

PRESENT: Greenall (Chairman)

Councillors: Mrs Atherley Mrs Houlgrave
 Baldock Jones
 Bell Moran
 Mrs Blake Oliver
 Cropper O'Toole
 Mrs C Evans Pendleton
 Furey Pope
 Gibson Savage

Officers: Assistant Director Housing and Regeneration (Mr B Livermore)
 Assistant Director Planning (Mr J Harrison)
 Deputy Borough Treasurer (Mr M Kostrzewski)
 Strategic Planning and Implementation Manager (Mr P Richards)
 Assistant Solicitor (Mr M Hynes)
 Principal Overview and Scrutiny Officer (Mrs C A Jackson)

In attendance: Councillor Forshaw (Portfolio Holder – Planning and Development)
 Councillor Westley (Portfolio Holder – Resources and Transformation)

52. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

53. MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2, Members noted the termination of membership of Councillors Blane, Cheetham, Mrs R Evans, Kay and Gagen and the appointment of Councillors Mrs Atherley, Mrs Blake, Mrs C Evans, Mrs Houlgrave and Gibson, for this meeting only, thereby giving effect to the wishes of the Political Groups.

54. URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of urgent business.

55. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Mrs Atherley, Baldock, Bell, Mrs Blake, Mrs Houlgrave, Jones and Pope declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to item 10 (Capital Programme Monitoring) arising from their Parish Council membership.

56. DECLARATIONS OF PARTY WHIP

There were no declarations of Party Whip.

57. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 30 January 2014 be received as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

58. RELEVANT MINUTES OF CABINET

Consideration was given to the minutes of the Cabinet held on 18 March 2014. Questions and comments were received in respect of the following items:

Minute 89 (Inskip Meeting Room) – future arrangements.

Minute 92 (Housing Strategy 2014-2019) – provision of fixed rate/low-cost mortgages.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 18 March 2014 be noted.

59. CALLED IN ITEM - PROVISION FOR TRAVELLER SITES DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT (DPD): OPTIONS AND PREFERRED OPTIONS

Consideration was given to the report of the Borough Solicitor which advised that a decision of Cabinet in respect of the above item (Minute 96 refers) had received a call in requisition signed by five members of the Committee. The report set out the reason for the call in together with a different decision put forward by the Members concerned on the requisition notice.

In the ensuing discussion comments and questions were raised in relation to:

- Proposed single site –M58 corridor.
- Public consultation.
- Habits Regulation Assessment reasons – environmental and land issues; historical landscape.
- Preferred Options to Meet Traveller Accommodation Needs – draft proposals.
- Post call-in arrangements.

The Assistant Director Planning attended the meeting and provided an overview of the process in relation to the adoption of a future Traveller Sites Development Plan.

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

(Note: The Portfolio Holder (Planning and Development), Assistant Director Planning and Strategic Planning and Implementation Manager left the meeting following consideration of this item.)

60. CORPORATE PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT 2014/2015

Consideration was given to the report of the Transformation Manager, as contained on pages 829 to 846 of the Book of Reports, that detailed the Suite of Performance Indicators for adoption as the Council's Corporate PI Suite for 2014/15.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

61. CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING

Consideration was given to the report of the Borough Treasurer, as contained on pages 847 to 860 of the Book of Reports which provided an update on the current position in respect of the 2013/14 Capital Programme.

In relation to a Member comment on work related to the installation of lifts in sheltered accommodation the Assistant Director Housing and Regeneration provided an update.

RESOLVED: That the current position in respect of the 2013/14 Capital Programme be noted.

62. REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING

Consideration was given to the report of the Borough Treasurer as contained on pages 861 to 870 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.

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

63. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 (Financial/Business Affairs) of Schedule 12A of the Act and as, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption under Schedule 12A outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

64. CALLED IN ITEM - SITE OF THE FORMER WESTEC HOUSE, DERBY STREET, ORMSKIRK

Consideration was given to the report of the Borough Solicitor which advised that a decision in relation to the above item (minute 99 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.

In the ensuing discussion comments and questions were raised on the reasons put forward in the call-in requisition, as set out in paragraph 3.3 of the report of the Borough Solicitor, and the different decision set out at paragraph 3.4.

RESOLVED: That, as a consequence of the discussion on the reasons and the different decision put forward in relation to the Call-In item – ‘Site of the Former Westec House, Derby Street, Ormskirk’, this matter be referred back to Cabinet for reconsideration.

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Chairman