

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 15th DECEMBER, 2022

- **Trafalgar House**

We agreed that further design and development work be progressed on Option 4 which was to retain the front of the building and to develop a car park to the rear.

- **Household Support Fund and Energy Rebate Update**

The Committee noted the scope of the Council's Household Support Fund Schemes 1, 2 and 3 and agreed that as part of the Post Office Voucher scheme in the third tranche an award of £65 be allocated to all Band A to H properties in receipt of Council Tax Support. The Director of Resources, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, was granted delegated authority to agree a local Pendle scheme for the 2023/24 financial year. We also noted the outcome of the Energy Rebate Scheme.

- **Lomeshaye Industrial Estate**

The Chief Executive and the Director of Resources have met with representatives from Barnfield Construction to discuss a number of issues discussed and the outcome of this meeting has been reported back to the Committee.

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- **Corporate Plan 2023/2027**

We recommended the Plan be approved by Council.

- **Strategic Monitoring Report 1st October to 31st December, 2022**

We noted the progress made on the actions identified in the Plan for the period above.

- **Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring 2022/23 – Quarter 3**

The Committee noted the Council's position on its Revenue Budget for 2022/23 and the Capital Programme for 2022/23 and approved to write off debt totalling £8,199.06. Council were recommended to grant authority for the Chief Executive to purchase the Pendle Rise Shopping Centre (subject to Government approval and financial envelope of the Revitalised Nelson Business Case).

- **Medium Term Financial Forecast (2023/24 to 2025/26) with Revenue and Capital Budgets for 2023/24**

We noted the Medium Term Forecast position for 2023/24 to 2025/26 and the savings required over the period of the forecast; noted the General Fund Revenue Budget Requirement for 2023/24, the proposed Capital Programme for 2023/24, the proposed Fees and Charges for 2023/24, a proposed increase in Band D Council Tax for 2023/24 of £289.92 (2.99%) and recommended they be considered further at the Council meeting on 23rd February.

- **Lancashire 2050 Framework**

The Committee noted the strategic framework that would guide further development of shared detailed priorities and actions for Lancashire 2050. We also noted that the Leader was working

with Lancashire Leaders in line with the principles already agreed by Full Council in January, 2022 and any additional proposals would require further approval by Full Council at the appropriate time.

- **Housing Standards Enforcement Activity**

Having noted the actions taken by the Environmental Health Residential Team over the last 12 months to improve the privately rented properties in Pendle we requested that the Environmental Health Enforcement Policy be reviewed following the proposed introduction of the Renters Reform Act. We also requested that a Housing Stock Condition Survey be undertaken to provide an accurate, up to date picture of the quality of the Borough's housing stock.

- **Sustainable and Active Travel**

Area Committees have been asked to consider putting forward additional cycle routes as part of the consultation on the Council's Cycling Legacy Strategy 2016/21.

- **The Government's Frequently Flooded Allowance Programme and the Potential Benefit of Flood Alleviation in Earby**

The Committee requested that quotes be obtained to engage the services of a Panel Consultant and the results to be reported back to the Committee.

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