



MINUTES

Environment, Health and Housing Committee

Date:	Monday, 4 March 2019
Venue:	Town Hall, St Annes.
Committee Members Present:	Councillor Ben Aitken (Chairman) Councillor Viv Willder (Vice-Chairman) Councillors Maxine Chew, Chris Dixon, Sue Fazackerley MBE, Gail Goodman JP, John Kirkham, Graeme Neale, Louis Rigby.
Other Members in Attendance:	Councillor Karen Buckley
Officers Present:	Tracy Manning, Kirstine Riding, Ursula Seddon, Sharon Wadsworth
Other Attendees:	4 members of the public were in attendance.

Public Platform

John Craig, Chairman of Lindsay Court Steering Group, was invited to address the committee in relation to Item 5, Update on the Community Housing Fund, on the agenda.

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 on this occasion.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Environment, Health and Housing Committee meeting held on 8 January 2019 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

3. Substitute Members

The following substitutions were reported under Council procedure rule 23(c):

Councillor Sue Fazackerley MBE substituted for Council Frank Andrews.

Decision Items

4. Draft Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy

Ursula Seddon, Principal Housing Services Officer, presented a brief presentation outlining the duties and powers of the enforcement officers within the Housing Services Team and the responsibilities they have to enforce a range of legislation relating to private sector housing. The draft Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy

explained how enforcement would be carried out in a fair, equitable and consistent manner whilst supporting landlords, property owners and others to meet their legal obligations.

A further report, taking account of the outcome of the consultation exercise would be presented to the Committee at a later meeting with a view to the policy being adopted.

Following a brief discussion it was RESOLVED:

1. To note the contents of the report;
2. To approve the draft Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy;
3. To approve the draft policy going out to consultation and
4. To note that a further report be presented to the Committee in due course prior to the policy being adopted.

5. Update on the Community Housing Fund

Kirstine Riding, Housing Services Manager, provided an update on the Community Housing Fund project and on the role and work done to date by the Community Housing Fund Development Officer. A request for the CHF Development Officer post to be extended for a further period of two years was put forward to the committee for the continuation and promotion of community-led development within Fylde and to support the residents at Lindsay Court in taking forward options for the site following the engagement of Regenda Regeneration Services.

At this juncture in the meeting Mr. Craig, Chairman of Lindsay Court Steering Group, was invited by the chairman to address the committee to provide an overview of how the role of the CHF Development Officer has guided and enabled the residents of Lindsay Court to come together as a community and form the steering group.

Mrs. Riding explained that a funded budget increase would be required in the total sum of £75,000 across years 2018/19 to 2020/21 to be met from the Community Housing Fund grant that was received by Fylde Council in December 2016.

Following a brief discussion it was RESOLVED to:

1. Note the contents of the report and the progress made to date in delivery of the Community Housing Fund project;
2. Recommend to Council approval of a fully-funded revenue budget increase in the sum of £75,000 to provide sufficient resource for the continued delivery of the Community Housing Fund project. The funding was required in the financial years 2018/19 to 2020/21 (£4,500 in 2018/19, £54,000 in 2019/20 and, £16,500 in 2020/21) to be met in full from the Community Housing Fund grant that the Council received in December 2016.

Information Items

The following information items were received and noted by the committee.

6. Qualified Informal Procedure – Lindsay Court Resident Testing Options

The information report explained why the engagement of Regenda Regeneration Services, to undertake co-designing a deliverable regeneration solution with residents at Lindsay Court, was exempt from the requirement to be let using a competitive procedure as the goods, materials or works desired are of a proprietary or special character or for other reasons where there was no genuine competition.

7. 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.

The Chairman concluded the meeting by highlighting the achievements of the committee and by thanking everyone for their commitment over the last four years.

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