DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



Date: Wednesday, 18 November 2015

Venue: Town Hall, St Annes

Committee Members: Councillor Trevor Fiddler (Chairman)

Councillor Richard Redcliffe (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors Maxine Chew, Peter Collins, Michael Cornah, Neil Harvey,

Barbara Nash, Linda Nulty, Liz Oades, Albert Pounder, Viv Willder

Other Councillors Present: Councillors Sue Fazackerley, Sandra Pitman, Julie Brickles, Angela Jacques

Officers Present: Mark Evans, Paul Walker, Paul Drinnan, Sara Jones, Katharine McDonnell

Other Attendees: 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 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 Development Management Committee held on 4 November 2015 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

3. Substitute members

The following substitutions were reported under Council Procedure Rule 25:

Councillor Maxine Chew for Councillor Tony Ford

Councillor Viv Willder for Councillor Christine Akeroyd

Decision Items

4. Local Development Scheme

Sara Jones, Planning Policy Officer, presented the Local Development Scheme (LDS). She explained that the Local Development Scheme was a legally required document for each Local Authority. The document also set out the timetable for the production of the new single Local Plan.

Following a question regarding the risks to the timely development of the Local Plan, specifically surrounding the availability of the Planning Inspectorate, Ms Jones and Mark Evans, Head of Planning and Regeneration advised that assurances had been given via Mark Menzies MP that

Fylde would be a priority. Mr Evans further advised that officers had been liaising with the Department of Communities and Local Government to ensure the Fylde Local Plan examination in public was timetabled in appropriately.

In response to further questions, Mr Evans advised that the Plan was well within budget and on timescale. He cautioned that some of the other risks detailed in the LDS could however adversely affect this progress.

Following detailed consideration of the matter it was RESOLVED that the Development Management Committee recommend Council to adopt the updated Local Development Scheme, as attached in Appendix A of the report.

5. Woodlands Road Public Realm Scheme Phase 3

Paul Drinnan, Regeneration Manager presented details of the third phase of the Woodlands Road Public Realm Scheme. He explained that this scheme, as with the previous two phases, would be undertaken in conjunction with Lancashire County Council. The scheme sought to improve the paving, street furniture and street lighting. In addition, a tree planting programme would be undertaken.

In undertaking the work in conjunction with Lancashire County Council built upon experience of partnership working and the procurement process through the County Council brought value for money and quality workmanship.

Mr Drinnan reported that the previous phases had been well received by businesses and residents alike, and the business owners affected by the phase 3 works were very supportive of the process.

In conclusion Mr Drinnan advised that the approved Capital Programme for 2015/16 included funding of £85,000 for the scheme.

Following detailed consideration of this matter the Committee RESOLVED:

- 1. To authorise expenditure in the sum of £85,000 for the purposes of implementing Phase 3 of the Woodlands Road Regeneration Scheme to be met in full from the scheme for the purpose within the approved Capital Programme 2015/16;
- 2. To approve the proposed design for the identified scheme; and
- 3. To authorise offices to undertake detailed amendments to the scheme as constructions progress, unless material alteration were subsequently required or proposed and the scheme would be brought back to committee for further consideration.

Information Items

6. Fylde High Street Innovation Fund

Information regarding the progress to date of schemes and projects awarded grants under the Fylde High Street Innovation Fund was shared with the Committee.

7. Planning Appeals

Statistics regarding the number of appeals considered between August 2014 and September 2015 were shared with Committee. The figures included details regarding those appeals allowed, those dismissed and those withdrawn. The figures were broken down by hearing type and type of appeal.

8. <u>Budget Setting – Revenue Budget 2016/17 – First Draft</u>

Members were reminded that the first draft of the revenue budget was available online for review. Any comments or feedback was to be directed to the appropriate lead officer, director of budget holder.

9. The Corporate Plan 2016-2020

A draft of the Corporate Plan 2016-2020 was circulated to members for information and comment. A decision on the Corporate Plan, taking into consideration any comments, would be made at Council on 14 December 2015.

Some members of the committee expressed concerns regarding the formation of the draft corporate plan and the wording used.

The Chairman advised that the draft Corporate Plan had been circulated through the committees to draw it to members' attention, to submit comments, and the Plan would be taken to Council for debate and adoption.

10. Outside Bodies

The Committee was informed that those members who represented the Council on Outside Bodies had not submitted reports as there had been no meetings held within the six month reporting period.

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