



MINUTES

Planning Committee

Date:	Wednesday, 8 June 2022
Venue:	Council Chamber, Town Hall, St Annes.
Committee Members Present:	Councillor Trevor Fiddler (Chairman) Councillor Richard Redcliffe (Vice-Chairman) Councillors Tim Armit, Peter Collins, Gavin Harrison, Kiran Mulholland, Linda Nulty, Liz Oades, David O'Rourke, Ray Thomas, Stan Trudgill.
Other Members:	Councillors Karen Buckley, Vince Settle.
Officers Present:	Mark Evans, Julie Glaister, Eddie Graves, Steph Shone, Andrew Stell, Lyndsey Lacey-Simone.

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 meeting held on 18 May 2022 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

3. Substitute Members

The following substitution was reported under Council Procedure Rule 24:

Councillor Peter Collins for Councillor Heather Speak.

Decision Items

4. Kirkham Futures Programme Update

The Chairman invited Mark Evans (Head of Planning) to present the report. In summary, the report provided an update regarding progress on the Kirkham Futures Programme and shared the discussion notes of the Kirkham Futures Steering Group meetings. The Terms of Reference which were agreed at the April meeting of the Steering Group were also attached for the Committee's review.

Members were reminded that the Kirkham Futures Programme is funded through the High Street Heritage Action Zone Funding (HAZ) and FHSF funding and runs from April 2020 to March 2024. The programme had entered the final two years of delivery and spend and progress to date on the individual projects was included within the main body of the report. Reference was also made within the report to the award of exempt contracts.

In conclusion, Mr Evans stated that in addition to the monthly reports to the Steering Group, it was his intention to bring quarterly reports on the matter to the Committee.

Following the presentation, the Chairman invited questions. An update was sought on the following areas: information relating to the final decision from LCC regarding the Council's bid for funding; the outstanding matter

with the MP about the HAZ funding and progress with the shop front scheme. Mr Evans addressed each point in turn.

The Vice-Chairman, Councillor Redcliffe drew the Committee's paragraph 17 of the report relating to LCC's intervention in the project and in doing so, asked to place on record his thanks and appreciation to LCC for their commitment to Kirkham.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Buckley who attended the meeting sought clarification on the Terms of Reference of the Steering Group as detailed in the report with particular reference to the section on Membership and a superfluous paragraph on the last line of that section. Councillor Oades also requested that the arrangements for providing clerical support to the board meetings be included. Mr Evans gave an undertaking to amend the Terms of Reference accordingly. In addition, Councillor Buckley sought information relating to named officers supporting the Project. Mr Evans provided this information at the meeting.

Following consideration of this matter, it was RESOLVED:

1. To approve the Terms of Reference of the Kirkham Futures Steering Group as set out in the report subject to the amendments being made as outlined at the meeting.
2. To note the progress with the delivery of the programme.
3. To note the award of exempt contracts as set out in the report.

5. Parking Supplementary Planning Document (Scoping)

Eddie Graves (Principal Planning Policy Officer) was invited by the Chairman to present a report on proposals to introduce a Parking Supplementary Planning Document (Scoping).

In summary, the Parking SPD would set out indicative standards, to be applied flexibly by the Council based on the circumstances of sites. The SPD would provide detail on the required layout, spacing, design, landscaping, and siting of parking within development sites, including all types of vehicles, operational parking and servicing including waste collection. In addition, it would provide guidance on provision for electric vehicle charging, and advice on documentation required with planning applications.

A copy of the Parking Supplementary Planning Document (Scoping) was appended to the report. It provided a suggested structure to the proposed SPD and included consultation questions. The report sought approval from members for the Parking Supplementary Planning Document (Scoping) to be published for consultation for 4 weeks. This is in line with the Fylde Council Statement of Community Involvement 2020 Section 4 and Regulation 12 (a) of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

The Chairman sought clarification on the LCC highways input/engagement in the process. In addition, matters associated with enforcement; title of the SPD document; weight and importance attached to the SPD document; possible extension/ flexibility of the consultation period to allow input from the town and parish councils and the planning language used within the document were raised at the meeting. Mr Graves addressed these points and in doing so, gave a commitment (where possible) to review the planning language within the final document. In addition, he also gave an assurance that town and parish councils would be provided a timely opportunity to feed into the process. In response to the comments made about the title of the SPD documents, it was suggested by Mr Evans that the document be retitled the "Provision of Parking in New Developments". This received support from the Committee.

Following consideration of this matter, it was RESOLVED: That the Parking SPD (Scoping), as attached as Appendix 1 of the report, be issued for public consultation and that it be suitably retitled as detailed above.

6. Flooding, Water Management and Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDs) Supplementary Planning Document

Step Shone (Planning Policy Officer) presented the report on Flooding, Water Management and Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDs) Supplementary Planning Document.

In summary, the Fylde Flooding, Water Management and SuDS SPD would ensure that the integration of surface water and flood risk management measures will help to alleviate surface water, reduce flooding levels and ensure resilience to flooding and coastal change now and into the future. Details regarding the specification of SuDS will

be supplied, including the provision of long-term maintenance. The SPD would also provide appropriate guidance on how the water environment should be accounted for within planning applications.

A copy of the Flooding, Water Management and SuDS SPD (Scoping) was appended to the report. It provided a suggested structure to the proposed SPD and included consultation questions. The report sought approval from members for the SPD (Scoping) to be put out for consultation for 4 weeks. This is in line with the Fylde Council Statement of Community Involvement 2020 Section 4 Supplementary Planning Document Consultations and Regulation 12(a) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

Following the presentation, the Chairman invited questions. Clarification was sought on the role/ involvement of LCC, United Utilities and the Environment Agency in the SPD planning document; the EU floods Directive 2007; inappropriate development in flood risk areas; benefit of SuDS/flood management and impact on Fylde area; collection of water/promotion of water butts and use of porous materials to reduce surface water run off on development sites and the way in which SPD documents interrelate. Ms Shone/ Mr Evans addressed these points.

Following detailed consideration of this matter, it was RESOLVED: That the Flooding, Water Management and Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDS) Supplementary Planning Document (Scoping), attached at Appendix 1 of the report, be approved for public consultation.

7. Community Infrastructure Levy

Julie Glaister (Planning Policy Manager) introduced the report in doing so, stated that the original objective of the report was to allow consideration of whether the Council should continue with the introduction a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) as previously agreed. Members were advised that on the 11th May 2022, as the report was nearing completion, the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill had its first reading and, as reported in the Late Observations (previously circulated), had its second reading on 8th May in the House of Commons. This proposed a simple, non- negotiable, locally set Infrastructure Levy (IL) that will ensure that developers pay their fair share in order to deliver the infrastructure that communities need. Members were advised that given that CIL will be replaced by IL, it would not make sense for the Council to progress a CIL.

Members were further advised that it was intended that a report would be brought to a future meeting of the Planning Committee that will set out the key provisions contained in the Bill and potential implications for planning and regeneration in Fylde. A link to the relevant information was included in the Late Observations report.

It was recommended that the Council continues to use Section 106 agreements and progresses an IL when it is requested to do so.

An explanation of the work done to date was included in a separate appendix to the report.

At the conclusion of the presentation, the Chairman invited questions. Clarification was sought on the ability to pool S106 monies. Mr Evans addressed this point.

Following consideration of this matter it was RESOLVED: that no further work is carried out by the Council to progress the adoption of a Community Infrastructure Levy pending the implementation of the proposed Infrastructure Levy and that in the meantime, the Council continues to secure improvements to local infrastructure through Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

8. Substitutes at Planning Committee

In accordance with Standing Order 24 of the Rules of Procedure (Part 4) of the Constitution, the Committee was invited to review the current appointments to the pool of substitutes at Planning Committee.

Following consideration of this matter it was RESOLVED that Councillor Chris Dixon replace Councillor Peter Hardy in the pool of substitutes at Planning Committee.

Information Items

9. Planning Advisory Service - Scoping

The Information Report provided the Committee with information about a forthcoming Planning Advisory Service (PAS) review later in the year. The report outlined the process for the review and included the proposed scope of the review at Fylde. The committee was invited to comment on the proposed scope of the PAS review.

Clarification was sought on various matters including some improvement recommendations from the 2012 review; links to the Vision and priorities of the Council within the Scope of the Document and the involvement of town and parish councils. Mr Evans addressed these points.

Following consideration of the matter and the Late Observation report (previously circulated), it was RESOLVED that the following matters be added to clarify the scope of the proposed review.

- That, as part of the review of Engagement and Communication (bullet point 3, p 97), the Peer Review Team be specifically asked to meet with representatives of local Town and Parish Councils.
- That the Peer Review Team be asked to review and comment on the implementation of actions set out in the previous review which took place in 2012.

10. Performance Reporting 2021/22

The Information Report provided details of the key performance outcomes for the financial year end 2021/22. Performance was reported against the targets set for the year and commentary was provided by performance exception.

Clarification was sought on the details of PM:39. Mr Evans addressed this matter.

The Chairman asked that the Committee's thanks and appreciation be passed on to all the officers concerned regarding their contribution to the outcomes of the performance report.

11. Corporate Plan Update

The Information Report provided the committee with the latest progress against the corporate actions relevant to the committee that are scheduled for completion at the time of the meeting.

Various comments were made on the matter and these related to empty properties incentives and matters associated with the Heritage Strategy & Local Listings Project.

12. Capital Programme Monitoring Report 2021/22 – Outturn Position as at 31st March 2022

The Information Report set out details of expenditure on schemes within the Council's approved capital programme for the financial year 2021/22 within the remit of the Committee.

An update on the Kirkham and Wesham Station feasibility study and the impact of inflation on contracts for all capital projects was sought. Mr Evans addressed these matters.

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