

CABINET**HELD: 14 JANUARY 2014**

Start: 7.30pm

Finish: 8.25pm

PRESENT:

Councillor I Grant (Leader of the Council, in the Chair)

| Councillors | | <u>Portfolio</u> |
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| Mrs V Hopley | | Landlord Services and Human Resources |
| M Forshaw | | Planning and Development |
| A Owens | | Deputy Leader & Housing (Finance), Regeneration and Estates |
| D Sudworth | | Health, Leisure and Community Safety |
| D Westley | | Resources and Transformation |

In attendance Councillors: Cropper, Dereli, Oliver,
PendletonOfficers
Managing Director (People and Places) (Mrs G Rowe)
Managing Director (Transformation) (Ms K Webber)
Assistant Director Housing and Regeneration (Mr B Livermore)
Assistant Director Planning (Mr J Harrison)
Borough Treasurer (Mr M Taylor)
Transformation Manager (Mr S Walsh)
Planning Policy & Implementation Team Leader (Mr P Richards)
Principal Member Services Officer (Mrs S Griffiths)**65. APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies for absence.

66. SPECIAL URGENCY (RULE 16 ACCESS TO INFORMATION PROCEDURE RULES)/URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of special urgency.

67. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1. Councillor Westley declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda items 5(a) (Funding of Voluntary & Other Organisations), 5(i) (Provision of a new cycle and pedestrian link footway through the Tawd Valley in Skelmersdale linking to West Lancashire College) and 5(j) Draft West Lancashire Highways and Transport Masterplan) as a Member of Lancashire County Council.
2. Councillors Grant and Forshaw declared non-pecuniary interests in agenda item 5(e) (Medium Term Capital Programme) in relation to relevant lines in the budgets referring to Parish Council Capital Schemes, in view of their membership of Parish Councils.

68. MINUTES

RESOLVED That the minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 12 November 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Leader.

69. MATTERS REQUIRING DECISIONS

Consideration was given to the reports relating to the following matters requiring decisions as contained on pages 1111 – 1395 of the Book of Reports.

70. FUNDING OF VOLUNTARY & OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Councillor Sudworth introduced the report of the Transformation Manager which advised on recommendations of the Funding of Voluntary and Other Organisations Working Group in relation to the monitoring/evaluation of submissions received from the voluntary organisations in receipt of revenue funding and an application for further funding received from the West Lancashire Dial A Ride Association.

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the details set out in the report before it and accepted the reasons contained in it.

- RESOLVED
- A. That the recommendations arising from the monitoring and evaluation of the three year Service Level Agreements by the Funding of Voluntary and Other Organisations Working Group at its meetings of 9 September and 16 December 2013 be endorsed as detailed in the minutes of the meetings attached at Appendices 2 and 3 to the report.
 - B. That funding be made available to the West Lancashire Dial A Ride Association of £28,575 per annum from April 2014 in principle, and determined when the budget is set on 26 February 2014. This funding be by way of a two year Service Level Agreement and be subject to:
 - i) a review of the Service Level Agreement following the outcome of the Lancashire County Council review on Community Transport provision, and
 - ii) receipt of satisfactory financial statement from the organisation.

71. QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS Q2 2013-2014

Councillor Westley introduced the report of the Transformation Manager which presented performance monitoring data for the quarter ended 30 September 2013.

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the details set out in the report before it and accepted the reasons contained in it.

- RESOLVED
- A. That the Council's performance against the indicator set for the quarter ended 30 September 2013 be noted.
 - B. That the call-in procedure is not appropriate for this item as the report is being submitted to the next meeting of the Corporate and Environmental Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 20 February 2014.

72. BUSINESS PLAN 2014-2015 REFRESH

Councillor Westley introduced the joint report of the Managing Director (People and Places) and the Managing Director (Transformation) which sought approval for the "Business Plan 2014/15 Refresh".

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the details set out in the report before it and accepted the reasons contained in it.

- RESOLVED:
- A. That the "Business Plan 2014/15 Refresh" attached as Appendix A to the report be approved and referred to Council for adoption.
 - B. That authority be given to the Managing Directors to make any final amendments to the document, prior to publication.
 - C. That call-in is not appropriate for this item, as the report is being submitted to the next meeting of the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 30 January 2014.

73. DRAFT REVENUE BUDGET 2014 - 2015

Councillor Westley introduced the report of the Borough Treasurer which provided a summary of the current General Revenue Account budget position.

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the details set out in the report before it, and accepted the reasons contained in it.

- RESOLVED
- A. That the financial position for 2014-15 and later years be noted.
 - B. That the Portfolio Holder for Resources and Transformation be given delegated authority to submit firm proposals to Council on 26th February 2014 to enable the budget to be set.
 - C. That call-in is not appropriate for this item as it is to be submitted to the next meeting of the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 30 January 2014.

74. MEDIUM TERM CAPITAL PROGRAMME

Councillor Westley introduced the report of the Borough Treasurer which outlined a number of options for the determination of the medium term capital programme.

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the details set out in the report before it and accepted the reasons contained in it.

- RESOLVED
- A. That the medium term financial position be noted.
 - B. That the Portfolio Holder for Resources and Transformation be given delegated authority to submit firm proposals to Council on 26 February 2014 to enable the capital programme to be set.
 - C. That call-in is not appropriate for this item as it is to be submitted to the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 30 January 2014.

75. HOUSING ACCOUNT - REVENUE AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME

Councillor Owens introduced the report of the Assistant Director Housing and Regeneration which provided a summary of the budget position for the Housing Account for the next financial year.

Minute no. 30 of the Landlord Services Committee (Cabinet Working Group) held on 9 January 2014 was circulated at the meeting.

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the minute of Landlord Services Committee (Cabinet Working Group) and details set out in the report before it and accepted the reasons contained therein.

- RESOLVED
- A. That the financial position for 2014-15 be noted.
 - B. That the Assistant Director Housing and Regeneration be given delegated Authority to set garage rents at a level to maximise income for the HRA.

- C. That the Assistant Director Housing and Regeneration be given delegated Authority to set service charges at levels that recover the costs of service provision.
- D. That this report be used for consultation purposes prior to the Council considering this matter in February 2014.
- E. That the Housing Finance Portfolio Holder be given delegated authority to submit firm proposals to Council on 26 February 2014 to enable the budget to be set.
- F. That call-in is not appropriate for this item as it is to be submitted to the next meeting of the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 30 January 2014.

76. YEW TREE FARM MASTERPLAN SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT OPTIONS PAPER

Councillor Forshaw introduced the report of the Assistant Director Planning which provided an update on the progress of the Yew Tree Farm Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and recommended that the "Options" version of the document be approved for public consultation.

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the details set out in the report before it and accepted the reasons contained in it.

- RESOLVED
- A. That the Yew Tree Farm Masterplan Options document (Appendix A to this report) be approved for public consultation from 6 February to 21 March 2014, subject to any minor amendments made by the Assistant Director Planning in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, following consideration of the Options Document by Planning Committee and Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee, as per recommendation B below.
 - B. That the Assistant Director Planning, be authorised, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, to make any necessary minor amendments to the Yew Tree Farm Masterplan Options document, in the light of agreed comments from Planning Committee and Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee, before the document is published for consultation.

- C. That Cabinet have regard to the Sustainability Appraisal provided in Appendix B in their decision on recommendation B above, which will also be publicly available for comment as part of the consultation on the Yew Tree Farm Masterplan Options document
- D. That call-in is not appropriate for this item as this report is being submitted to Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 30 January 2014.

77. DEVELOPMENT BRIEFS FOR HOUSING SITES AT GROVE FARM, ORMSKIRK AND FIRSWOOD ROAD, LATHOM/SKELMERSDALE

Councillor Forshaw introduced the report of the Assistant Director Planning which recommended the draft development briefs for the allocated housing sites at Grove Farm, Ormskirk and Firswood Road, Lathom/Skelmersdale for public consultation.

A copy of revised recommendations were circulated at the meeting.

Councillor Owens expressed concern over reference to the number of vehicular access points onto Firswood Road contained within the Draft Development Brief.

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the revised recommendations, the comments of Councillor Owens, the details set out in the report before it and accepted the reasons contained therein.

- RESOLVED
- A. That Cabinet approve the draft Grove Farm and Firswood Road Development Briefs (Appendices A and B to this report) for six weeks of public consultation from 6 February to 21 March 2014, subject to any minor amendments made by the Assistant Director Planning in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, following consideration of the draft Briefs by Planning Committee and Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee, as per recommendation B. below.
 - B. That the Assistant Director Planning, be authorised, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, to make any necessary minor amendments to the draft Grove Farm and Firswood Road Development Briefs, in the light of agreed comments from Planning Committee and Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee, before the document is published for consultation.
 - C. That call-in is not appropriate for this item as this report is being submitted to Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 30 January 2014.

78. PROVISION OF A NEW CYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN LINK FOOTWAY THROUGH THE TAWD VALLEY IN SKELMERSDALE LINKING TO WEST LANCASHIRE COLLEGE

Councillor Forshaw introduced the report of the Assistant Director Planning which advised on the proposal to create a new cycle/pedestrian link way through Tawd Valley linking to the West Lancashire College campus and sought approval to release Section 106 funding to finance the scheme.

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the details set out in the report before it and accepted the reasons contained in it.

- RESOLVED
- A. That authority be delegated to the Assistant Director Planning, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning, to:
- i) negotiate and enter into agreement with Lancashire County Council to provide a grant using S106 funding to assist them with the construction of the proposed cycle and pedestrian link through the Tawd Valley and to also to give Lancashire County Council access to land owned by West Lancashire Borough Council to conduct work to construct the proposed route.
 - ii) release section 106 funds of up to £200,000 secured through planning permissions related to West Lancashire College, to contribute towards the implementation of a new cycle and pedestrian path through the Tawd Valley linking the college campus with surrounding residential areas.
- B. That subject to an acceptable scheme being designed, the Council arrange to dedicate the route to Lancashire County Council so that the County Council adopt the route, taking over future maintenance liabilities.
- C. That the Assistant Director Planning be authorised to enter into all necessary agreements and licences and to obtain necessary consents, approvals and permissions to facilitate the scheme.

79. DRAFT WEST LANCASHIRE HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT MASTERPLAN

Councillor Forshaw introduced the report of the Assistant Director Planning which presented the draft West Lancashire Highways and Transport Masterplan document and sought authorisation for the submission of the Council's formal response to Lancashire County Council.

A copy of a revised Appendix A was circulated at the meeting.

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the details set out in the report before it and the revised Appendix A and accepted the reasons contained therein.

- RESOLVED
- A. That the attached comments at revised Appendix A be approved as the Council's formal response to the consultation on the Draft West Lancashire Highways and Transport Masterplan.
 - B. That call-in is not appropriate for this item as the consultation closes on the 24 January 2014.

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