

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE
HELD ON 24TH NOVEMBER, 2022
AT NELSON TOWN HALL**

Councillor N. Ahmed (Chairman – in the Chair)

Councillors

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

*M. Goulthorp
A. Mahmood
D. Whipp*

Also in attendance:

Councillor A. Sutcliffe

Officers in attendance:

<i>Rose Rouse</i>	<i>Chief Executive</i>
<i>Richard Gibson</i>	<i>Director of Resources</i>
<i>Howard Culshaw</i>	<i>Head of Legal Services</i>
<i>Lynne Rowland</i>	<i>Committee Administrator</i>

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Z. Ali and M. Hanif.)



72. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

73. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

74. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meetings held on 22nd September and 10th October, 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

75. REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING 2022/23 – QUARTER 2

The Director of Resources submitted a report on the Quarter 2 Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring position for 2022/23.

The report highlighted the budget pressures and risk areas to be dealt with over the coming financial years.

RESOLVED

(1) That the Quarter 2 position on the Council's Revenue Budgets for 2022/23 be noted.

(2) That the Quarter 2 position on the Council's Capital Programme for 2022/23 be noted.

REASON

To inform the Committee of the Council's Quarter 2 position for revenue and capital budgets for 2022/23.

76. FEES AND CHARGING POLICY

The Director of Resources submitted a report which set out a Fees and Charges Policy for the Council. It was reported that the Council currently had no overarching policy on the mechanism for setting and reviewing fees and charges made for services to businesses and residents. The Policy had been developed to ensure the charges for services across the Council were constructed in a consistent manner and that they met the needs of the Council's strategic priorities.

A full copy of the Draft Policy was attached as an appendix to the report.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council be recommended to adopt the Fees and Charges Policy as set out in the appendix to the report.

REASON

To ensure the charges for services across the Council were constructed in a consistent manner and that they met the needs of the Council's strategic priorities.

77. STRATEGIC MONITORING REPORT: 1ST JULY TO 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2022

The Director of Resources submitted a report which provided Members with performance monitoring information on the Council's service and financial plans for the period 1st July – 30th September 2022.

RESOLVED

That the progress made on actions identified in the Corporate Plan (shown at Appendix A of the report) be noted.

REASON

To inform the Committee of performance monitoring information relating to the Council's services.

78. UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report which updated members on the progress towards allocation of funds of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF).

Pendle was to provisionally receive a total allocation from Government of £3,626,135 over the life

of the programme to March 2025 which would be split over three years as follows: Year 1, £440,065; Year 2, £880,130; Year 3, £2,305,940.

An Investment Plan had been submitted to Government which set out measurable outcomes that reflected local needs and opportunities and aligned with interventions for the programme, over three thematic areas.

A list of projects that had been agreed in principle as part of the submission were included in the report.

It was proposed to recruit an additional officer who would be responsible for the day to day management and administration of the fund.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Chief Executive be given delegated authority to agree the projects to be funded.
- (2) That the recruitment of a Regeneration Officer be approved.

REASON

- (1) ***The timetable for allocation of Year 1 funds continues to be extremely tight, with Year 2 also fast approaching. Delegation to project selection would therefore help to meet these timescales.***
- (2) ***To provide resource to manage the ongoing programme.***

79. TENDERS

The Director of Resources submitted, for information, a report on tenders which had been received and accepted since the last meeting.

80. MATTERS REFERRED FROM AREA COMMITTEES

(a) Disposal of Land off Helmn Way/Marsden Hall Road South, Nelson

At a meeting of Nelson, Brierfield and Reedley Committee it was resolved:-

- “ (1) That the land off Helmn Way/Marsden Hall Road South, as shown on the plan attached to the report, be declared surplus to requirements.
- (2) That the land be sold to the owners of the adjacent land to provide an access from the highway subject to the following terms and conditions:
- (i) Area: 50.5 square meters approximately;
 - (ii) Consideration: £40,000 (plus VAT if applicable);
 - (iii) Use: vehicular and pedestrian access;
 - (iv) Boundary treatment: the purchaser to construct a wall or fence to the Council's satisfaction to enclose the land at its own cost;
 - (v) Costs: the purchaser to bear the Council's legal costs and Open Space advertising costs.”

The report considered by the Area Committee was submitted for consideration.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the land off Helmn Way/Marsden Hall Road South, as shown on the plan attached to the report, be declared surplus to requirements.
- (2) That the land be sold to the owners of the adjacent land to provide an access from the highway and the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be given delegated authority to agree the following terms and conditions:
 - (i) Area: 50.5 square meters approximately;
 - (ii) Consideration: £40,000 (plus VAT if applicable);
 - (iii) Use: vehicular and pedestrian access;
 - (iv) Boundary treatment: the purchaser to construct a wall or fence with landscaping to the Council's satisfaction to enclose the land at its own cost;
 - (v) Costs: the purchaser to bear the Council's legal costs and Open Space advertising costs.

REASON

To achieve a capital receipt and to remove any future liability for maintenance.

81. 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 item of business when it was likely, in view of the nature of the proceedings or the business to be transacted, that there would be disclosure of exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

**82. TOWN DEAL – REVITALISED NELSON
AND MODERNISING NELSON'S INDUSTRIAL POTENTIAL**

The Committee considered a report which set out the recommendations from the meeting of the Nelson Town Deal Board held on 7th October, 2022.

RESOLVED

- (1) That recommendations 1 (a), (b), (c), (d) and 2 as set out in the report, be agreed.
- (2) That the viability of providing residential units above the retail offer be further explored.

REASON

- (1) ***To agree how the remaining Towns Funding is invested in Nelson.***
- (2) ***To enable the business case to be assured in line with the Nelson Town Deal Local Assurance Framework and the Project Summary Document to be submitted to Government by 13th January, 2023.***

Chairman _____