

Policy & Service Review Scrutiny Committee



Date	10 March 2006
Venue	Town Hall, St Annes
Committee members	Raymond Norsworthy (Chairman) Martin Taylor (Vice-Chairman) Christine Akeroyd, John Bennett, Peter Hardy, Derek Lancaster, Dawn Prestwich, Fabian Wilson, Hilda Wilson.
Other Councillors	Elizabeth Oades, Ron Wilson, Stephen Wall.
Officers	Ian Curtis, Tracy Scholes, Peter Welsh, Carolyn Whewell

1. Declarations of interest

Members were reminded that any personal/prejudicial interests should be declared as required by the Council's Code of Conduct adopted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000.

2. Confirmation of minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Policy & Service Review Community Forum meeting held on 19 January 2006 as a correct record for signature by the chairman.

3. Substitute members

The following substitutions were reported under council procedure rule 22.3:

Councillor Christine Akeroyd for Councillor Elizabeth Clarkson

Councillor John Bennett for Councillor Paul Hayhurst

Councillor Peter Hardy for Councillor Stephen Carpenter

Councillor Derek Lancaster for Councillor Maxine Chew

Councillor Hilda Wilson for Councillor Elizabeth Oades

4. Call-In - Mill Street car park, Kirkham

Councillor Raymond Norsworthy (Chairman) explained the background to the item and made reference to the call-in procedure and sought clarification for the reason for the call-in.

Councillor Elizabeth Oades was invited to speak as a representative of the group of councillors requesting the call-in. Councillor Oades explained the reason for submitting the call-in and outlined her concerns regarding the Cabinet's decision not to agree to the transfer of Mill Street car park and highlighted the need for an asset disposal policy to be put in place.

Councillor Roger Small (portfolio holder for Development and Regeneration) explained the position of the Cabinet's decision regarding this item. He endorsed the decision made at the Cabinet and made reference to previous and current car park maintenance budgets and expressed concern on how a charitable trust could maintain the car park and also made reference to the unrestricted sale value of the land.

Councillor Small went on to explain that it was the Cabinet's intention to introduce a policy on Council assets.

Following a full debate, councillor Oades withdrew the call-in request and the committee

RESOLVED:

1. That the Cabinet be requested to introduce a policy on the transfer/disposal of Council assets to Town and Parish Councils and that such a policy should be dealt with as a matter of urgency.
2. That the previous decision of the Cabinet not to agree to the transfer of Mill Street car park be reviewed following the establishment of a policy on the transfer/disposal of Council assets to Town and Parish Councils.