



MINUTES

Planning Committee

Date:	Wednesday, 20 January 2021
Venue:	Remote Meeting Via Zoom
Committee Members Present:	Councillor Trevor Fiddler (Chairman) Councillor Richard Redcliffe (Vice-Chairman) Councillors Alan Clayton, Chris Dixon, Noreen Griffiths, Kiran Mulholland, Jayne Nixon, Linda Nulty, Liz Oades, David O'Rourke, Ray Thomas, Stan Trudgill.
Other Members Present:	Councillors Karen Buckley, Thomas Threlfall.
Officers Present:	Mark Evans, Julie Glaister, Andrew Stell, Lyndsey Lacey-Simone.
Members of the Public:	No members of the public attended the meeting.

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 January 2021 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

3. Substitute Members

The following substitutions were reported under Council procedure rule 24:

Councillor Alan Clayton for Councillor Heather Speak.

Councillor Noreen Griffiths for Councillor Tim Armit.

Decision Items

4. Use of Section 106 Monies - M55-Heyhouses Link Road

The Chairman invited Mark Evans (Head of Planning & Housing) to introduce the item relating to the use of Section 106 monies for the M55 Heyhouses Link Road.

In his report, Mr Evans reminded members that the Council currently holds £125,000 paid in accordance with a Section 106 agreement relating to land east of Cropper Road, Westby with Plumpton. The money was secured in order to: 'be used towards improving accessibility of the Development'. Members were advised that detailed

design work of the M55-Heyhouses link is being carried out by a consultant engineering company and it is proposed to use the contribution currently held by the Council to finance the design and the overseeing of design work by Lancashire County Council by way of a funded budget increase to the scheme for this purpose within the current approved Capital Programme. The Head of Governance had confirmed that the use of the monies in this manner would accord with the provisions of the agreement.

At the conclusion of the presentation, the Chairman invited questions. Clarification was sought about the figure detailed on page 5 of the report. Mr Evans confirmed that the figure should read £375,000.

Following consideration of this matter, it was RESOLVED:

1. To request that the Finance and Democracy Committee approve a funded budget increase in the sum of £125,000 for 2020/21 to the M55 Link Road (design works) scheme that is within the current approved Capital Programme, to be met in full from S106 developer contributions for delivery of the link road currently held by the Council for this purpose in the same sum; and
2. To note that the developer contribution is intended to provide funding for the design of the link road and consequently to approve that, on the assumption that the increase in the scheme funding is approved by the Finance and Democracy Committee, the payment in the total sum of £125,000 may be made to the appointed consultant engineering company and to Lancashire County Council in accordance with their respective costs.

5. Budget Setting - Prioritisation of Capital Bids 2021/22

The Chairman invited Mark Evans (Head of Planning & Housing) to introduce the report relating to the prioritisation of capital bids for 2021/22 which fell within the Terms of Reference of the Committee. Mr Evans then went to present the details of the single bid.

In summary, the bid relates to a tree planting scheme/programme which had previously been considered by the Arboriculture and Landscape Strategy (ALS) Working Group. The specific details/costings associated with the bid were included as an appendix to the report.

Following consideration of this matter it was RESOLVED:

1. To support the capital bid for the tree planning scheme relevant to the Committee's Terms of Reference for further consideration by the Budget Working Group.
2. To support the proposal of the Arboriculture and Landscape Strategy Working Group to utilise the budget for the planting of around 230 trees (dependant on species, size and availability), potentially allowing 15 trees to be planted in each of 15 parishes and the remainder in the unparished areas

6. Budget Setting - Fees and Charges 2021/22

Mark Evans (Head of Planning and Housing) 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 are reviewed by budget-holders prior to the schedule being considered by the relevant Programme Committee before being approved at the March Budget Council meeting.

A full schedule of proposed fees and charges for all Council services for 2021/22 was made available via a link:

The schedule of fees and charges (as detailed in appendix A of the report) for those activities within the remit of the Planning Committee were considered by members.

The Committee RESOLVED:

1. To recommend to Council the proposed schedule of fees and charges applicable for 2021/22; and
2. To note that the final fees and charges for 2021/22 will be approved by the Budget Council in March 2021.

Information Items

The following information items were received by the Committee.

7. Budget Setting - Revenue Budget 2021/22- First Draft

The information report provided an update on the first draft of the revenue budget for 2021/22 that had been prepared. This was made available via a link in the report.

The Committee was advised that the budget had been prepared on a continuation basis and had been updated to reflect all Committee and Council decisions made to date, the outcome of the budget-rightsizing exercise and all virements.

8. Partial Review of the Fylde Local Plan to 2032

This information item provided an update on progress made with respect to the Partial Review of the Fylde Local Plan to 2032 (PRFLP32).

In brief, it was reported that the PRFLP32 was submitted to the Secretary of State for examination on 21 October 2020. Tony Blackburn was appointed as the Programme Officer in advance of the submission. The links to the Submission webpage and the Examination webpage were set out in the report. Mrs Yvonne Wright BSc (Hons) DIPT&CP MSc MRTPI has been appointed to undertake an independent examination into the soundness of the Partial Review and to subsequently issue a report with her conclusions.

Tony Blackburn has advised that Matters, Issues and Questions may be received at the end of January with the prospect of the Examination being held over 2 days in mid-March 2021, but this is still to be confirmed.

9. Assessment of Housing Need – Government Response to Standard Methodology Consultation

Following the publication of the Government's 'Changes to the Current Planning System' consultation paper, the information report provided an update on the matter.

It was reported that having considered the representations made regarding the proposed 'new' standard method used to calculate housing need, the Government had decided that the most appropriate approach is to retain the standard method largely in its current existing form. Whilst uplifts will be applied to the housing need calculation in larger urban areas, this revision would not apply to Fylde or any neighbouring authority.

The Planning Practice Guidance was updated on 16 December 2020 to reflect these changes.

Members were advised that the partial review of the Fylde Local Plan to 2032 had been submitted having regard to the existing standard methodology and so would not be affected by the announcement.

The Government's full response to the consultation was made available via a link in the report.

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