

# Minutes

## ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE

<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday, 23 February 2016
<b>Venue:</b>	Town Hall, St Annes.
<b>Committee Members:</b>	Councillor Ben Aiken (Chairman) Councillor Viv Willder (Vice-Chairman)  Councillors Frank Andrews, Maxine Chew, Delma Collins, Shirley Green, Angela Jacques, Roger Lloyd, Louis Rigby, Richard Taylor.
<b>Other Councillors Present:</b>	Councillors Susan Fazackerley, Karen Buckley and Jan Barker.
<b>Officers Present:</b>	Tracy Morrison, Paul Walker, Kirstine Riding, Chris Hambly, Katharine McDonnell
<b>Other Attendees:</b>	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 of interest on this occasion.

#### 2. Confirmation of minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Environment, Health and Housing Committee meeting held on 5 January 2016 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

#### 3. Substitute members

The following substitutions were reported under Council procedure rule 24(c):

Councillor Frank Andrews for Councillor Graeme Neale

Councillor Angela Jacques for Councillor Gail Goodman

#### 4. Fylde Council Policies on Procurement and Allocation of Temporary Accommodation for Homeless Households

Kirstine Riding, Housing Services Manager, presented proposed policies for the procurement and allocation of temporary accommodation.

Miss Riding advised that the Council had a duty to provide accommodation for households who were homeless. They had to be legally homeless, in priority need or vulnerable. The accommodation had to be suitable in terms of location, and suitable for every member of the household. The authority had to have regard to statutory guidance to ensure that accommodation was within the district, where possible and practical, unless there were clear benefits for the household to be accommodated outside of the borough.

She advised that the policies had been developed in conjunction with other authorities in Lancashire. She further advised that Fylde worked to accommodate households before they presented as homeless, which could be done in a number of ways including giving them priority banding on MyHomeChoice.

Miss Riding advised that accommodation could be provided either from local authority stock, social housing stock or from the private rented sector, and that Bed and Breakfast accommodation was only used in emergency situations, and was inspected by Fylde Council staff.

A member of the committee asked if there were rural residents who became homeless. Miss Riding advised that temporary accommodation was provided in areas where there were services such as public transport, doctors and shops.

A member of the committee asked how registered social housing partners (RSLs) were selected in terms of stock. Miss Riding advised that partners were chosen on the basis of suitable stock with the majority being within Lytham St Annes, due to the services available in Lytham St Annes. The Chairman commented that it would be useful if the RSL partners could increase their stock of 1 and 2 bedroomed units. The discussion turned to the recent compulsory purchase of a property on St Albans Road and how that type of premises would be a useful for providing smaller units of accommodation.

Miss Riding advised that types of housing stock could be discussed with other RSL providers, as and when their partnership agreements came up for renewal.

It was RESOLVED to

1. Approve Fylde Council Policies on Procurement and Allocation of temporary accommodation; and
2. Request that the policies are updated annually and brought to the committee as part of the annual updates for the Homelessness Strategy.
5. Proposed Consultation Response to Lancashire County Council (LCC) Proposal to Cease Supporting People Funding of Non Statutory services

Kirstine Riding, Housing Services Manager, presented the consultation response to Lancashire County Council regarding the decision to cease Supporting People Funding of non statutory services. The Housing Team had facilitated a consultation event with the service providers to discuss the impact of the withdrawn funding on those services and service users.

Miss Riding reminded the committee that Supporting People Funding was in place to support elderly, vulnerable people, homeless persons, young people, people fleeing domestic violence and those suffering from mental health issues. She summarised the services within Fylde that would be affected by the withdrawal of funding.

She advised that the likely impact was of an increase in homeless presentations, more vulnerable clients in crisis, and joint working between service providers could be affected. She further advised that Lancashire County Council's suggested spot purchase plan model would be very difficult for service providers to implement, as the organisation and structure needed to be in place to make the spot plan purchases and implement them. However changing their present business models to fund this necessary organisation and structure would be very difficult under this funding model.

In addition she advised that the service providers had not received any confirmation from Lancashire County Council regarding the continuance of contracts until March 2017, which could mean funding could cease in March 2016 with less than 2 weeks notice.

The committee expressed concern regarding the continued uncertainty facing the service providers, and queried whether the 2% council tax increase for social care could be used for to save the Supported Person funding. Miss Riding undertook to make this suggestion as part of the consultation response.

It was RESOLVED to approve the consultation response contained in Appendix 2 on the decision to cease Supported People funding on non-statutory services within Fylde on behalf of Fylde Borough Council and Service Providers in Fylde.

#### 6. Replacement CCTV Camera Ashton Gardens

Chris Hambly, Environmental Services Manager advised the committee that the CCTV camera located at the St Georges Road entrance of Ashton Gardens needed to be replaced. He advised that it could no longer be repaired and no longer provided images of any evidential use.

Mr Hambly advised that in approving a replacement camera the committee must be mindful of the surveillance camera code of practice; that it was still necessary for a specified purpose; and that a privacy impact assessment had been undertaken. He advised that the police had logged 32 incidents in Ashton Gardens over a 12 month period, including a suicidal male, fighting and criminal damage. He advised there had been no complaints regarding the infringement of privacy from nearby residents. He further advised that the cost of the camera would be met from the existing CCTV capital budget.

It was RESOLVED to approve the purchase and instalment of a replacement CCTV camera at an overall cost of £3,931 to work in conjunction with existing Town Centre cameras in St Annes which would be monitored from Wyre CCTV Studio.

#### 7. Appointment To Outside Bodies/Working Groups

Tracy Morrison, Director of Resources advised that the programme committees were requested to make recommendations to appointments from within their respective memberships, where possible, for those outside bodies relating to the remit of the committee. She also asked members to note the reports from members currently serving on outside bodies.

It was RESOLVED to

1. Recommend the following nominations to the outside bodies listed for consideration by Council;
  - Nominate Councillor Richard Redcliffe to the Children's Partnership Board, for consideration by council.

- Nominate Councillor Roger Lloyd to the East Lytham Working Group, for consideration by the Council.
  - Nominate Councillor Vivienne Willder to Face to Face, for consideration by the Council.
  - Nominate Councillor Delma Collins to the Fylde & Wyre Health & Wellbeing Partnership, for consideration by the Council.
  - Nominate Councillors Louis Rigby, Linda Nulty and Richard Taylor to the Fylde Citizens Advice Bureau, for consideration by the Council.
  - Nominate Councillor Shirley Green to Fylde Coast LGBT Strategic Partnership.
  - Nominate Councillor Vivienne Willder to Fylde Coast Women's Aid, for consideration by the Council.
  - Nominate Councillor Ben Aitken to the Fylde Peninsular Water Management Group, for consideration by the Council.
  - Nominate Councillor Shirley Green to the Lancashire County Council Health Scrutiny Committee, for consideration by the Council.
  - Nominate Councillor Roger Lloyd to the Local Liaison Committee Springfield Works, for consideration by the Council, with a second nomination to be sought at Council.
  - Nominate Councillor Roger Lloyd to MATAC (Multi Agency Tasking and Co-ordinating), for consideration by the Council.
  - Nominate Councillor Ben Aitken to the Police Crime Commissioners Forum, for consideration by the Council.
  - Nominate Councillors Ben Aitken and Liz Oades to the Police Crime Commissioners Panel, for consideration by the Council.
  - Nominate Councillor Viv Willder to Progress Housing, for consideration by the Council.
  - Nominate Councillor Ben Aitken to the Registered Social Landlord (RSL) Partnership, for consideration by the Council.
  - Nominate Councillor Angela Jacques to the Ormerod Trust for the consideration by the Council.
  - Nominations for a representative to the Council for Voluntary Services, Blackpool, Wyre and Fylde, to be sought at council.
  - To clarify if Fylde Borough Council had the representation to the Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board for 2016/17 as it was a shared role with Wyre Borough Council, and if necessary seek a nomination at Council
2. To confirm the continuation of the Disabled Facilities Grant working group which would meet as and when required; and

3. To note the reports from members currently serving on outside bodies.

Information Item

8. Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Mortality Governance Report

The Committee received information regarding Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Mortality Governance procedures to February 2016.

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