# MINUTES OF A MEETING OF NELSON, BRIERFIELD AND REEDLEY COMMITTEE HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL ON 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE, 2024

## PRESENT -

Councillor F. Ahmad (Chair)

Councillors	Co-optees
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M. Adnan N. Emery (Nelson Town Centre Partnership)

S. Ahmed S. Bibi (Nelson Town Council)

Z. Ali S. Munir (Reedley Hallows Parish Council)

M. Ammer

R. Anwar

N. Ashraf

M. Hanif

M. Iqbal Y. Iqbal

A. Mahmood

Y. Tennant

#### Officers in attendance:

Alex Cameron Principal Planning Officer/Area Co-ordinator

Jessica Robinson Committee Administrator

(An apology for absence was received from His Worship the Mayor – Councillor M. Aslam).

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The following persons attended and spoke at the meeting on the items indicated: -

Melanie Dobson 23/0507/FUL - Full (Major): Erection of a battery Minute No. 22a

Jackie Heaps storage facility with associated infrastructure on

Kate Kendall Land to the North of Spurn Clough Cottage,

Vivienne Lee Greenhead Lane, Reedley

Tom Lister Helen O'Carroll Dan Whitney

Susan Brown 24/0258/HHO - Full: Erection of a two-storey side Karen Langston extension and conversion of existing garage into

family room at 76 Higher Reedley Road, Brierfield

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### 17. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members were reminded of the requirements of the Member Code of Conduct concerning the Declaration of Interests.

#### 18. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

It was reported that there were a number of issues on Marsden Hall Road South, Nelson in the proximity of the Further Clough Head development. Gates on what would be the access road for the development were being left open and cars were regularly travelling at 70mph along the road. A concerned resident said it would only be a matter of time before a serious accident occurred. The gates would be removed at a later date but the resident felt that, unless barriers were erected, the dumping of vehicles would become an issue. There were also issues with graffiti and drug dealing in this area.

Members agreed that these issues needed addressing as a matter of urgency given the risk posed to public health and safety and suggested that a meeting between the Police, Lancashire County Council Highways and Marsden and Southfield Ward Councillors be convened at the earliest opportunity to agree a way forward.

### **RESOLVED**

That a meeting between the Police, Lancashire County Council Highways and Marsden and Southfield Ward Councillors be convened at the earliest opportunity to discuss the issues on Marsden Hall Road South, Nelson and agree a way forward.

#### REASON

In the interests of public health and safety and highway safety.

19. MINUTES

### **RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

#### 20. PROGRESS REPORT

A progress report on actions arising from the last meeting of the Nelson, Brierfield and Reedley Committee was submitted for information and was noted.

#### 21. POLICE ISSUES

The Police were unable to attend this meeting due to purdah and no issues were raised in their absence.

# 22. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

### (a) Applications to be determined

The Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted a report of the following planning applications for determination: -

22/0677/CND Approval of Details Reserved By Condition: Discharge Condition 3 (Material Samples) of Planning Permission 21/0921/HHO at 252 Manchester Road, Nelson for Mr. Mohammed Iqbal

It was reported that there had been a typing error on the published Agenda for this meeting, this application had been determined at the last meeting of this Committee.

23/0507/FUL Full (Major): Erection of a battery storage facility with associated infrastructure on Land to the North of Spurn Clough Cottage, Greenhead Lane, Reedley for Moor Isles Farm Energy Storage Limited

Determination of this application had been deferred from the last meeting of this Committee.

The Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services had circulated an update prior to the meeting which advised that Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service had now responded to additional technical information. They had accepted the information and were satisfied that acceptable control of pollution from runoff water could be controlled by condition.

It was further reported that additional comments had been received from members of the public suggesting that other alternative sites be investigated. There was, however, no reason to challenge the veracity and adequacy of the alternative sites search submitted with the application and, as such, the recommendation that the approval of the application, and any necessary conditions, be delegated to the Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services remained subject to appropriate conditions being agreed with the Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service.

#### **RESOLVED**

That the application be **refused** for the following reasons: -

- 1. The proposed development constitutes inappropriate development within the Green Belt and would result in harm to the openness of the Green Belt. The harm to the Green Belt resulting from the inappropriate development and harm to openness would not be clearly outweighed by other considerations contrary to Policy ENV2 of the Pendle Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy and paragraphs 152-153 of the National Planning Policy Framework.
- 2. The proposed development would result in unacceptable harm to the visual amenity of the area contrary to Policies ENV1 and ENV2 of the Pendle Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy.

23/0833/FUL Full: Demolition of existing Mosque and the erection of a replacement Mosque building (Use Class F1(f)) including the formation of 12 no. parking spaces and 10 no. cycle spaces with associated landscaping at Jamia Masjid Usman Ghani Mosque, Stanley Street, Brierfield for Masjid Usman Ghani

Determination of this application had been deferred from the last meeting of this Committee.

The Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services had circulated an update prior to the meeting which advised that amended plans, which significantly altered the

design and reduced the height of the building, and a car park survey had been submitted today. The recommendation to refuse the application had altered, as a result, to deferral to the next meeting to allow time for the revised application to be fully considered and consulted on.

### **RESOLVED**

That determination of this application be **deferred** to the next meeting of this Committee.

24/0064/FUL Full: Change of use of residential property to a mixed use of residential and commercial dog breeding at 217 Halifax Road, Nelson for Mrs. Leah Hampson

#### **RESOLVED**

That the application be **refused** for the following reason: -

The proposed use would result in a level of activity and noise that would cause unacceptable harm to the living environment of neighbouring dwellings to the detriment of the residential amenity of occupants of those dwellings contrary to Policy ENV5 of the Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy.

24/0157/HHO Full: Erection of an outbuilding to rear of dwelling house at 34 Priory Chase, Nelson for Mr. Muzaffar Rashid

Determination of this application had been deferred from the last meeting of this Committee.

### **RESOLVED**

That the application be **approved** subject to the following conditions and reasons: -

1. The proposed development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.

**Reason:** Required to be imposed by Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

- 2. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans:
  - AB0104 Proposed outbuilding Plan and Elevations (received 13.05.24)
  - Block Plan 1:500 (received 05.03.24)
  - Location Plan 1:1250 (received 05.03.24)

**Reason:** For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper planning.

3. All the external materials to be used in the elevations and roof of the development hereby permitted shall be as stated on the application form and approved plans and there shall be no variation without the prior consent of the Local Planning Authority.

**Reason:** These materials are appropriate to the locality and in order to allow the Local Planning Authority to control the external appearance of the development.

**4.** The detached building hereby approved shall only be used ancillary to the enjoyment of the existing dwelling and shall not be used by way of sale or subletting to form separate accommodation.

**Reason:** To avoid the creation of separate dwellings which may be substandard in terms of parking provision and/or vehicular manoeuvring area.

#### REASON FOR DECISION

Section 38 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires that applications be determined in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. The proposed housing development would accord with Local Planning Policy and would be compliant with the guidance set out in the Framework, subject to compliance with planning conditions. The development therefore complies with the development plan. There is a positive presumption in favour of approving the development and there are no material reasons to object to the application.

24/0185/HHO Full: Erection of a detached outbuilding at 9 Redness Close, Nelson for Mr. Sadik Khan

#### **RESOLVED**

That the application be approved subject to the following conditions and reasons: -

- 1. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans:
  - Dwg 01 Site Location Plan (received 02.04.24)
  - Dwg 03a Proposed Plans and Elevations (received 30.04.24)
  - Dwg 04 Existing and Proposed Block Plan (received 02.04.24)

**Reason:** For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper planning.

2. All the external materials to be used in the elevations and roof of the development hereby permitted shall be as stated on the application form and approved plans and there shall be no variation without the prior consent of the Local Planning Authority.

**Reason:** These materials are appropriate to the locality and in order to allow the Local Planning Authority to control the external appearance of the development.

#### REASON FOR DECISION

Section 38 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires that applications be determined in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. The proposed housing development would accord with Local Planning Policy and would be compliant with the guidance set out in the Framework, subject to compliance with planning conditions. The development therefore complies with the development plan.

There is a positive presumption in favour of approving the development and there are no material reasons to object to the application.

24/0237/VAR Variation of Condition: Vary Condition 2 (Approved Plans) of Permission in Principle Consent 20/0524/PIP on Land to the North of Rockwood, Halifax Road, Nelson for M A Holdings Ltd.

The Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services had circulated an update prior to the meeting which advised that additional comments had been received from members of the public relating to affordable housing and impacts on public rights of way. There was no requirement for affordable housing provision and impact on public rights of way was already addressed in the original report. The recommendation that the approval of the application be delegated to the Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services subject to the receipt of acceptable details of proposed levels, therefore, remained.

#### **RESOLVED**

That the Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services be granted **delegated authority** to **approve** the application subject to the receipt of acceptable details of the proposed levels and also the following conditions and reasons:-

1. The proposed development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

**Reason:** In order to comply with the requirements of Section 91 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended).

2. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans: 01, 03E, 05, 06B, 08A, 09, 10A, 16.

**Reason:** For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper planning.

3. Prior to the commencement of above ground works involved in the erection of the external walls of the development samples of all the external materials to be used in the construction of the dwellings roof, walls, colour and finish of the windows and doors of the development hereby approved, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall thereafter at all times be carried out in strict accordance with the approved materials and details.

**Reason:** To ensure a satisfactory form of development in the interest of visual amenity of the area.

**4.** Prior to the commencement of development, a scheme of foul and surface water drainage shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out only in accordance with the approved drainage scheme.

**Reason:** To promote sustainable development, secure proper drainage and to manage the risk of flooding and pollution.

5. Prior to the occupation of the first dwelling an assessment of the risk from golf balls and a scheme of any mitigation measures necessary to address that risk shall have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The mitigation measures may include, but not be limited to, catch fencing and/or restriction of the extent of domestic garden areas. The scheme shall be fully implemented prior to the occupation of the dwellings hereby approved and maintained at all times thereafter.

**Reason:** To mitigate risk from flying golf balls to residents and protect the viability of the adjacent golf club.

- 6. No development shall take place, including any works of demolition, until a construction method statement has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The approved statement shall be adhered to throughout the construction period. It shall provide for:
  - i) The parking of vehicles of site operatives and visitors;
  - ii) The loading and unloading of plant and materials;
  - iii) The storage of plant and materials used in constructing the development;
  - iv) The erection and maintenance of security hoarding;
  - v) Wheel washing facilities;
  - vi) Measures to control the emission of dust and dirt during construction;
  - vii) Measures to control noise and vibration during construction;
  - **viii)** A scheme for recycling/disposing of waste resulting from demolition and construction works:
  - ix) Details of working hours;
  - x) Routing of delivery vehicles to/from site.

**Reason:** In the interest of highway safety and residential amenity.

7. The development hereby permitted shall not commence unless and until all of the highway works to facilitate construction traffic access to the development site have been constructed in accordance with a scheme which shall be submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority.

**Reason:** To enable all construction traffic to enter and leave the development site in a safe manner without causing a hazard to other road users.

**8.** All visibility splays at the construction site access to the development shall be cleared to ground level prior to the commencement of any works.

**Reason:** To enable all construction traffic to enter and leave the development site in a safe manner without causing a hazard to other road users.

9. No part of the development hereby approved shall be commenced until all the highway works have been constructed and completed in accordance with a scheme that shall be submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority.

The works shall be to LCC specification and include **i)** new site access, **ii)** removal of 12 trees within the highway verge sited within the visibility splays on Halifax Road.

**Reason:** In the interest of highway safety.

- **10.** The development shall not commence unless and until a detailed landscaping scheme has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall include the following:
  - **a.** the exact location and species of all existing trees and other planting to be retained; **b.** all proposals for new planting and turfing indicating the location, arrangement, species, sizes, specifications, numbers and planting densities. Unless otherwise agreed this shall include 24 replacement trees for the removed highway trees of species 50/50 mix of Parrotia persica "Venessa" and Liquidamber "Worplesdon", stock sizes to be minimum of extra heavy standards and replacement of the trees removed within the site;
  - **c.** an outline specification for ground preparation;
  - d. all proposed boundary treatments with supporting elevations and construction details;
  - **e.** all proposed hard landscape elements and pavings, including layout, materials and colours:
  - **f.** the proposed arrangements and specifications for initial establishment maintenance and long-term maintenance of all planted and/or turfed areas.

The approved scheme shall be implemented in its entirety within the first planting season following the substantial completion of the development. Any tree or other planting that is lost, felled, removed, uprooted, dead, dying or diseased, or is substantially damaged within a period of five years thereafter shall be replaced with a specimen of similar species and size, during the first available planting season following the date of loss or damage.

**Reason:** To ensure that the development is adequately landscaped so as to integrate with its surroundings and in the interest of visual amenity.

11. Unless otherwise approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority no ground clearance, demolition, changes of level or development or development-related work shall commence until protective fencing, in full accordance with BS 5837: 2012 has been erected around each tree/tree group or hedge to be preserved on the site or on immediately adjoining land, and no work shall be carried out on the site until the written approval of the Local Planning Authority has been issued confirming that the protective fencing is erected in accordance with this condition. Within the areas so fenced, the existing ground level shall be neither raised nor lowered. Roots with a diameter of more than 25 millimetres shall be left unsevered. There shall be no construction work, development or development-related activity of any description, including the deposit of spoil or the storage of materials within the fenced areas. The protective fencing shall thereafter be maintained during the period of construction.

All works involving excavation of soil, including foundations and the laying of services, within the recommended distance calculated under the BS 5837 (2012) of the trees to be retained on the site, shall be dug by hand and in accordance with a scheme of works which has been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority, prior to the commencement of works.

**Reason:** To prevent trees or hedgerows adjacent to the site from being damaged during construction works.

**12.** The development shall be carried out in strict accordance with the recommendations of the submitted Preliminary Ecological Appraisal.

**Reason:** To ensure that the habitats of protected species are not harmed by the development.

**13.** Each dwelling shall have an electric vehicle charging point and secure covered cycle store prior to first occupation.

**Reason:** To ensure adequate provision for sustainable transport.

14. No dwelling shall be occupied until the car parking area for that dwelling has been surfaced or paved in a bound porous material, unless otherwise approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority, and the car parking spaces and manoeuvring areas marked out in accordance with the approved plan. The car parking areas shall thereafter be kept free of obstruction and available for the parking cars at all times.

**Reason:** To allow for the effective use of the parking areas in the interest of highway safety.

- **15.** No development shall commence until;
  - **a)** a scheme of intrusive site investigations has been carried out on site to establish the risks posed to the development by past coal mining activity, and;
  - **b)** any remediation works and/or mitigation measures to address land instability arising from coal mining legacy, as may be necessary, have been implemented on site in full in order to ensure that the site is made safe and stable for the development proposed.

The intrusive site investigations and remedial works shall be carried out in accordance with authoritative UK guidance.

**Reason:** To ensure that the risks resulting from former coal mining activity are acceptably mitigated.

16. Prior to the first occupation of the development a signed statement or declaration prepared by a suitably competent person confirming that the site is, or has been made, safe and stable for the approved development shall be submitted to the Local Planning Authority for approval in writing. This document shall confirm the methods and findings of the intrusive site investigations and the completion of any remedial works and/or mitigation necessary to address the risks posed by past coal mining activity.

**Reason:** To ensure that the risks resulting from former coal mining activity are acceptably mitigated.

#### Notes:

The grant of planning permission will require the applicant to enter into an appropriate legal agreement (Section 278), with Lancashire County Council as Highway Authority prior to the start of any development. The applicant should be advised to contact the County Council for further information by telephoning the Development Support Section on 0300 123 6780 or email <a href="mailto:developeras@lancashire.gov.uk">developeras@lancashire.gov.uk</a>, in the first instance to ascertain the details of such an agreement and the information to be provided, quoting the location, district and relevant planning application reference number.

The grant of planning permission does not entitle a developer to obstruct a right of way and any proposed stopping-up or diversion of a right of way should be the subject of an Order under the appropriate Act. The applicant should be advised to contact Lancashire County Council's Public Rights of Way section by email on <a href="mailto:PROW@lancashire.gov.uk">PROW@lancashire.gov.uk</a>, quoting the reference 13-3-FP24 Brierfield, Pendle and planning application number, to discuss their proposal before any development works begin.

### REASON FOR DECISION

Section 38 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires that applications be determined in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. The proposed development accords with the Local Plan and National Planning Policy Framework. The development therefore complies with the development plan. There is a positive presumption in favour of approving the development and there are no material reasons to object to the application.

24/0240/FUL Full: Installation of a new shop front with shutter at 88 Manchester Road, Nelson for Mr. Zaka Mohammed Alnoor

(Before the vote was taken, the Principal Planning Officer advised that a decision to approve the application would represent a significant departure from the guidance of the Conservation Area Design & Development SPD and the Design Principles SPD and also from Policies ENV1 and ENV2 of the Core Strategy. The matter would therefore be referred to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services and subject to his agreement the decision would stand referred to the Development Management Committee.)

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Development Management Committee be recommended to **grant** planning permission subject to appropriate conditions and reasons.

24/0254/LHE Permitted Development Notification (Proposed Larger Home Extension): Erection of a single storey rear extension (6.00 length, 4.00 height and 3.00 eaves height) at 84 Charles Street, Nelson for Mr. Sarfaraz Ahmed

#### **RESOLVED**

That the application be **refused** for the following reason: -

The proposed development would have an overbearing impact on the residential amenity of neighbours resulting in an unacceptable impact on the living environment of the occupants of 82 Charles Street and hence would be contrary to policy ENV2 of the Adopted Pendle Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy, and the principles set out in the Adopted Pendle Design Principles Supplementary Planning Document.

24/0258/HHO Full: Erection of a two-storey side extension and conversion of existing garage into family room at 76 Higher Reedley Road, Brierfield for Mr. Mohammed Amjad

#### **RESOLVED**

That the application be **approved** subject to the addition of a condition to require that the rear bedroom window in the first-floor extension be obscure glazed to mitigate the privacy issue and also the following conditions and reasons: -

1. The proposed development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

**Reason:** Required to be imposed by Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

2. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans: 21034 – LP – Site Location Plan (received 23.04.24), 24016 – 02 – A-Proposed Plans (received 02.05.24), 24016 – 03 – A-Proposed Elevations (received 02.05.24), 24016-04-A-Roof Plans – Existing and proposed (received 02.05.24).

**Reason:** For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper planning.

3. All the external materials to be used in the elevations and roof of the development hereby permitted shall be as stated on the application form and approved plans and there shall be no variation without the prior consent of the Local Planning Authority.

**Reason:** These materials are appropriate to the locality and in order to allow the Local Planning Authority to control the external appearance of the development.

4. The window in the first-floor rear (east) elevation of the development hereby permitted shall at all times be fitted with obscure glazing to at least level 4 or above unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Any replacement glazing shall be of an equal degree or above. The window shall be hung in such a way as to prevent the effect of the obscure glazing being negated by way of opening.

**Reason:** To ensure an adequate level of privacy to adjacent residential properties.

## REASON FOR DECISION

Section 38 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires that applications be determined in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. The proposed housing development would accord with Local Planning Policy and would be compliant with the guidance set out in the framework, subject to compliance with planning conditions. The development therefore complies with the development plan. There is a positive presumption on favour of approving the development and there are no material reasons to object to the application.

24/0267/HHO Full: Erection of a front and rear dormer to facilitate a loft conversion and a first-floor rear extension at 119 Clayton Street, Nelson for Ms. Shabnam Kanval

(Before the vote was taken, the Principal Planning Officer advised that a decision to approve the application would represent a significant departure from the guidance of the Conservation Area Design & Development SPD and the Design Principles SPD and also from Policies ENV1 and ENV2 of the Core Strategy. The matter would therefore be referred to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services and subject to his agreement the decision would stand referred to the Development Management Committee.)

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Development Management Committee be recommended to **grant** planning permission subject to appropriate conditions and reasons.

24/0278/HHO Full: Erection of two-storey side and rear extension, 2 no. single storey rear extensions, a side porch and boundary treatment works at 129 Marsden Hall Road North, Nelson for Mr. Muneeb UI Hassan

The Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services had circulated an update prior to the meeting which advised that additional comments had been received from members of the public. The comments were summarised in the report. The issues raised had either been raised and addressed in the original report or were not matters of planning consideration and, as such, the recommendation to refuse the application remained.

(Before the vote was taken, the Principal Planning Officer advised that a decision to approve the application would potentially represent maladministration by the Council. The matter would therefore be referred to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services and subject to his agreement the decision would stand referred to the Development Management Committee.)

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Development Management Committee be recommended to **grant** planning permission subject to appropriate conditions and reasons.

## (b) Planning Appeals

The Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services reported, for information, that there was one outstanding appeal:

23/0500/FUL 23/0027/AP/REFUSE Appeal against refusal of Planning Permission for change of use of land to garden curtilage, erection of a green house and replacement car port to side of existing garage at 2 Holme End, Brierfield, Burnley, BB12 9NR

#### 23. ENFORCEMENT ACTION

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services submitted an update on enforcement matters.

Members were aware that the owner of 132 Manchester Road, Nelson was intending to submit a retrospective planning application to restore the chimney stack to its original condition and suggested that the date to comply with the Enforcement Notice served on 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 be extended by 4 months, from 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2024 to 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2024, to allow them to do this.

#### **RESOLVED**

That the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be requested to extend the date to comply with the Enforcement Notice served on the owner of 132 Manchester Road, Nelson from 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2024 to 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2024.

#### REASON

To allow the owner to submit a retrospective planning application in order to comply with the Enforcement Notice served on them.

#### 24. AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET 2024/2025

The Head of Housing and Environmental Health submitted a report on the Area Committee's Budget for 2024/25. This item had been deferred from the last meeting.

Members were referred to Appendix 1 and outstanding 2023/24 Schemes 16, 19, 29 and 33 in particular and were asked to decide which, if any, should be carried forward for funding from the 2024/25 Budget. Outstanding Schemes 17 and 18 were now to be funded by Lancashire County Council.

Members were also referred to the Scheme detailed in Appendix 2 and asked to note that £120,000 had been carried forward from 2023/24 to fund the work that had been commissioned but was not expected to be completed until the end of May/ early June 2024. The allocation for 2024/25 was £78,270 and the total funds available for 2024/25, therefore, were £198,270.

The report then asked Members to consider three bids:

- (a) Pendle Borough Council (PBC) Litter and Dog Waste Bins £1,000
- (b) PBC Edge End Cricket Reinstatement £13,176
- (c) PBC Premises Improvement Grants £15,000

Two new bids were also submitted for consideration.

- (a) Friends of Victoria Park Public Liability Insurance for Victoria Park Events £75
- (b) RC Lions Cricket Club Healthy Living Through Sport £500

## **RESOLVED**

- (1) That the Budget as committed in 2023/24 and shown in Appendix 1 attached to the report be noted.
- (2) That it be noted that £120,000 had been carried forward from 2023/24 to fund the Scheme, detailed in Appendix 2, that had been commissioned but had not yet been completed.
- (3) That the financial requirements stipulated in paragraph 4 of the report be noted.
- (4) That funding for outstanding 2023/24 Scheme numbers 16, 19, 29 and 33, detailed in Appendix 1, be carried forward for funding via the 2024/25 Budget.
- (5) That the Head of Housing and Environmental Health be requested to allocate the following amounts from the 2024/25 Budget: –

Pendle Borough Council (PBC) - Litter and Dog Waste Bins	£1,000
PBC - Edge End Cricket Reinstatement	£6,588
PBC - Premises Improvement Grants	£15,000
Friends of Victoria Park - Public Liability Insurance for Victoria	
Park Events	£75
RC Lions Cricket Club - Healthy Living Through Sport	£500
Total	£23.163

- (6) That Brierfield Town Council and Nelson Town Council be requested to consider making contributions of £2,294 and £4,294 respectively towards the cost of Pendle Borough Council's Edge End Cricket Reinstatement Scheme in order for the funding shortfall to be met.
- (7) That the Head of Housing and Environmental Health be requested to allocate the remainder 2024/25 Budget as follows: –

Bradley Ward Projects	£11,731	
Brierfield East and Clover Hill Ward Projects	£11,931	
Brierfield West and Reedley Ward Projects	£7,958	
Marsden and Southfield Ward Projects	£11,931	
Whitefield and Walverden Ward Projects	£11,856	
Total	£55,407	

#### REASON

To enable the Budget to be allocated effectively and in line with financial regulations.

#### 25. PREMISES IMPROVEMENT GRANT SCHEME 2024/25

The Head of Economic Growth submitted a report to request that Members agree to a funding allocation of £15,000 from the Committee's 2024/25 Budget for the Premises Improvement Grant Scheme and that they also consider the appointment of two Grant Panel Members for 2024/25.

The request to allocate £15,000 to the Scheme had been considered earlier in the meeting at minute 24 where it was agreed that the allocation be made.

It was suggested that the current defined town centre boundaries for the Premises Improvement Grant Scheme be extended to include the whole of; Leeds Road, Nelson; Manchester Road, Nelson; Scotland Road, Nelson; and Colne Road, Brierfield. An extension to the Nelson town centre boundary would mean that the businesses that would be permanently relocated out of the Pendle Rise Shopping Centre could benefit from the Scheme. It was felt such an extension would complement the 'Revitalised Nelson' Nelson Town Deal project.

#### **RESOLVED**

- (1) That the report be noted.
- (2) That Councillors M. Hanif and A. Mahmood be appointed to the Grants Panel for 2024/25.
- (3) That the Head of Economic Growth be requested to consider an extension to the current defined town centre boundaries for the Premises Improvement Grant Scheme to include the

whole of; Leeds Road, Nelson; Manchester Road, Nelson; Scotland Road, Nelson; and Colne Road, Brierfield.

#### **REASONS**

- (1) To allow Members of the Committee to see the outcomes of the Premises Improvement Grant Scheme in the 2023/24 financial year.
- (2) To allow the Premises Improvement Grant programme to fund future projects in 2024/25.
- (3) To allow Grant Panel members to be decided by the Members of the Committee.
- (4) To allow Members to make decisions that support the ongoing regeneration of Nelson and Brierfield town centres.
- (5) To complement the 'Revitalised Nelson' Nelson Town Deal project.

## 26. BRUNSWICK STREET PUBLIC REALM IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE

The Head of Economic Growth reported that Councillors met with Engineers and agreed on a scheme for bow top fencing around the triangular piece of land at Brunswick Street to include fencing off the four parking bays. The site had become a problem due to a neighbouring garage using the parking bays and footways to stock cars in need of repair, thereby causing an eyesore.

Whilst working with Lancashire County Council (LCC) and Jacobs on their Safer, Greener, Healthier Streets (SGHS) preliminary designs, Engineers were made aware that the Brunswick Street site was included in these designs. However, the preliminary designs did not include the triangular piece of land.

Engineers asked LCC if they could include the triangular piece of land within the SGHS designs and they had agreed. The new designs were currently being drawn up and LCC had advised that a full public consultation exercise was scheduled for mid-June. The scheme would be similar to the bow top fence scheme but would include some greenery and would tie in better with the designs for the rest of the site.

LCC/Jacobs were currently trying to establish if the scheme would require planning permission. Once this had been established, the designs would be shared with this Committee for consideration. The original scheme, using bow top fencing, had therefore been put on hold.

Members welcomed this update but enquired about the likely timescales for the delivery of the scheme.

## **RESOLVED**

- (1) That the update be noted.
- (2) That the Head of Economic Growth be requested to provide an indicative timeline for the delivery of the public realm improvement scheme on Brunswick Street, Nelson.

#### REASON

To alleviate problems with parking and abandoned vehicles on the Council owned triangular piece of land off Brunswick Street, Nelson.

### 27. REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

At the Annual Council meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2024, the responsibility for appointing representatives to some outside bodies was referred to this Committee.

Members were asked to consider appointments to the Marsden Heights Education Foundation, the Nelson District Nursing Association Charity Fund and the William Walton Cottage Homes and the Mancknols Walton Cottage Homes Charities.

#### **RESOLVED**

- (1) That Councillors F. Ahmad and Y. Iqbal continue to be appointed to the Marsden Heights Education Foundation.
- (2) That Councillor A. Mahmood continue to be appointed to the Nelson District Nursing Association Charity.
- (3) That Councillors M. Adnan and Y. Tennant continue to be appointed to the William Walton Cottage Homes and the Mancknols Walton Cottage Homes Charities.

### REASON

To maintain Council representation on outside bodies.

### 28. ENVIRONMENTAL BLIGHT

Members were advised that there were currently no Environmental Blight sites in Nelson, Brierfield and Reedley.

Any new sites should be reported to Tricia Wilson (<a href="mailto:tricia.wilson@pendle.gov.uk">tricia.wilson@pendle.gov.uk</a>) with a brief description of the site and the problem along with contact details.

## 29. OUTSTANDING ITEM

(a) Former Mansfield School Site (07.05.2024)

Chair		