

Community Focus Scrutiny Committee

Date:	Thursday, 29 November 2012
Venue:	Town Hall, St Annes
Committee members:	Councillor Kiran Mulholland (Chairman) Councillor Christine Akeroyd (Vice-Chairman) Councillors Julie Brickles, Susanne Cunningham, Fabian Craig- Wilson, Tony Ford JP, Nigel Goodrich, Kathleen Harper, Paul Hodgson, Barbara Nash, Edward Nash, Dawn Prestwich, John Singleton JP, Vivienne Miller Willder
Officers:	Paul Walker, Phil Dent, Andrew Dickson, Paul Drinnan, Lyndsey Lacey, Stephen Smith, Geoff Willetts
Members of the public:	One member of the public was present.

1. Declarations of interest

Members were reminded that any disclosable pecuniary interests should be declared as required by the Localism Act 2011 and that any other interests should be declared as required by the Council's Code of Conduct. There were no declarations of interest.

2. Confirmation of minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Community Focus Scrutiny Committee held on 4 October 2012 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

3. Substitute members

The following substitutions were reported under council procedure rule 22.3:

Councillor Fabian Craig-Wilson for Councillor Tim Armit

Councillor Edward Nash for Councillor Gail Goodman.

4. Review of the 2020 Vision

Paul Drinnan (Regeneration Manager) and Stephen Smith (Economic Development Officer) gave a joint PowerPoint presentation on the Council's approved document - Lytham St Annes 2020 Vision.

In summary, the presentation covered the background, purpose, progress and current status of the projects contained in the Lytham St Annes 2020 Vision including the Open Golf 2012 related capital works.

Further to the above, members were advised that some of the initiatives contained within the 2020 Vision included the development of the Fairhaven Master Plan, development of the Classic Resort concept and specific infrastructure projects which were also included with the new Economic Development Strategy. In view of this, it was suggested that because of the clear links, the 2020 Vision and the Regeneration Framework be combined into one document.

An update on the capital schemes that had been completed for the Open Golf 2012 (including all contributions) was circulated at the meeting.

Following detailed consideration of this matter the Committee RESOLVED:

1. To note the achievements and progress made since the introduction of the 2020 Vision document.
2. To support the preparation of an amalgamated document incorporating the present 2020 Vision and Regeneration Framework to provide a borough-wide composite regeneration/public realm strategy.
3. That in the meantime and until the adoption of the new document (referred to in recommendation 2 above) the 2020 Vision document remains in use for the purpose of attracting committed payments where appropriate, in the context of the granting of planning permissions and in support of the Council's adopted Regeneration Framework.
4. That for the time being, the 2020 Vision document be used to support the development of public realm proposals for the locations identified and the concepts and principles contained within the document.

5. Fylde Coast Bathing Waters

Further to the report and series of presentations given at the last committee, Paul Walker (Director of Development Services) presented an update on the various points that had been raised at the meeting in relation to Fylde Coast Bathing Waters.

In summary, the report made reference to the latest results on work underway to improve the quality of the bathing waters in light of the revised Bathing Water Directive. In addition, it included formal responses to the various questions raised by Councillor Oades at the last meeting and a draft of the ten

top level actions to improve bathing water as recommended by the Fylde Peninsular Water Management Group. Details of the Environment Agency's recently published list of 'asks' to help improve bathing water quality together with a copy of the results of the DNA testing on St Annes beaches were also set out in the report.

Further to the above, members were given an update on signs required to be erected at all designated bathing waters prior to the 2012 bathing water season.

Mr Walker advised that one key proposal announced at the recent Turning Tides event was the establishment of a regional steering group to oversee work in improving bathing water quality. He added that the group would include representatives of key bodies and organisations and that an update on any outcomes of the initial meeting of the group would be presented to a future committee.

Councillor Mulholland read out an email received from Councillor Tim Armit suggesting that the committee consider asking for our beaches not to be designated as bathing areas. This was noted by members.

Councillor Mulholland asked for a further interpretation of the DNA testing results and suggested that it would be helpful to have clear figures to examine.

Following detailed discussion it was RESOLVED:

1. To note the responses to the points raised at the previous meeting.
2. To ask the Chairman of Committee (Councillor Kiran Mulholland) to pursue the principle of a joint scrutiny with Blackpool Council and report back to the next committee.

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