



MINUTES

Environment, Health and Housing Committee

Date:	Tuesday, 13 March 2018
Venue:	Town Hall, St Annes.
Committee Members Present:	Councillor Ben Aitken (Chairman) Councillor Viv Willder (Vice-Chairman) Councillors Peter Anthony, Maxine Chew, Gail Goodman, Shirley Green, Angela Jacques, John Kirkham, Roger Lloyd, Graeme Neale, Louis Rigby
Officers Present:	Allan Oldfield, Mark Evans, Katharine McDonnell
Other Attendees:	One member of the public was present

Public Platform

There were no speakers on this occasion

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 on this occasion.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Environment, Health and Housing Committee meeting held on 9 January 2018 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

3. Substitute Members

There were no substitutions on this occasion.

Decision Items

4. Community Housing Fund Grant Policy

Mark Evans, Head of Planning and Housing, introduced a report regarding the Community Housing Fund Grant Policy. He reminded committee of the allocation of £440,381 to Fylde Council, from the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government, to enable community-led housing schemes. The report before committee was to approve a policy which established the criteria required to access the Community Housing Grant in Fylde.

The proposed grant fund policy was set out in the appendix to the report. Mr Evans explained that the policy had been developed to support communities considering community-led development. He explained that the fund could be used for Stage 1 costs, up to £5k, such as developing community engagement and set-up/development costs for a group. Stage 2 funding, up to £15k, would be for feasibility work on potential schemes.

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In response to questions from committee, Mr Evans advised that the funding was available for groups across the borough, including parish councils, as long as the groups met the criteria within the policy.

It was RESOLVED

1. To note the contents of the report and the proposal to introduce a Community Housing Grant Policy;
2. Approve the adoption of the Community Housing Fund Grant Policy as attached at Appendix 1 to the report; and
3. Approve expenditure to a total sum of £60,000 in respect of the provision of grants in accordance with the Community Housing Fund Grant Policy.

5. Appointment to Outside Bodies/Working Groups

The Committee was invited to recommend nominations to the various outside bodies/working Groups (within the remit of the committee) for consideration at Full Council. In addition, copies of reports received from members currently serving on outside bodies was also included as an appendix to the report for information.

Councillor Goodman spoke about her attendance at Lancashire County Council's Children's Services Scrutiny Committee, and the recent OFSTED inspection of County's Special Educational Needs department. She advised that the lack of early identification of children with special educational needs had been one of the biggest areas of concern for OFSTED. Councillor Goodman also commented that ensuring teachers were trained to spot children with difficulties was essential.

It was RESOLVED:

1. To recommend the following nominations to the outside bodies listed for consideration by Council:
 - Children's Partnership Board - Councillor Gail Goodman.
 - Community Safety Partnership – Councillor Ben Aiken.
 - Council for Voluntary Services, BWF – Councillor Gail Goodman.
 - East Lytham Working Group – Councillor Roger Lloyd.
 - Face to Face – Councillor Viv Willder.
 - Fylde & Wyre Health & Wellbeing Partnership – Councillor Viv Willder.
 - Fylde Citizens Advice Bureau - Councillors Louis Rigby, Linda Nulty, John Singleton.
 - Just Good Friends – Councillors Gail Goodman and Viv Willder
 - Fylde Coast LGBT Strategic Partnership – Councillor Shirley Green.
 - Fylde Coast Women's Aid – Councillor Viv Willder.
 - Fylde Peninsular Water Management Group – Councillor Ben Aitken.
 - Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board – Councillor Viv Willder.
 - LCC Health Scrutiny Committee – Councillor Viv Willder.
 - Local Liaison Committee Springfield Works - Councillors Ben Aiken and Roger Lloyd.
 - MATAC (Multi Agency Tasking and Co-ordinating) - Councillor Roger Lloyd.

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- Ormerod Trust - Councillor Angela Jacques.
 - Police Crime Commissioners Panel - Councillors Ben Aitken and Liz Oades.
 - Registered Social Landlord (RSL) Partnership - Councillor Ben Aitken.
2. To remove the Police Crime Commissioner Forum from the list of Outside Bodies.
 3. To confirm the continuance of the Crematorium Working Group comprising: Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the committee and Councillors Chew and Goodman.
 4. To note the reports from the members currently serving on the various outside bodies.

Information Items

The following information items were received by the committee.

6. Care and Repair Annual Report (Fylde and Wyre)

The committee received the tenth annual report on the operation of the Fylde and Wyre Care and Repair service. A copy of the Annual Report was attached to the agenda circulated.

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