

# **MINUTES**

# **Environment, Health and Housing Committee**

Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018 Date:

Venue: Town Hall, St Annes.

**Committee Members** 

Councillor Ben Aitken (Chairman) Present: Councillor Viv Willder (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors Frank Andrews, Peter Anthony, Maxine Chew, Gail Goodman JP, Angela

Jacques, John Kirkham, Roger Lloyd, Graeme Neale, Louis Rigby.

**Officers Present:** Tracy Manning, Kathy Winstanley, Simon Stott and Katharine McDonnell.

Other Attendees: Councillor Sue Fazackerley and Councillor Mark Bamforth (via video link).

### **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.

# 2. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Environment, Health and Housing Committee meeting held on 5 June 2018 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

# 3. Substitute Members

There were no substitutions on this occasion.

#### **Decision Items**

# 4. Obesity, Hot Food Takeaways and Spatial Planning

Kathy Winstanley, Head of Health and Environment, presented a request from Lancashire County Council regarding public health and spatial planning guidance regarding hot food takeaways. The County Council had adopted the recommendations in July 2018 and were seeking support from the district councils to adopt the recommendations locally.

Mrs Winstanley provided information from the Director of Public Health for Lancashire, which detailed the links between levels of obesity and numerous chronic physical and mental health conditions. She outlined the statistics regarding the number of hot food takeaways, obesity levels and health issues referring to Lancashire as a whole and specifically Fylde.

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Mrs Winstanley explained that the public health and spatial planning guidance was threefold, it was to restrict new hot food takeaways close to secondary schools, refuse applications for new hot food takeaways within wards with a high incidence of obesity in young people, and the prevention of clustering of hot food takeaways in deprived neighbourhoods.

In response to questions Mrs Winstanley explained that statistics in regards to children's health were available through Public Health for England.

The committee debated the proposals and expressed support whilst suggesting that the proposals could go further. The committee discussed additional suggestions in addition to the proposals before them, but acknowledged that the issue was more for national policy makers.

#### It was RESOVLED to

- 1. Accept the request from Lancashire County Council, namely to support a 400m restriction zone for new hot food takeaways surrounding secondary schools limiting children's access to unhealthy food; refusing applications for new hot food takeaways within wards where more than 15% of year 6 pupils and 10% of reception pupils are classed as obese; prevent the clustering of too many hot food takeaways in deprived neighbourhoods; and
- 2. Recommend to Planning Committee to agree the principle of the policy and look to incorporate it within the Healthy Living SPD which will be prepared in line with the Planning Policy team's work plan.

#### **Information Items**

The following information items were receive by the committee.

# 5. Outside Bodies

In accordance with the Protocol for Members on Outside Bodies, reports from members representing the council on the various outside bodies (within the remit of the committee) were circulated with the agenda for information purposes.

6. General Fund Revenue Budget Monitoring Report 2018/19 - Position as at 31 July 2018

The information report provided an update of the Council's General Fund (GF) Revenue Budget as at 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018 and specifically for those areas under the Committee's remit.

7. Capital Programme Monitoring Report 2018/19 – Position as at 31 July 2018

This information report provided an update of the Council's approved Capital Programme as at 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018 with specific reference to those schemes under the Committee's remit.

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