

# REPORT BY THE LEADER ON THE WORK OF THE EXECUTIVE

The attention of Members is drawn to the following items which have been discussed by the Executive since the last ordinary meeting of the Council:-

## EXECUTIVE 20<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2023

- **Strategic Leisure Review**

We confirmed our commitment to retaining three accessible leisure facilities in Colne, Nelson and West Craven; that mechanical and electrical surveys of the Colne and West Craven leisure facilities be carried out as soon as possible; that a review be undertaken by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to examine how the three leisure facilities in Colne, Nelson and West Craven could be made to be financially viable through retrofitting and renewal; to consider the mix of features taking affordability into account; to consider operating models for the future taking account of what was needed to ensure delivery of requirements for each leisure facility; and that Town and Parish Council and users of the three leisure facilities be consulted as part of the review.

- **PEARL Joint Venture Companies Development Activity**

The Executive agreed the amendment to the Lomeshaye lease; the capital programme be updated to allow the investment of £0.5m in Shareholder loans to PEARL Together Ltd., to finance the development of the Further Clough Head and Spring Mill, Earby schemes. We endorsed the review of the disposal options for the Bankhouse Road development based on a refreshed appraisal of the originally proposed Extra Care Facility alongside the alternative affordable housing scheme developed as an alternative. We also noted the update on the various PEARL developments.

- **Revenue and Capital Outturn 2022/23**

We noted the outturn position on both the Council's Revenue Budgets and its Capital Programme for 2022/23. We approved a revenue budget slippage of £170,000 from 2022/23 to 223/24 and a capital budget slippage of £7.283m from 2022/23 to 2023/24. We recommended Council approve the revised Capital Programme for 2023/24 and agreed that the Budget Working Group be reconvened and a Community Asset Transfer Working Group be convened.

- **UK Shared Prosperity Fund**

We agreed that the Year 3 UKSPF funding be allocated to public realm projects in West Craven (Barnoldswick and Earby) and Brierfield with the funding split:

Brierfield      £200,000

With the remaining £476,000 to be split across the West Craven towns of Barnoldswick and Earby.

We also agreed that the Director of Place, in consultation with the Leader and Deputy Leader, be granted delegated authority to approve the timescales and details of the projects including a phasing of the works in West Craven. This would mean that the UKSPF funds for 2022/23-2023/24 originally meant for both Earby and Barnoldswick would be allocated to one of the schemes only, with the other West Craven scheme taking place in Year 3 with the funds for West Craven given in table 2 in the report, and that the Barnoldswick scheme be undertaken first.

- **Pendle Youth Services**

We requested the County Council be asked to consider providing services for young people in other areas of the Borough, including West Craven and Barrowford. We also requested that an

application be submitted to the Million Hours Fund and that this fund also be drawn to the attention of Pendle Leisure Trust with a view to them also submitting an application to secure funding.

- **Home Energy Efficiency**

We noted the report and acknowledged that the greater part of the work was to be undertaken by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and that the Council promotes the HUG2 scheme at every opportunity.

- **East Lancashire Waste Disposal Arrangements**

We agreed for more detailed work to be completed on the possible joint procurement of facilities for Pendle and Burnley. Officers have also been requested to investigate the legality of the County Council's current stance and challenge accordingly. The Assistant Director Operational Services has been requested to write to the County Council asking for progress on the sites identified in Pendle to create a waste transfer station. Further updates would be submitted to the Executive as and when available.

- **Environment Act 2021 Weekly Food Waste Collections**

We agreed for more detailed work to be undertaken to seek an exemption to the introduction of food waste through a TEEP assessment (Technically, Environmentally, Economically Practicable) for submission to the Secretary of State for consideration. Officers have also been requested to continue to work with County and District partners to pursue capital and revenue funding in order to introduce a weekly food waste scheme if economically viable. Further updates would be submitted to the Executive as and when available.

- **Appointment of Regeneration Programme Management Resource**

We agreed an exemption to Contract Procedure Rules for the contract of the RAISE Partnership to be extended in order to provide programme and project management support to ensure the successful delivery of key regeneration activities, in line with the fee proposals highlighted in Appendix 1 appended to the report.

- **Colne Market – Joint Venture Delivery Vehicle**

We agreed that the preferred option would be for PEARL Together to continue to deliver the Colne Market Scheme, through indemnifying Together Housing for any loans incurred on the scheme by the existing PEARL Together Partnership. Alternatively, we also agreed that the Colne Market Scheme be transferred to PEARL2 for delivery of the project.

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