

**REPORT FROM: HEAD OF ECONOMIC GROWTH**

**TO: WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE**

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL BLIGHT**

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To report any new environmental blight sites and provide updates on existing sites.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- (1) That members note the report.
- (2) That members note action for item 4(b).

### **REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

To deal with environmental blight in the area.

### **ISSUE**

1. The definition of environmental blight is:
  - Untidy/derelict piece of Council land requiring tidying up.
  - Untidy/derelict piece of unregistered land requiring tidying up.
  - Untidy/derelict piece of Council-owned or unregistered land which needs a scheme to regenerate the site (eg a former garage colony converted to a landscaped parking area).

Private pieces of land requiring tidying are best not dealt with under environmental blight as they may require enforcement. These should be reported to Planning and Building Control to be included on the Problem Buildings list for Section 215 enforcement if the problem is persistent.

2. Any new sites should be reported to Tricia Wilson (tricia.wilson@pendle.gov.uk) including a contact name and contact details, exact location and a brief description of the site and the problem.

3. Plans and photographs of the sites will only be included for new sites unless clarification is needed.
4. Please see table below for progress made on West Craven environmental blight sites.

Site	Owner	Issue	Area Committee Resolution	Current Position
a) West Close Road Lorry Park	Pendle Council	Site added to Environmental Blight list for monitoring purposes in January 2020	Site to be monitored due to fly tipping	Operational Services continue to monitor the site with regular inspections and clearance when necessary.  LCC has been approached to establish if they might be willing to erect a fence at the edge of the new surfaced area of the site to help with the fly tipping issue.
b) Clayton Street, Barnoldswick	Pendle Council	New site added September 2023	To look into the possibility of replacing the fence at the back of the parking area at Clayton Street, Barnoldswick.	Engineers have obtained a quote for a new fence at the back of the parking area at Clayton St which is £1,800. There is enough funding in the Problem Sites budget to cover this cost (the Problem Sites budget is held ringfenced for specific sites across Pendle, Clayton St is one of these sites). The works will be done before the end of the financial year. The residents will be contacted prior to the works starting.

## IMPLICATIONS

**Policy:** None arising directly from the report.

**Financial:** No new financial implications arise from the recommendations in this report. There is no budget allocation specifically for environmental blight sites and therefore any financial implication needs to be met from existing resources.

**Legal:** None arising directly from the report.

**Risk Management:** None arising directly from the report.

**Health and Safety:** These issues will be considered when the schemes are progressed.

**Sustainability:** This will be considered for each individual scheme. Long-term maintenance may be an issue.

**Community Safety:** This will be considered for each individual scheme.

**Equality and Diversity:** This will be considered for each individual scheme.

## APPENDICES

None.

## LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.