

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 22nd SEPTEMBER, 2022

- **Planning Applications**

We refused the following two planning applications:

22/0353/HHO Full: Erection of first floor and single storey ground floor extensions at Monkholme Lodge, Robinson Lane, Brierfield and 22/0471/FUL Full: Retention of use of land for private equine use, dog rehabilitation use and associated rural workers dwelling at Pendle Bridge Lodge, Woodend Road, Brierfield

- **Quarter 1 – Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring 2022/23**

The Committee noted the Quarter 1 position on both the Council's Revenue Budget and Capital Programme for 2022/23; noted the decision to remain in the Lancashire Business Rates Pool for 2023/24; noted the proposed changes to the Capital Programme which were taken to Council on 29th September and recommended Council to agree that the Area Committee budgets be revenue rather than capital funded.

- **Strategic Monitoring Report 1st April, 2021 to 30th June, 2022**

We noted the progress made on actions identified in the Corporate Plan.

- **Transforming Pendle Programme**

We noted progress and the proposed next steps toward the continued development and delivery of the programme.

- **Colne Neighbourhood Plan**

The Committee deferred this item and agreed that it be discussed at a separate meeting of the Committee which was held in October.

- **Pendle Statement of Community Involvement**

We noted and formally adopted the Pendle Statement of Community Involvement.

- **Business Resilience and Growth Project – Town Deal Boundary Buffer Zone**

We agreed in principle the creation of a 0.5 mile buffer zone to the existing Nelson Town Deal boundary; requested that the eligible businesses in the existing Nelson Town Deal boundary be contacted as soon as possible to be made aware of the grants available and encouraged to apply; and agreed that only applications be allowed from businesses within the Nelson Town Deal boundary in year one of the project. We also agreed that the take up from businesses within the Nelson Town Deal boundary be reviewed at the end of year one, with a view to allowing applications from businesses within the buffer zone in year two, should the evidence suggest demand for the funding was low and businesses within the existing boundary would not be disadvantaged; that the Town Deal Board be asked to set appropriate thresholds for applications from businesses within the buffer zone for years 2, 3 and 4 of the grant scheme; and that in addition to meeting the grants criteria, businesses in the buffer zone be asked to provide additional reasons why their grant should be approved.

- **Together an Active Pendle – Update**

The Committee noted the progress made on the Pathfinder Phase of the Together an Active Pendle programme and the approach for the Accelerator Phase.

- **Reduction of Emissions from the Council's Fleet**

Approval was given to officers to continue to use alternative fuels within the recycling fleet and the subsequent increases in costs for both fuel and infrastructure. We supported the continued investigation into the use of Hydrated Vegetable Oil across the remaining fleet and the increase in operational costs this would incur was acknowledged should further vehicles be moved to Hydrated Vegetable Oil.

- **Levelling Up – Parks Fund**

The Environmental Services Manager was granted authority to apply to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities for the £85,000 funding providing a project proposal for the refurbishment of parks at Netherfield Road, Nelson and Windy Bank, Colne.

- **Cricket Provision at Edge End Playing Fields, Brierfield**

We agreed a supplementary estimate of £5,000 to reinstate the cricket pitch.

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE 10th OCTOBER, 2022

- **Colne Neighbourhood Plan**

The Committee noted the submission of the Colne Neighbourhood Development Plan and that a six week public consultation on the Plan was to close at 5.00p.m. on 17th October, 2022. We agreed the submission of the officers' technical comments attached to the report which would be considered alongside other respondents' comments after the submission consultation closing date; and that the officers' comments would also feed into a formal facilitation exercise to be held with Colne Town Council and Locality which would seek to agree a statement of common ground to assist the independent examiner in assessing whether the Colne Neighbourhood Plan met the basic conditions and legal requirements.

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE 24th NOVEMBER, 2022

- **Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring 2022/23 – Quarter 2**

We noted the Quarter 2 position in relation to the Council's Revenue Budget and Capital Programme for 2022/23.

- **Fees and Charging Policy**

The Committee recommended Council adopt the Fees and Charges Policy.

- **Strategic Monitoring Report 1st July to 30th September, 2022**

We noted progress made on actions in the Corporate Plan.

- **UK Shared Prosperity Fund**

The Committee granted delegated authority to the Chief Executive to agree the projects to be funded. We also approved the recruitment of a Regeneration Officer.

- **Disposal of Land off Helmn Way/Marsden Hall Road South, Nelson**

We declared this land surplus to requirements and that it be sold to the owners of the adjacent land to provide an access from the highway. The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager was granted delegated authority to agree the terms and conditions as set out in the report.

- **Town Deal – Revitalised Nelson and Modernising Nelson’s Industrial Potential**

We agreed the recommendations as set out in the report and requested that the viability of providing residential units above the retail offer be further explored.

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