



Minutes

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Date:	Wednesday, 8 March 2017
Venue:	Town Hall, St Annes
Committee Members:	Councillor Trevor Fiddler (Chairman) Councillor Richard Redcliffe (Vice- Chairman) Councillors Christine Akeroyd, Jan Barker, Michael Cornah, Neil Harvey, Barbara Nash, Linda Nulty, Liz Oades, Albert Pounder, Heather Speak.
Other Members:	Councillor Maxine Chew.
Officers Present:	Paul Walker, Mark Evans, Paul Drinnan, Catherine Kitching, Sharon Wadsworth
Members of the public:	No members of the public were in attendance

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 on this occasion.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 8 February 2017 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

3. Substitute members

There were no substitute members on this occasion.

Decision Items

4. Local Lists of Buildings

Paul Drinnan (Regeneration Manager) and Catherine Kitching (Conservation Officer) introduced a report on the first study area to be completed as part of the compilation of a local lists of buildings. Mr Drinnan gave a presentation to members on the background to the project, the methodology used to select buildings, creation of heritage zones, implications of inclusion on the list and scope for public nominations.

The report and presentation detailed how the project had evolved and that to date an assessment of the majority of Lytham and St. Annes had been completed. Recommendations in respect of built heritage protection in relation to subsequent Heritage Zones would be reported to future meetings in sequence.

Councillor Chew addressed the committee, as a member of the Local Listings Project Board, and reinforced the importance of a local list of buildings. Councillor Chew reiterated praise received

from Historic England on the competency of the officers and that Fylde Council was being hailed as being a good example of heritage protocols to be used as a benchmark for other authorities. Councillor Redcliffe added his congratulations to the staff on their efficiencies.

In relation to the late observation schedule, that was circulated at the meeting, Mr Drinnan requested that a decision on that the property at 225 Inner Promenade be deferred pending further information.

Following a detailed consideration of this matter it was RESOLVED:

1. That the Heritage Protocol be adopted as the approved methodology for the compilation of local lists of buildings.
2. That the concept of designating buildings, collectively, as Groups of High Townscape Value where they meet the appropriate criteria for subsequent and due consideration by Committee be agreed.
3. That the local list of buildings contained within the Fairhaven Heritage Zone be approved and adopted with the exception of 225 Inner Promenade.
4. That officers are authorised to undertake further research to inform whether the principle of conservation area designation is appropriate.
5. That authority be delegated to officers to consider the necessity for the introduction of Article 4 Directions, as may be relevant, to each locally listed building and thereafter, and following appropriate consultation, introduce such directions.
6. For Councillor Barbara Nash to replace Councillor Peter Collins to serve on the Built Heritage Project Board.

(Councillor Michael Cornah left the meeting before the vote on Item 4)

5. Proposed Increase of Planning Applications Fees

Mark Evans (Head of Planning and Regeneration) introduced a report that referred to a recent government white paper, published on 7th February 2017, proposing that local authorities could increase the planning application fees by 20% if they could commit to using the additional fee income for improvements to the planning department.

Mr Evans clarified that the increase would apply to all the planning application fees across the board.

Following a brief discussion, the committee RESOLVED:

1. That the Section 151 Officer be authorised to make a commitment under Section 230 of the Local Government Act 1972 that Fylde Council accept the proposed 20% increase in planning application fees and that the amount raised through these higher fees would be spent entirely on improvement to the planning service.
2. That, subject to the approval of recommendation 1 above, Finance and Democracy Committee be recommended to approve a budget increase of £108,750 for 2017/18 (or pro rata depending upon the government's implementation date) in the planning department, fully funded from the increase in planning fees as set out in the report, and for £145,000 per annum thereafter.

6. Appointment to Outside Bodies/Working Groups

The Committee were invited to recommend nominations to the various outside bodies/working Groups (within the remit of the committee) for consideration at Full Council. In addition, copies of reports received from members currently serving on outside bodies were also included as an appendix to the report for information.

Following consideration of each outside body in turn, it was RESOLVED to

1. Recommend the following nominations to the outside bodies for consideration by council:
 - Duty to Cooperate – Chair and Vice Chair of Planning Committee.
 - Planning Education Liaison Group – Councillors Richard Redcliffe and Linda Nulty.
 - Blackpool, Fylde & Wyre EDC Leaders Group – Leader of the Council.
2. Confirm that the Bryning-with-Warton Neighbourhood Plan Liaison Group has now concluded and was no longer required to meet.
3. Confirm the continued establishment of the following working groups:
 - Local Listings Project Board comprising Councillors Richard Redcliffe, Maxine Chew and Barbara Nash.
 - SHLAA Steering Group comprising Councillors Peter Collins, Linda Nulty and Albert Pounder.
4. Note the reports from members currently serving on outside bodies.

Information Items

7. Review of Planning Improvement Plan Actions

The committee received the final update in relation to the Planning Improvement Plan.

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