



Minutes

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Date:	Wednesday, 20 January 2016
Venue:	Town Hall, St Annes
Committee Members:	Councillor Trevor Fiddler (Chairman) Councillor Richard Redcliffe (Vice-Chairman) Councillors Christine Akeroyd, Peter Collins, Tony Ford JP, Neil Harvey, Barbara Nash, Liz Oades, Albert Pounder
Other Councillors Present:	Councillors Maxine Chew, Susan Fazackerley, Sandra Pitman
Officers Present:	Allan Oldfield, Mark Evans, Paul Drinnan, Lyndsey Lacey-Simone
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.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Development Management Committee held on 6 January, 2016 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

3. Substitute members

There were no substitute members.

Decision Items

4. Duty to Co-operate Council, Memorandum of Understanding between Blackpool Council, Fylde Borough Council, Wyre Borough Council and Lancashire County Council

Mark Evans (Head of Planning and Regeneration) was invited to introduce the report. In summary, the report proposed amendments and updates to the Memorandum of Understanding with other authorities in relation to the Duty to Co-operate in the Local Plan preparation process. The amendments addressed changes to the combined evidence base and the strategic issues faced by the Fylde Coast Authorities, with particular with reference to housing and transport matters and the governance arrangements. It also included some minor textual changes to improve the clarity of the document.

A copy of the proposed (revised) and the “tracked” version of Memorandum of Understanding were included as appendices to the report.

Members commented on various aspects of the report including: cross boundary related issues; absence of meetings between the four Fylde coast authorities and the importance of elected member involvement and regular feedback on such strategic matters. In addition, clarity was sought on some of the general content of the document and previous decisions made on the matter. These were addressed in turn by Mr Evans.

Following detailed consideration of this matter it was RESOLVED:

1. That the revised Memorandum of Understanding, attached at appendix 1 of the report, be recommended for adoption by the Council subject to the following modifications being made to the document:

- Paragraph 4.5- removal of the words “coalition government” and replaced with the words “the Government”
- Paragraph 4.28 - update with appropriate sentencing/punctuation.
- Paragraph 4.35- amend the words “legislation due to come into force” and replace with the words “legislation is now in force”
- Paragraph 5.2b - amend the spacing of the word “and”
- Remove any reference in the document to the “Portfolio Holder for Planning and Development” and replace with the “Development Management Committee”

2. That the Committee’s concerns be raised with the body about the lack of elected member involvement and feedback on such important strategic issues and request that updated reports be presented to the committee at regular intervals .

5. Appointment to Outside Bodies/Working Groups

The committee was invited to appoint members to a working group, to be known as the Project Board in the delivery of the local listing of heritage assets. Paul Drinnan (Regeneration Manager) provided an overview of the background to matter and details of the proposed work programme. In doing so, he advised that this is a specific project contained within the Council’s adopted Built Heritage Strategy, 2015.

Following consideration of this matter the Committee RESOLVED: to appoint Vice-Chairman, Councillor Richard Redcliffe, Councillors Maxine Chew and Peter Collins to the working group.

6. Budget Setting – Fees and Charges 2016/17

Mark Evans (Head of Planning and Regeneration) introduced the report. In doing so, he advised that the schedule of fees and charges were reviewed by budget holders each year in preparation for the budget setting process. Presented to the committee (as an appendix) were the proposed schedule of fees and charges for those services within the committee’s remit.

Clarification was sought by members on a number of items listed on the schedule. These were addressed in turn by Mr Evans.

It was RESOLVED:

1. To recommend to Council a proposed schedule of fees and charges applicable for 2016/17; and

2. To note that the final fees and charges for 2016/17 will be approved by the Budget Council in March 2016.

Information Items

7. General Fund Revenue Budget Monitoring Report 2015/16 – Position as at 30th November 2015

This was an updated information report detailing the Council's General Fund (GF) Revenue Budget as at 30th November 2015 with specific reference to those areas under the Committee's remit.

8. Capital Programme Monitoring Report 2015/16 – Position as at 30 November 2015

This was an updated information report on the Council's approved Capital Programme as at 30th November 2015 with specific reference to those schemes under the Committee's remit.

9. EDC (Economic Development Company) Update

This report provided details of the role of the EDC in supporting, developing and promoting economic development and activity across the Fylde coast.

Various members commented on key aspects of the EDC with particular reference its role/work and absence of elected member input. It was suggested that in dealing with such important strategic issues, there should be member involvement.

The Committee RESOLVED to ask Full Council to consider the governance/feedback arrangements of the Economic Development Company (EDC) and that an updated report be presented to committee in due course.

10. Revised Preferred Option Version of the Local Plan to 2032 – Consultation Statement

The consultation statement provided an overview of the RPO consultation, setting out the consultation material that was used, who and how the council consulted, how comments received have been considered and an evaluation of the consultation.

Updated figures were given at the meeting as follows: Total no of consultees making comments: 208. Of these, 96 were submitted by email, 83 submitted by letter and 29 received via the DP on-line pages. Total no of representations received: 959

The Vice- Chairman, Councillor Redcliffe commended the consultation process with particular reference the drop-in events.

11. Neighbourhood Development Plan Timetable Update

This was an updated report to advise that the Neighbourhood Development Plans had undergone various production stages including public consultation, independent examination and public referendum. The report advised that there are currently five emerging Neighbourhood Development Plans in the borough that are at various stages in the production process. An indicative timetable for each neighborhood plan was included as an appendix to the report.

12. Economic Development Strategy Review

This report made reference to the adopted the Fylde Borough Council Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan 2012 to 2030 which was presented to the committee as part of an annual review agreed by the former Policy Development Scrutiny Committee.

13. Town Centre Regeneration Update

This report updated the position with regard to the various town centre regeneration schemes including those at Kirkham, Wrea Green, Fairhaven, St Anne's, Lytham, Warton/Wesham and Staining.

14. Built Heritage Strategy

This report advised that the Built Heritage Strategy for the Borough had now been formally published. This had been fully updated taking account of legislative changes and Historic England Practice Notes. The report also provided an overview of the various on-going projects.

15. Mid-Year Performance 2015/16

The report provided details of the key performance outcomes for the first half of the financial year 2015/16. Performance was reported against the targets set for the year and relevant commentary included by performance exception.

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