



Minutes

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Date:	Wednesday, 18 January 2017
Venue:	Town Hall, St Annes
Committee Members:	Councillor Trevor Fiddler (Chairman) Councillor Richard Redcliffe (Vice- Chairman) Councillors Christine Akeroyd, Jan Barker, Julie Brickles, Neil Harvey, Kiran Mulholland, Barbara Nash, Linda Nulty, Liz Oades.
Other Members:	Councillor Sandra Pitman.
Officers Present:	Mark Evans, Julie Glaister, Eddie Graves, Sara Jones, Lyndsey Lacey-Simone
Members of the public:	5 members of the public were in attendance

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 11 January 2017 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

3. Substitute members

The following substitution was reported under Council procedure rule 25:

Councillor Julie Brickles for Councillor Heather Speak.

Decision Items

4. Bryning with Warton Neighbourhood Development Plan – Examiner's Report and Progression to Referendum

By way of introduction, the Chairman drew members' attention to the Late Observation Schedule (previously circulated). In brief, it advised that since amending the Bryning with Warton Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) in line with the Examiner's recommendations, the Bryning with Warton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group had requested a number of further modifications/amendments/additions to the NDP. Members were advised that after seeking further legal advice and consulting the Neighbourhood Planning legislation, the only

modifications a Local Authority are able to make are modifications that the authority consider need to be made to ensure the NDP meets with the basic conditions or Convention rights or for the purpose of correcting errors.

As a consequence, a number of changes that had been requested could not be made, however, certain changes were considered acceptable, as they were deemed minor changes relating to textual errors which would aid clarity and understanding of the NDP. These were set out in a table on the schedule circulated.

The Chairman then invited Sara Jones (Planning Policy Officer) to present the report. In doing so, she advised that following the Independent Examination of the Bryning with Warton Neighbourhood Development Plan (the Plan), the Independent Examiner, Mr Nigel McGurk BSc(Hons), NCD, MBA, MRTPI, had now issued his examination report. The Examiners report concluded that subject to his recommended modifications, the Plan meets with the “Basic Conditions” set out in legislation and should proceed to a Neighbourhood Planning Referendum.

It was further reported that following on from the receipt of the Examiner’s Report, the Local Planning Authority must consider each recommendation and decide what action to take in response to each recommendation. Members were further advised that if satisfied that, subject to the modifications made, the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan meets the legal requirements and Basic Conditions, a Referendum must be held on ‘making’ the Plan by the Local Authority. Following a successful Independent examination and public Referendum, the Bryning with Warton Neighbourhood Development Plan will form part of the statutory Development Plan, alongside the current saved Local Plan policies.

Included as appendices to the report were: A copy of the Examiner Report; Schedule of Changes; Draft Decision Statement and a copy of the Draft Bryning with Warton Neighbourhood Plan (with modification)

Clarification was sought on a number of matters including: the Local Plan period; status/weight of the Neighbourhood Plan and the referendum arrangements. These were addressed in turn by the appropriate officer, therefore following a successful Referendum, there would be a 6 week judicial review period after which the NDP would go back to Full Council to be “made”.

Following detailed consideration of this matter it was RESOLVED:

1. To thank the Bryning with Warton Steering Group for their hard work and contribution to the development of Neighbourhood Plan.
2. To accept the Independent Examiners modifications, as set out in Appendix A and Appendix B of the report (incorporating the details contained in the Late Observation Schedule); and
3. To recommend to Full Council approval of the draft Decision Statement as set out at Appendix C of the report (incorporating the details contained in the Late Observation Schedule) and proceed the Bryning with Warton Neighbourhood Development Plan to Referendum.

5. Budget Setting – Fees and Charges 2017/18

Mark Evans (Head of Planning and Regeneration) introduced the report. In doing so, he advised that each year, as part of the budget-setting process, the schedule of fees and charges for the coming year (for each of the services that the Council provides) is reviewed by budget-holders prior to that schedule being considered by the relevant Programme Committee and finally being approved at the March Budget Council meeting.

The Committee was requested to consider the schedule of fees and charges for those activities within the remit of the committee as detailed in Appendix A of the report.

Clarification was sought by members on a number of items listed on the schedule with particular reference to: fees set by statute and those set by the Council; schedule of fees relating to large/small scale pre-application advice and written advice/householder meeting arrangements. Mr Evans addressed each matter in turn.

In addition to the above, members requested that a copy of the schedule of fees and charges be circulated to them at the earliest opportunity.

Following discussion, the committee RESOLVED:

1. To recommend to Council a proposed schedule of fees and charges applicable for 2017/18; and
2. To note that the final fees and charges for 2017/18 will be approved by the Budget Council in March 2017.

Information Items

6. Budget Setting – Revenue Budget 2017/18 - First Draft

The link included on this Information Report provided access to the first draft of the revenue budget for 2017/18.

7. General Fund Revenue Budget Monitoring Report 2016/17- Position as at 30th November 2016

This information report provided an update of the Council's General Fund Revenue Budget as at 30th November 2016 with specific reference to those areas under the committee's remit.

8. Capital Programme Monitoring Report 2016/17- Position as at 30th November 2016

This information report provided an update of the Council's approved Capital Programme as at 30th November 2016 with specific reference to those schemes under the committee's remit.

9. Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) Update

Further to the Government's publication of Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (PPTS), introducing a new definition of gypsies and travellers, this information report provided an update of the GTAA. The update concluded that Fylde Borough has a net surplus of 2 pitches, based on needs of gypsies and travellers known to meet the new definition, with a possible need arising for 2 pitches for those whose status could not be established. The earlier study concluded that 26 pitches would be required in Fylde.

10. Housing Development Highways Implications Junction 4 M55

This Information Report provided an assessment of the capacity of the M55 Junction 4 to accommodate indicative development growth within the proposed Fylde Local Plan.

11. Fylde High Street Innovation Fund

This Information Report provided an update on how the Government's High Street Innovation Fund had been spent by the Town Centres Forum under the scheme provided an overview of progress update on delivery of each project. A table included in the report provided a summary of the progress to date.

12. Planning Appeals

This Information Report referred to an examination of appeal decisions that had been carried during the period 1 October 2015 to 30 September 2016. The report concluded that during this 12 month period, 21 appeals were determined which was similar to the previous period. Of

those appeals that progressed to a decision, 81% were dismissed which compared favourably with the England average of 68%¹ and was similar to the previous period (82%).

13. Mid-Year Performance 2016/17

This Information Report provided details of the key performance outcomes (relevant to the remit of the committee) for the first half of the financial year 2016/17.

14. Corporate Plan 2016-220 Progress Update

This Information Report provided an update on the council's Corporate Plan 2016-2020. The report outlined the progress to date against Corporate Plan actions that were due to be delivered or progressed between April 2016 and October 2016. A link to the information was included in the report.

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