



# MINUTES

## Planning Committee

<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday, 9 November 2022
<b>Venue:</b>	Council Chamber, Town Hall, St Annes.
<b>Committee Members Present:</b>	Councillor Trevor Fiddler (Chairman) Councillor Richard Redcliffe (Vice-Chairman)  Councillors Alan Clayton, Gavin Harrison, Jayne Nixon, Linda Nulty, David O'Rourke, Ray Thomas, Stan Trudgill.
<b>Officers Present:</b>	Mark Evans, Charlie Richards, Lyndsey Lacey-Simone.

### 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.

### 2. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

### 3. Substitute Members

The following substitution was reported under Council Procedure Rule 24:

Councillor Alan Clayton substituted for Councillor Heather Speak.

### Information Items

### 4. Control of Opening Hours Under Licensing and Planning Regimes

The information report provided an overview of different limitations on the hours of opening of premises through licensing and planning legislation. It was highlighted that, whilst there is an element of overlap between the two regimes, there were some differences in the matters that could be taken into consideration in determining applications made under each process, which might lead to confusion. A briefing paper attached to the report sought to provide advice to clarify the operation of relevant processes and explain why two committees within the same council may impose different opening hours restrictions.

Clarification was sought on the scenario where licences are granted without the benefit of planning permission. Mr Evans agreed to establish the position with the Licensing Team and get back to members on the matter in due course. Other comments included matters associated with compliance with Section 182 Guidance under the Licensing Act 2003.

### 5. Kirkham Futures: Wall at Hillside

The information report provided an update as to the status of the retaining wall contained within the ownership boundary of the Hillside property in Kirkham and a summary of plans to incorporate an element of works to the wall within the Hillside project as part of the Kirkham Futures Programme.

6. Kirkham and Wesham Station Park and Ride Facility

Further to the 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020 report to Committee which set out the findings of a feasibility study, commissioned to explore a range of options to provide a park and ride facility at Kirkham and Wesham Station, the information report sought to update the Committee on challenges relating to the funding position.

It was reported that at that time, the cost of the project was estimated at £1.637m, far in excess of the £479,000 Section 106 contributions that had been secured to support improvements to the railway station. Members resolved to ring fence these funds for the project and asked officers to explore alternative funding sources to help deliver the project. It was further reported that to date, no such funding has been identified and no additional S106 funds had been received or are expected through additional planning permissions. It was also noted that the cost of delivering the project is likely to have increased significantly due to the recent, unprecedented, rise in building costs.

Members were advised that officers would continue the search for suitable funding to deliver the project, with the assistance of Lancashire County Council's Rail Development Manager, who had been appointed since the project was last considered by Members.

Councillor Nulty expressed her disappointment at the current situation. Clarification was also sought about the role of the Lancashire County Council's Rail Development Manager; matters associated with land ownership and the possible repayment of S106 monies in 2028. These points were addressed in turn by Mr Evans.

7. Kirkham Futures Programme Update

The information report provided an update regarding progress on the Kirkham Futures Programme and included as an appendix to the report the discussion notes of the Kirkham Futures Steering Group meetings.

Members were reminded that the Kirkham Futures Programme is funded through the High Street Heritage Action Zone Funding (HAZ), FHSF and Lancashire County Council and that funding runs from April 2020 to March 2024. It was reported that the Programme is in the final two years of delivery and spend and progress to date on the individual projects was included within the main body of the report.

Matters associated with Kirkgate; public realm works and shortfall of car parking issues in the town centre were highlighted. Mr Richards/ Mr Evans addressed these points.

8. General Fund Revenue Budget Monitoring Report 2022/23 - Position as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022

The information report provided an update on the General Fund Revenue Budget of the Council as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 with specific reference to those areas under the remit of the Committee.

9. Capital Programme Monitoring Report 2022/23 - Position as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022

The information report provided an update on the approved Capital Programme of the Council as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 with specific reference to those schemes under the remit of the Committee.

10. Reports of the Various Outside Bodies

The reports from members appointed to the various Outside Bodies (within the remit of the committee) were included (where appropriate) as appendices to the covering report. In this instance, there were nil returns.

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