

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE
HELD ON 30th JUNE, 2022
AT NELSON TOWN HALL**

Councillor N. Ahmed (Chairman – in the Chair)

Councillors

*Z. Ali
M. Aslam
D. Cockburn-Price
S. Cockburn-Price*

*M. Goulthorp
M. Hanif
A. Mahmood
D. Whipp*

Also in attendance:

*Councillor D. Lord
Councillor M. Stone
Councillor A. Sutcliffe*

Officers in attendance:

<i>Rose Rouse</i>	<i>Chief Executive</i>
<i>Philip Mousdale</i>	<i>Corporate Director</i>
<i>Richard Gibson</i>	<i>Chief Finance Officer</i>
<i>Neil Watson</i>	<i>Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager</i>
<i>Jane Watson</i>	<i>Head of Democratic Services</i>



The following person attended the meeting and spoke on the item indicated:

<i>Emma Hartley</i>	<i>Pendle Local Plan</i>	<i>Minute No. 19</i>
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15. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members were reminded of the requirements of the Member Code of Conduct concerning the declaration of interests.

16. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

17. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on 26th May, 2022 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

18. CORPORATE PEER CHALLENGE

The Corporate Director submitted a report which was accompanied by the Corporate Peer Challenge Report undertaken by the Peer Review Team along with an action plan in response to the recommendations in the Report.

The Team had provided their initial findings in the form of a presentation to councillors, staff and representatives of other organisations who had taken part in the review which had taken place on site between 9th and 11th February, 2022.

A six month review with the Peer Review Team would be undertaken to check on progress with the delivery of the Action Plan.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Corporate Peer Challenge Report be welcomed.
- (2) That the draft Action Plan be approved.

REASON

The Report and Action Plan would inform and complement the development of the Council's Transformation Programme and Corporate Plan.

19. PENDLE LOCAL PLAN

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report on progress made in the preparation of a new Local Plan for the Borough.

It was proposed that the public and statutory bodies be consulted as relevant in relation to:

- Local Plan Scoping Report (Appendix 1)
- Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report (Appendix 2)
- Call for Sites (Appendix 3)
- Draft Statement of Community Involvement (Appendix 4)

RESOLVED

- (1) That the content of documents in Appendices 1 to 4 (as referred to above) be noted.
- (2) That the documents in Appendices 1 to 4 attached to this report be approved for public consultation for a minimum of four weeks.

REASONS

- (1) ***To adhere to the adopted Local Development Scheme.***
- (2) ***To ensure compliance with Environment Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004.***
- (3) ***To ensure compliance with Regulation 10A of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended).***

20. SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

The Chief Executive submitted a report which provided an update on the current position with regards to the Council's role in family support and safeguarding children and adults.

It was noted that staff and member training would be undertaken with an awareness session for members scheduled for 11th July, 2022.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the report be noted.
- (2) That the revised 'Family Support and Safeguarding Children Policy' and 'Promoting Welfare and Safeguarding Adults Policy' be agreed.

REASON

To ensure the Council is meeting its statutory duty in the Children Act 2004 and Care Act 2014.

21. LAND AT RAVENSCROFT WAY, BARNOLDSWICK

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted a report following receipt of a reduced offer for the land shown edged black on the plan attached to the report.

It was reported that a late bid had been received yesterday.

RESOLVED

That this item be deferred until the next meeting.

REASON

To give officers time to consider the late bid.

22. PEARL JOINT VENTURE COMPANIES DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted a report which provided an update on development activity being carried out by the Council's PEARL Joint Venture.

RESOLVED

That the ongoing and planned development activity of the PEARL Companies be noted.

REASON

To keep the Committee informed of progress.

23. TENDERS

The Corporate Director submitted, for information, tenders which had been received and accepted.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

REASON

To agree acceptance of tenders/offers in accordance with the Contract Procedure Rules.

*In accordance with rule 12.4 of the Council's Rules of Procedure at Committees
Councillor D. Whipp voted against this decision.*

24. MATTERS REFERRED FROM AREA COMMITTEES

(a) Victoria Road Reflagging Scheme, Earby

At a meeting of the West Craven Committee on 10th May, 2022 it was resolved "that, in addition to the £15,000 committed from this Committee's Capital Programme towards a reflagging scheme for Victoria Road, Earby the Policy and Resources Committee be asked to contribute £70,000.

The officer recommendation was that this request be picked up as part of the Masterplan for Earby.

RESOLVED

That this request be picked up as part of the Masterplan for Earby and that other funding streams be sought for this scheme.

REASON

To improve the amenity and safety of Earby Town Centre for local residents and visitors and in the interests of economic development.

PART II

25. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED

That in pursuance of the power contained in Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972 as amended, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during the next items of business when it is likely, in view of the nature of the proceedings or the business to be transacted, that there will be disclosure of exempt information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.

26. COMPULSORY PURCHASE OF A PROPERTY IN NELSON

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted a report on the proposed compulsory purchase of a vacant dwelling house and associated curtilage of a property in Nelson.

RESOLVED

That the recommendations, as set out in the report, be agreed.

REASON

To enable the acquisition of an unoccupied and decaying property and facilitate it to be renovated and brought back into residential use, thereby improving the amenity of the area.

Chairman _____