

AGENDA ITEM: 6
29 MARCH 2012
 Start: 7.30pm
 Finish: 9.40pm

Councillor Greenall (In the Chair)

Councillors	Baldock	Griffiths
	Mrs Blake	G Jones
	Blane	Mee
	Cheetham	Moran
	Cropper	Nolan
	Davis	R A Pendleton
	Delaney	Pope
	Furey	Sudworth
	Gagen	

Also in attendance: Councillor M Forshaw Portfolio Holder: Planning and Technical Services

Officers: Assistant Director Housing and Regeneration (Mr R Livermore)
Shaun Walsh (Transformation Manager)
Deputy Borough Planner (Mr I Gill)
Deputy Borough Treasurer (Mr M Kostrzewski)
Performance Officer (Ms A Grimes)
Assistant Member Services Manager (Mrs J Denning)

There were no apologies for absence.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4, Members noted the termination of Councillors Grice, Fillis, Gibson, Hennessy, Kay and O'Toole and the appointment of Councillors Griffiths, Deleaney, R A Pendleton, Davis, Mee and Cheetham for this meeting only, thereby giving effect to the wishes of the Political Group.

There were no items of urgent business.

There were no declarations.

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93. MINUTES

A question was raised in respect of Minute 78 'Call In Item – Ormskirk Motor Festival' in relation to the sponsorship.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 2 February 2012 be received as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

94. PETITION REVIEW - PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS 'OPTION 1' AND 'OPTION 2' (LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK /LOCAL PLAN)

Consideration was given the report of the Borough Solicitor, as contained on pages 797 to 812 of the Book of Reports, which set a request to review the steps that the Council had taken in response to a petition received in respect of proposed developments 'option 1' and 'option 2' (Local Development Framework/Local Plan).

The Petition Organiser, Mrs Bjork, addressed the Committee and put forward why she felt the Council had not dealt with the petition adequately and circulated her supporting evidence, which is contained on pages 812a to 812v v, of the Book of Reports.

Comments and questions were raised in respect of the following:

- The Consultation process and procedures
- The inadequacy of the water infrastructure in Burscough – flooding issues
- The potential number of houses on the land at Yew tree farm land and the need to include other amenities, such as a primary school, should this development go ahead
- The Council's statutory responsibility to prepare the Plan
- Housing need in the Borough and affordable housing

RESOLVED: That the steps taken by the Council in response to the petition are adequate.

95. KEY DECISION FORWARD PLANS - 1 MARCH 2012 TO 31 JULY 2012

There were no items under this heading.

96. MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD ON WEDNESDAY 29 FEBRUARY 2012.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be noted.

97. MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 13 MARCH 2012.

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 13 March 2012. Questions and comments were raised in respect of the following items:

Minute 134 (Selective HMO Licensing) – in respect of the launch and how many landlords had signed up.

Minute 143 (Meeting of the Funding of Voluntary Organisations Working Group held on 29 February 2012) – in respect of the Citizens Advice Bureaux.

Minute 149 (Human Resources and Payroll Partnership Arrangements with Lancashire County Council/One Connect Ltd.) – the advantages and disadvantages.

Minute 150 (Skelmersdale Vision: Proposed Purchase of College Land, Skelmersdale) – potential problems in relation to vandalism and graffiti.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 13 March 2012, be noted.

98. CALLED IN ITEM

Consideration was given to the following item, as circulated and contained on pages 827 to 836 of the Book of Reports:

99. PUBLIC LAND AUCTION PILOT

Consideration was given to the report of the Borough Solicitor which advised that a decision of Cabinet in relation to the above item (minute 142 refers) had received a call in requisition signed by five members of the Committee. The report set out the reason given for the call in, together with a different decision put forward by the five Members concerned on the requisition notice.

RESOLVED: A. That the Committee does not wish to ask for a different decision.

B. That Cabinet be asked that when the report, “providing details of the pilot and a detailed costed programme for progressing the pilot forward” is submitted to Cabinet that it be referred to the next available Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee for comment.

100. PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

Consideration was given to the report of the Transformation Manager which set out the Suite of Performance Indicators, at Appendix A, to be adopted as the Council’s Corporate Performance Indicators Suite 2012/13.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

101. REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING

Consideration was given to the report of the Borough Treasurer, as contained on pages 849 to 856 of the Book of Reports, which provided a projection of the financial position on the General and Housing Revenue Accounts to the end of the financial year.

Concerns were expressed in relation to Council House Right to Buy sales and the potential increase in discount and changes to housing benefits.

RESOLVED: That the financial position of the Revenue Accounts be noted.

102. CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING

Consideration was given to the report of the Borough Treasurer, as contained on pages 857 to 866 of the Book of Reports, which provided an update on the current position in respect of the 2011/2012 Capital Programme.

RESOLVED: That the current position in respect of the 2011/2012 Capital Programme be noted.

THE CHAIRMAN