were agreed and formed the response to Government; we also requested Andrew Stephenson MP to lobby Government and highlight the need for exceptions for areas of low viability within the proposed changes outlined in the consultation document; finally the report was circulated to Area Committees to inform them of the legislative changes.

- **Tree Planting on Council Owned Land**

We agreed to designate the following sites for tree planting:

| Site | Size (ha) |
|--|------------------|
| Hard Platts | 5.26 |
| Land adjacent Park Lane, Brierfield | 0.36 |
| Chatburn Park Drive Open Space, Brierfield | 0.10 |
| Land adjacent Carr Hall Road, Nelson | 2.58 |
| Pasture Lane, Barrowford | 2.20 |
| Marsden Park, Nelson | 0.68 |
| Ringstone Crescent, Nelson | 2.35 |
| Land adjacent Alkincoats Park, Colne | 5.38 |
| Langroyd Sites, Colne | 9.55 |
| King George V, Colne | 1.46 |

We also approved the Pendle Tree and Woodland Strategy. Further updates and changes to this Strategy were delegated to the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager. A meeting was also sought with representatives from Lancashire County Council to discuss tree planting opportunities on land within their ownership.

- **Land adjoining 1 Kirby Road, Lomeshaye Industrial Estate, Nelson**

The Committee agreed a request to extend the 99 year lease to a 125 year term and authorised the Chief Executive to negotiate terms for the lease extension.

- **Annual Emissions**

We approved the Annual Emissions Report and agreed it be published on the Council's website.

- **Matters Referred from Area Committees**

(a) Redundancies at Local Companies

We asked for an informal discussion paper to be prepared prior to the next Full Council meeting outlining any measures the Council, partners and other agencies could do to aid economic recovery.

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE 28th OCTOBER, 2020

- **Planning Applications**

We refused the following applications:

20/0035/REM Reserved Matters: Major: Erection of 129 dwellings and associated roads, infrastructure and parking (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) of Outline Planning Permission 13/16/0054P on the site of the former Barnsay Shed, Long Ing Lane, Barnoldswick and 20/0289/HHO Full: Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension at 159 Reedley Road, Reedley

- **Strategic Monitoring Report to 30th September, 2020**

Having noted the report we asked the Chief Executive to seek clarification on how the current review of Network Rail's route improvements pipeline would affect the project to reinstate the Skipton to Colne railway line.

- **Budget Strategy 2021/22 Outline Savings Proposals**

We noted the Strategy and the work being undertaken on the development of the savings proposals. We asked the Budget Working Group to develop a set of proposals that could be considered by this Committee at its meeting in December, 2020.

- **Income Review (2021/22 Budget Setting and Medium Term Financial Plan)**

The Committee agreed the proposed changes to fees and charges as outlined in Appendix A attached to the report, with the exception of the proposed increase in cemetery fees, bulky household waste fees and the admin charge for the replacement of wheeled bins; and in the case of planning pre-application advice fees we agreed a 5% increase be applied for developers, but that there be no increase for householders.

We also recommended Council approve the proposed new licence fees for new tenancy agreements in relation to garages/caravan plots on the Clayton Street industrial estate.

- **PC Replacement Programme**

We approved the proposed PC Refresh.

- **BID Development: Lancashire 2025 UK City of Culture Request for Funding**

The Committee refused the request for funding towards the cost of developing a Lancashire-wide bid for the UK City of Culture.

- **Lomeshay Industrial Estate Extension Phase 1 – Disposal of Land**

We agreed to dispose of an area of land to Mr. Peter Heap with the value of the site to be agreed through a negotiated procedure. The Chief Executive was granted delegated authority to agree the final value of the land. The disposal of land was subject to the signing of a Development Agreement to ensure that the requirements of funders were complied with. If the land value and Heads of Terms of a Development Agreement were not agreed by 30th November, 2020 and legal agreements were not in place by 31st January, 2021 the land be sold to PEARL2, as previously agreed.

- **Planning for the Future – White Paper**

After noting the report we agreed that the draft representation from the Council, in response to the Government's Planning for the Future White Paper, be submitted.

- **Land and Property Asset Management**

We noted progress made with the development of the Strategy for 2019/22 and agreed that the following sites be removed from the disposal programme:

- Berkeley Street/Canal, Brierfield
- Quaker Rise, Brierfield
- Tyseley Grove, Earby
- Adj., 26 Poplar Street, Nelson

A report is to be submitted to a future meeting proposing further sites to be declared surplus.

- **Land at Netherfield Road, Nelson**

We approved a request for the inclusion of a clause in the lease allowing the current tenant first option to buy the land (based on the market value at the time) in the event of it being declared surplus to requirements.

- **Domestic Abuse Bill Consultation and Pendle Domestic Abuse Action Plan 2020-2023**

The proposed response to the Government's consultation on the Domestic Abuse Bill was agreed and we noted the revised Pendle Domestic Abuse Action Plan for 2020-2023.

- **Land at Bowland View, Brierfield**

The Committee declared this land surplus to requirements and agreed that the Chief Executive be authorised to negotiate terms of a sale to the developer of the adjoining land. We also refused the request for the capital receipt achieved for this land to be earmarked for spend in Brierfield and Reedley.

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE 26th NOVEMBER, 2020

- **Planning Applications**

We granted delegated authority to the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager to approve the following application subject to the inclusion of appropriate conditions restricting the permission or education use:

19/0867/FUL Full: Change of use of land to mixed agricultural, educational and camping use, plus erection of timber cabin for educational use at Harwes Farm, Foulridge.

The following two applications were approved:

19/0868/FUL Full: Formation of an access track (part retrospective) at Harwes Farm, Foulridge and 20/0450/HHO Full: Erection of two storey side extension and part two storey, part single storey rear extension and formation of parking area to the front at 3 Clegg Street, Brierfield.

- **Treasury Management Mid-Year Report 2020/21**

Work on the Council's treasury activities for the period ending 30th September, 2020 and the mid-year report was noted along with the change in borrowing strategy for the 2020/21 year and Council were recommended to approve the revised Treasury Management Strategy Statement.

- **Pendle Local Plan Part 2 – Site Allocations and Development Policies**

We deferred this report for further information and asked for the report to be submitted to the January meeting of this Committee.

- **Air Quality Management**

We noted the 2020 Air Quality Status Report and the progress made against the Air Quality Action Plan.

- **Land to the rear of 4 Pendleside, Lomeshaye Industrial Estate, Nelson**

Following receipt of a request we declared this land surplus to requirements in order that it could be leased to the adjacent occupier for a term of 125 years. The loss of open space will be advertised to facilitate the grant of the lease.

- **Climate Emergency Action Plan – Update**

Progress on the Climate Emergency Action Plan was noted. Over the next six months focus would be on the Strategic Objectives and actions referred to in paragraphs 8 and 9 in the report.

- **Riverbank Collapse on Colne Water, Cottontree Lane, Colne**

A supplementary capital funding bid of £30,000 for short term riverbank repair works at this site was approved. As was a supplementary revenue estimate of £20,000 for river modelling and design work.

- **Waiving Standing Orders for Extra Public Realm Works around Barnoldswick Town Square**

An extension to the existing contract with O'Callaghan Ltd., for Barnoldswick Town Square Public Realm Works for further public realm works up to a value of £200,000 in accordance with exemption CPR5-5.2(c) was noted.

- **Waiving of Standing Orders for Specialist Ground Treatment on Lomeshaye Phase 1 Access Road**

We noted the exemption to enter into a new contract with Vibro Menard Ltd., for specialist ground treatment along the line of the proposed new access road in accordance with exemption to CPR5-5.2(b) and (c). We also noted the exemption to extend the existing contract with Marchbridge Builders Ltd., for the construction of Lomeshaye Phase 1 Haul Road in accordance with exemption to CPR5-5.2(b) and (c).

- **Land adj., 194 Halifax Road, Nelson**

The Committee agreed to sell this land for another use and the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager has been authorised to negotiate terms for a long leasehold sale to the owner of 194 Halifax Road, Nelson.

- **Request for Allotments – Salterforth Parish Council**

We agreed to the triangular piece of land, formerly used for agility dog training, on Kelbrook Road, Salterforth to be transferred to Salterforth Parish Council for use as allotments or raised beds for Salterforth residents.

- **Enforcement Item**

We agreed that the site be cleared under the provisions of Section 219 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and that a budget of £1,900 has been allocated to carry out the work. It was agreed that a charge be made against the property to seek to recover the costs. The Corporate Director will negotiate with Nelson Town Council regarding the possibility of a back-to-back deal for the site.

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