



Minutes

ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE

Date:	Tuesday, 21 February 2017
Venue:	Town Hall, St Annes.
Committee Members:	Councillor Ben Aiken (Chairman) Councillors Peter Anthony, Karen Buckley, Maxine Chew, Delma Collins, Gail Goodman JP, Shirley Green, Roger Lloyd, Graeme Neale, Louis Rigby, Ray Thomas.
Other Members:	Councillor Susan Fazackerley
Officers Present:	Tracy Morrison, Paul Walker, Kirstine Riding, Lyndsey Lacey- Simone.
Other Attendees:	One member of the public was in attendance.

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.

2. Confirmation of minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Environment, Health and Housing Committee meeting held on 10 January 2017 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

3. Substitute members

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

Councillor Ray Thomas for Councillor Viv Willder.

Councillor Karen Buckley for Councillor Richard Taylor.

Decision Items

4. Request for Section 106 Funds to cover Refurbishment of 93 St Alban's Road, St Annes

The Chairman invited Kirstine Riding (Housing Services Manager) to present an updated report on the funding arrangements to cover the refurbishment of 93 St Alban's Road, St Annes.

This report detailed the S106 grant funding amounts and arrangements to monitor scheme costs, for conversion of 93 St Alban's Road, St Annes from a single dwelling over three floors to a two self-contained affordable housing units.

Members were reminded that the Council had acquired the property through a Compulsory Purchase Order on the 2 June 2016. The statement of reasons that supported the CPO contemplated that the Council would transfer the property to New Progress Housing Association and work with New Progress Housing Association to bring it forward for conversion into 2 or 3 self-contained flats, which New Progress Housing Association would operate.

Further to the above, Ms Riding reported that on the 10th February 2017, Progress Housing advised (based on the cost estimate they received that the works estimate) that the grant available, of £147,890, was too low to make their proposal economically viable and had withdrawn their interest as a result. Consequently, it is proposed that officers be instructed to approach alternative Registered Providers of Affordable Housing within Fylde to identify a replacement partner that would be willing to refurbish 93 St Alban's within the grant levels available.

Included as appendices to the report were: a copy of a conversion design for 93 St Alban's Road of two affordable housing units and a copy of an affordable housing S106 funds summary.

Various members sought clarification on specific points contained within the report including: estimated time of completion of the project; invoicing arrangements; means of funding the shortfall in the S106; technicalities/requirements of the CPO; the Council's contribution to the scheme; lack of financial contributions from other sources to fund the scheme; partnership arrangements and identifiable funding streams. These were addressed in turn by Ms Riding.

Following detailed consideration of this matter it was RESOLVED:

1. To instruct officers to approach Registered Providers of Affordable Housing within Fylde, with a view to a possible jointly funded venture for the scheme being sought, with respect to the refurbishment of 93 St Alban's Road, St Annes;
2. To authorise an addition to the Capital Programme in the sum of £147,890 - "Affordable Housing Scheme at 93 St Albans Road" for 2017/18 to be met from a portion of the balance of S106 developer contributions for affordable housing currently held by the Council for this purpose (totalling £75,950 from Agreement Ref: 03/0157 Queen Mary School Development, and a further £71,940 when funds become available) to deliver 2 units for affordable rent at 93 St Albans Road, St Annes to a Registered Provider of Affordable Housing;
3. To authorise expenditure in a sum not exceeding £147,890 (includes a 5% contingency allowance of £7,040) to a Registered Provider of Affordable Housing in relation to the scheme as described within the report after due regard and in compliance with the financial regulations as covered within the body of the report; and
4. To agree to the scheme proceeding in line with the above subject to sufficient Section 106 funding being in place to deliver the scheme.

5. Lytham Park Cemetery – Windbreak Canopy

Paul Walker (Director of Development Services) was invited to present an updated report on the refurbishment of the area at the exit to the crematorium chapel involving wind break screens and hard landscaping.

The report made reference to the work of a member working group on the topic, previous committee decisions and various proposals debated upon for delivering the capital programme project at Lytham Park Cemetery.

Included as appendices to the report were copies of the capital bid for the windbreak canopy and 2D and 3D sketches of the windbreak canopy.

Clarification was sought on various matters relating the proposed design/scheme. These were addressed in turn by Mr Walker.

It was RESOLVED to not support the scheme as proposed and seek a revised scheme with guidance from a small working group comprising the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of committee, representatives of the Crematorium Working Group and appropriate officers and that such a review incorporate a visit to the crematorium.

6. The Introduction of Fixed Penalty for Fly Tipping

Tracy Morrison (Director of Resources) presented the report. In doing so, she made reference to regulations that had recently been introduced which granted new powers to local authorities to issue fixed penalty notices (FPN) for small scale fly tipping. Members were advised that previous powers required local authorities to enforce both small and large scale fly tipping through prosecutions. The report detailed the recent changes to the regulations and proposed the adoption and level of charge for the new FPN.

In presenting the report, Ms Morrison provided an overview and some examples of the fly tipping work undertaken by the Council's Environmental Protection Team.

Various questions were raised by members in relation to this matter including: financial implications, the ability for the council to retain any income generated from the scheme, CCTV/covert surveillance arrangements and matters associated with repeat offenders. These were addressed in turn by Ms Morrison.

Following consideration of this matter it was RESOLVED:

1. To adopt the national FPN for small scale fly tipping in accordance with the Unauthorised Deposit of Waste (fixed penalties) Regulations 2016.
2. To set the level of a FPN charge for small scale fly tipping as £400 which will be reduced to £200 if paid within 14 days of issue which is in line with the majority of Lancashire Authorities.

7. Outside Bodies

The Committee was invited to recommend nominations to the various outside bodies/working Groups (within the remit of the committee) for consideration at Full Council. In addition, copies of reports received from members currently serving on outside bodies was also included as an appendix to the report for information.

Following full consideration it was RESOLVED:

1. To recommend the following nominations to the outside bodies listed for consideration by Council:

- Children’s Partnership Board - Councillor Gail Goodman.
 - Community Safety Partnership – Councillor Ben Aiken.
 - Council for Voluntary Services, BWF – Councillor Gail Goodman.
 - East Lytham Working Group – Councillor Roger Lloyd.
 - Face to Face – Councillor Viv Willder.
 - Fylde & Wyre Health & Wellbeing Partnership – Councillor Delma Collins.
 - Fylde Citizens Advice Bureau - Councillors Louis Rigby, Linda Nulty, Richard Taylor.
 - Fylde Coast LGBT Strategic Partnership – Councillor Shirley Green.
 - Fylde Coast Women’s Aid – Councillor Viv Willder.
 - Fylde Peninsular Water Management Group – Councillor Ben Aitken.
 - Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board – Councillor Viv Willder.
 - LCC Health Scrutiny Committee – Councillor Shirley Green.
 - Local Liaison Committee Springfield Works - Councillors Ben Aiken and Roger Lloyd.
 - MATAC (Multi Agency Tasking and Co-ordinating) - Councillor Roger Lloyd.
 - Ormerod Trust - Councillor Angela Jacques.
 - Police Crime Commissioners Forum - Councillor Ben Aitken.
 - Police Crime Commissioners Panel - Councillors Ben Aitken and Liz Oades.
 - Registered Social Landlord (RSL) Partnership - Councillor Ben Aitken.
2. To confirm the establishment of (i) The CCTV Working Group comprising the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the committee and Councillors Louis Rigby and Delma Collins and (ii) the Crematorium Working Group comprising: Chairman and Vice-Chairman of committee and Councillors Chew and Goodman.
 3. To note the reports from the members currently serving on the various outside bodies.
 4. To extend the Chairman and Vice-Chairman’s thanks and appreciation to all relevant members for their individual reports.

Information Items

8. Care and Repair Update Report (Fylde and Wyre) 1st April 2015 to 31 March 2016

The committee received the ninth annual report on the operation of the Fylde and Wyre Care and Repair service. A copy of the Annual Report was attached to the agenda circulated.

9. Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STPs) in the NHS

This information report provided details of the NHS England’s Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STPs) and outlined ways in which District Councils (DCs) might engage as the plans move from the high level strategic documents to more localised transformation delivery plans.

Links to the information were included in the report.

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