



MINUTES

Planning Committee

Date:	Wednesday, 13 November 2019
Venue:	Town Hall, St Annes.
Committee Members Present:	Councillor Trevor Fiddler (Chairman) Councillor Richard Redcliffe (Vice -Chairman) Councillors Tim Armit, Chris Dixon, Jayne Nixon, Michael Sayward, Ray Thomas, Stan Trudgill.
Officers Present:	Mark Evans, Paul Drinnan, Andrew Chatterjee, Julie Glaister, Eddie Graves, Andrew Rayner, Stephanie Shone, Lyndsey Lacey-Simone
Members of the Public:	None.

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.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 6 November 2019 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

3. Substitute Members

There were no substitutions.

Decision Items

4. Establishment of a Highways and Transportation Liaison Group

Further to the decision of the Planning Committee at its meeting on 12 June 2019, to establish a Highways and Transportation Liaison Group it was RESOLVED:

1. That Councillors Chris Dixon, Liz Oades and Stan Trugill be nominated to represent Fylde Council, as necessary, at meetings of a Highway and Transportation Liaison Group (to be established with Lancashire County Council) in order to ensure highways and transportation issues are reflected in planning policy and decisions made by Fylde Council.
2. That the Highway and Transportation Liaison Group be classified as an Outside Body with a subsequent report being made to Council to endorse the 3 appointments recommended by the Planning Committee for the municipal year 2019/20.

An undertaking was given by the Chairman to review to work of the group in 12 months' time.

5. Local Development Scheme 2019

Members of the Committee were provided with a report on the Local Development Scheme (LDS) 2019. Julie Glaister, Planning Policy Manager was invited to present the report.

Members were advised that the last LDS (published in November 2018) was out of date. The report set out the purpose and context of the updated document and highlighted various changes made since the previous document; including the Partial Review process and the timescale for its completion. The report also made reference to Supplementary Planning Documents that would continue to be produced, the timetable for consultation on them, and their adoption.

A copy of the updated (2019) document was included as an appendix to the report.

During the course of her presentation, Ms Glaister stated that since the publication of the agenda, further modifications to the wording of two areas within the document were required. These related to: (i) reference to the Statement of Community Involvement (page 11 refers) which now requires to be updated/ reviewed for consideration at a future meeting of the committee and (ii) reference in the SPD timetable (page 16 refers) to a Good Design SPD which will be brought back to Planning Committee in January.

Following consideration of this matter, it was RESOLVED: that subject to the amendments as outlined at the meeting, to agree the content of the Local Development Scheme (LDS) 2019 for the purpose of publication on the Council's website.

(At the conclusion of the above item, Councillors Tim Armit and Michael Sayward joined the meeting)

6. Future High Street Fund: Kirkham

Further to the committee's decision of 13 February 2019 to put forward a bid into the Government's Future High Street Fund (FHSF) initiative, an updated report was given on the matter.

The Chairman invited Paul Drinnan (Regeneration Manager) and Andrew Chatterjee (Principal Regeneration Officer) to address the committee on the topic.

By way of introduction, Mr Drinnan advised the Committee that the bid for the main High Street element had proved to be successful in that, the Council had now been shortlisted and invited to develop a fully detailed business case for final submission by the 30th June 2020.

It was reported that an initial grant of £75,000 had been confirmed/ awarded to the Council to commission suitably qualified consultants to draw together, alongside the Regeneration Team, a fully detailed business case to a brief drawn together by the Team. Members were advised that the second allocation of £75,000 was expected to be confirmed in early 2020. If the second allocation is not granted, the value of the capital scheme will be reduced to the value of the initial allocation, such that only expenditure that will be met by the total grant allocation will be committed.

The scope of the brief (to support the development of the strategy and business case) was presented to Committee for approval. In addition, the more detailed scope of the development of the Heritage Action Zone (HAZ) was also included in the report for consideration.

Mr Chatterjee went on to present to the committee (by way of a PowerPoint Presentation) further details of the initiative.

Included as appendices to the report were: a map of the defined town centre illustrating the broad range of site and property based potential for partnership development; a copy of the Consultants Brief and Key aspects of the proposed HAZ.

At the conclusion of the presentation, members commented on various aspects of the report including: challenges relating to the location of the railway station to the town centre; footfall/visitors within the town centre generally; empty shops initiatives and the timescales for the implementation of the Kirkham project. These were addressed in turn by the relevant officer.

Following detailed consideration of this matter it was RESOLVED:

1. To approve the broad approach to the development of the Future High Street Fund Business Case (as set out in appendix 1 of the report), which will also form part of a longer term regeneration strategy for the town centre, to be developed with full details of individual components of the scheme to be brought forward to Committee for consideration as appropriate in due course.
2. To agree and adopt the Future High Street Consultants Brief for the purposes of engaging the appropriate consultants and as a basis for the outcomes directly inputting into the detailed business case. (as set out in Appendix 2 of the report)
3. To approve the approach as set out in the report for the compilation of the Heritage Action Zone Programme subject to the detailed proposals being brought forward in due course, as appropriate
4. To agree to the formation of a Project Board to assist in the delivery of the initiatives should they be successful and that the matter of member inclusion be considered in due course.
5. To approve a request to the Finance and Democracy Committee for an addition to the Capital Programme in the total sum of £150,000 (£75,000 in 2019/20 and £75,000 in 2020/21) in respect of the Kirkham Future High Street Fund Scheme, to be met in full by a central government grant for this purpose (The initial £75,000 has been confirmed, with the second allocation of £75,000 expected to be confirmed in early 2020. If the second allocation is not granted the value of the capital scheme will be reduced to the value of the initial allocation, such that only expenditure that will be met by the total grant allocation will be committed).
6. That, subject to approval by the Finance and Democracy Committee of 5 above, the Committee authorises the use of the grant received by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (or as subsequently agreed) for the purposes of commissioning the appropriate consultants to assist with the preparation of the fully development Business Case in respect of the Future High street Fund bid for Kirkham
7. To authorise appropriate arrangements be made for a committee bus tour of the 3 town centres of Kirkham, Lytham and St Annes in the New Year.
7. Carbon Reduction

Mark Evans was invited to introduce the report. In doing so, he reported that following a recent decision of the Environment, Health and Housing Committee to broaden the remit of the cross-Committee Working Group (considering plastic conscious issues) to include consideration of carbon reduction and extend the membership of the working group to include two members of the planning committee it was:

RESOLVED: That Councillors Tim Armit and Michael Sayward be nominated to represent the Planning Committee on the cross-committee Plastic Conscious Fylde and Carbon Reduction Working Group

8. Arboriculture and Landscaping Strategy for the Borough

Paul Drinnan (Head of Regeneration) was invited to introduce the report. Members were reminded that at the 13 September 2017 meeting, the Committee resolved to establish an Arboriculture and Landscape Working Group to help steer the formulation of an Arboriculture and Landscape Strategy for the borough.

It was further reported that a group of 5 members was established to work alongside officers in developing the strategy. The group met on a number of occasions, but following the election in May, a number of the members of the original group are no longer serving councillors.

It is suggested that the membership of the working group be refreshed in order to finalise the strategy and to identify suitable sites on which the council may plant trees as part of the strategy in line with previously approved budgets. As a number of the aims and objectives of this working group are shared with the Environment, Health and Housing Committee, it was also recommended that an invitation be extended to that committee to nominate two members to attend this working group

Andrew Rayner, Trees and Arboriculture Officer was invited to further report on the Arboriculture and Landscape Strategy for the borough.

Members commented on various aspect of the report including: plans to replace the old and ancient trees in Ashton Gardens; proposals for the removal of dangerous trees in the borough/ plans for tree planting in rural areas; the feasibility of introducing memorial trees and the feasibility of utilising some vacant land for the development of woodlands. These were addressed in turn by the relevant officer. In addition, it was suggested that developers be encouraged to integrate trees into the design of future developments.

Following consideration of this matter it was RESOLVED:

1. That Councillors Chris Dixon, Jayne Nixon and Ray Thomas be nominated to join the working group to assist in the development of the Arboriculture and Landscape Strategy in collaboration with officers and that the group meets at the appropriate times to progress its development.
2. That an invitation is extended to the Environment, Health and Housing Committee to nominate 2 members to join the Arboriculture and Landscape Strategy working group.
3. That Committee delegate authority to identify suitable sites to be brought forward for tree planting schemes to the Head of Planning & Housing in consultation with the Arboriculture and Landscape Working Group.
4. To approve the expenditure of £25,000 in respect to the tree planting programme in line with the approved scheme for this purpose within the Capital Programme for 2019/20.

Information Items

9. Community Infrastructure Levy - Update

This information report provided an update on progress made to date regarding the introduction of a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). In brief, Members were advised that until a CIL is adopted, Fylde would continue to utilise Section 106 agreements in order to secure essential infrastructure.

10. Authority Monitoring Report (AMR)

A copy of the Council's Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) as required under Section 113 of the Localism Act 2011 was included on the agenda for information purposes.

The AMR document included information on the Fylde Local Plan to 2032 (The Local Plan), Supplementary Planning Documents that had been prepared or adopted during the plan period, Duty to Cooperate activity and Neighbourhood Plan progress. The AMR also included details of the monitoring of new housing, employment and retail land.

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