



# MINUTES

## Finance and Democracy Committee

<b>Date:</b>	Monday, 22 July 2019
<b>Venue:</b>	Town Hall, St Annes.
<b>Committee Members Present:</b>	Councillor Karen Buckley (Chairman) Councillors Peter Anthony, Peter Collins, Ellie Gaunt, Gavin Harrison, Ed Nash, Linda Nulty, Liz Oades, David O'Rourke, Richard Redcliffe, Elaine Silverwood, John Singleton JP.
<b>Other Councillors Present:</b>	Susan Fazackerley, Roger Lloyd, Ben Aitken, Brian Gill.
<b>Officers Present:</b>	Allan Oldfield, Ian Curtis, Paul Walker, Marie Percival, Tara Walsh.
<b>Other Attendees:</b>	3 members of the public were present

### Public Platform

Under the Public Platform arrangements Mr Turner addressed the committee in relation to Item 5 – Lytham Institute.

#### 1. Declarations of Interest

Members were reminded that any disclosable pecuniary interests should be declared as required by the Localism Act 2011 and any personal or prejudicial interests should be declared as required by the Council's Code of Conduct for Members.

There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.

#### 2. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Finance and Democracy Committee meeting held on 24 June 2019 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

#### 3. Substitute Members

The following substitutions were reported under Council procedure rule 23 (c):

Councillor Ed Nash substituted for Councillor Vince Settle.

Councillor Gavin Harrison substituted for Councillor Michael Withers.

### Decision Items

#### 4. Exclusion of the Public

IT WAS RESOLVED: That under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, that the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business, on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined under paragraph 5 of schedule 12A to the Act.

(Councillors Peter Collins, Linda Nulty, Elizabeth Oades, and Elaine Silverwood requested that their names be recorded as having voted against the above proposal.)

During the discussion of this item, an amendment was put forward to not exclude the public from the meeting for item 5 – Lytham Institute. A vote was taken on this proposal and was subsequently lost.

5. Lytham Institute

Mr Ian Curtis, Head of Governance, was invited to present a report on options going forward for future use and management of Lytham Institute.

Following a full discussion, the Committee AGREED to:

1. Register the Lytham Institute as a charitable trust, and then seek immediate advice and discussion with the Charity Commission on the governance and future management of the trust.
2. Open discussions with community groups and interested stakeholders to determine the most effective use of the Institute to fulfil the required objectives of the Trust.

6. Exclusion of the Public

IT WAS RESOLVED: That under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, that the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business, on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined under paragraphs 1 and 3 of schedule 12A of the Act.

7. Public Offices Site

Paul Walker, Director of Development Services, and Marie Percival, Estate and Assets Manager presented the report which sought reconsideration of the agreement to lease the Public Offices building and adjacent land in the light of revised terms to Homebird Interiors.

Members were provided with an outline of the proposals that had been received and the current position with the covenants and the company holding the freehold interest on the site. Various members' commented/sought clarification on a variety of aspects of the proposals and these were addressed in turn by Miss. Percival and Mr. Walker.

Following detailed consideration it was unanimously RESOLVED to:

1. Approve revised terms for a 20 year lease for the Public Offices site, outbuildings and adjacent land to Homebird Interiors Limited with the option to purchase in year 4 as set out in Table 1 at section 15 of this report;
2. Authorise the Director of Development Services to approve the details within the contracts to be drawn up between the parties, consistent with the principles as described within this report, following consultation with the Chairman and the Vice Chairman of the Finance and Democracy Committee.

8. Exclusion of the Public

IT WAS RESOLVED: That under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, that the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business, on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined under paragraph 3 of schedule 12A of the Act.

9. Land Adjacent to North Beach Car Park

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Paul Walker, Director of Development Services, and Marie Percival, Estate and Assets Manager presented the report which outlined issues relating to breaches in the lease of the wind and water sports centre on the foreshore at Clifton Drive North, St Annes.

Following detailed consideration it was unanimously RESOLVED to delegate authority to the Director of Development Services to forfeit the lease and underlease (either by proceedings or by peaceable re-entry) should officers consider the Tenant unable/unwilling to remedy the breaches identified.

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