

**EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE**

HELD: Thursday, 28 March 2019

Start: 7.00 pm

Finish: 8.00 pm

PRESENT:

Councillors: E Savage (Vice-Chairman) I Ashcroft
- In the Chair
P Cotterill V Cummins
S Currie T Devine
G Dowling D Evans
S Evans E Pope
Mrs D Stephenson D Westley
C Wynn

In attendance: Councillors Gordon & Moran

Officers: Jacqui Sinnott-Lacey, Director of Housing and Inclusion
John Harrison, Director of Development and Regeneration
Marc Taylor, Borough Treasurer
Simon Burnett, Deputy Director of Leisure and Wellbeing
Peter Richards, Strategic Planning & Implementation Manager
Alison Grimes, Partnership & Performance Officer
Tom Dickinson, Assistant Solicitor
Jacky Denning, Member & Executive Services Manager

52 **APOLOGIES**

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Councillor McKenna.

53 **MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE**

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4, Members noted the termination of membership of the Committee of Councillor McKenna and the appointment of Councillor D Evans for this meeting only, thereby giving effect to the wishes of the Political Groups.

54 **URGENT BUSINESS, IF ANY, INTRODUCED BY THE CHAIRMAN**

There were no items of urgent business.

55 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest

56 **DECLARATIONS OF PARTY WHIP**

There were no declarations of a Party Whip

57 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 31 January 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

58 **PUBLIC SPEAKING**

The Chairman advised that one request to speak had been received, which would be dealt with under agenda item 8(b) 'Call In – Local Plan'.

59 **CALL IN ITEMS**

The following 2 items were called in by 5 members of the Executive Overview & Scrutiny Committee:

60 **CALL IN - LEASEHOLDER PROPERTIES AND THE PLANNING PROCESS**

Consideration was given to the report of the Borough Solicitor contained on pages 931 to 938 of the Book of Reports, which advised on the reason for the call in of the decision on Leasehold Properties and the Planning Process, set out in Minute No.100 of the Cabinet Meeting held on 12 March 2019.

RESOLVED: That the decision set out in Minute No. 100 'Leasehold Properties and the Planning Process', of the Cabinet meeting held on 12 March 2019, be referred back to Cabinet (as the decision making body) for reconsideration, asking it to make a different decision, as follows:

"That Cabinet asks the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader, to examine potential for any further measures that might be invoked, within existing legislation, which might reduce the onerous terms of the kind of leaseholds which are of concern to members."

61 **CALL IN - LOCAL PLAN**

A Member of the public addressed the meeting to express the views of the Aughton Residents Group that it believes the vast majority of West Lancashire residents support the view that the Council continues with the current Local Plan until 2027. That at the next review stage in 2022, the Council should commence the development of a new plan to run from 2027 to 2042, in order to enable the plan to be based on more accurate projections of what is required within the Borough and within neighbouring authorities

Consideration was given to the report of the Borough Solicitor contained on pages 939 to 964 of the Book of Reports which was to advise of the reason for the call in of the decision on the Local Plan set out in Minute No.101 of the Cabinet Meeting held on 12 March 2019.

A Motion was moved and seconded.
A vote was taken, the Motion was CARRIED.

Comments and questions were raised in respect of:

- The reasons for producing a 30 year plan
- Safeguarded sites
- Plan B sites
- Changes to housing requirement
- Employment land review

A Motion, to include a further agreed comment, was moved and seconded.
A vote was taken, the Motion was CARRIED.

RESOLVED: That the Committee does not wish to ask for a different decision, however the following agreed comments be referred back to Cabinet:

- A. That the Executive Overview & Scrutiny Committee oppose the development of a 30 year local plan.
- B. That Cabinet considers the inclusion of safeguarded sites going forward.
- C. That the existing West Lancashire Local Plan 2012-2027 remains in place.
- D. That Plan B sites should continue to be protected until 2027.

(Note: This item was dealt with prior to agenda item 8(a) 'Call In – Leaseholder Properties and the Planning Process')

62 RELEVANT MINUTES OF CABINET - TUESDAY, 12 MARCH 2019

Consideration was given to the minutes of Cabinet held on 12 March 2019, as contained on pages 965 to 974 of the Book of Reports.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 12 March 2019, be noted.

63 CORPORATE PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT 2019/20

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Inclusion, as contained on pages 975 to 988 of the Book of Reports, which sought approval for the Suite of Performance Indicators to be adopted as the Council's Corporate PI Suite 2019/20.

Comments and questions were raised in respect of the following:

- WL108 'Average answered waiting time for callers to the contact centre

(seconds)

- Service Now progress

RESOLVED: That the Suite of Performance Indicators 2019/20 (Appendix A) be noted and the Director of Housing and Inclusion be asked to prepare a report for a future meeting in relation to current performance levels for waiting times for callers to the contact centre and future performance targets, with a view to introducing a mechanism for answering calls within 30 seconds.

64 COUNCIL PLAN 2019/20 - 2020/21

Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Executive contained on pages 989 to 1016 of the Book of Reports, which sought approval of the Council Plan 2019/20 – 2020/21.

The Committee was advised that amendments may be required following the decision of Cabinet in relation to the Local Plan.

RESOLVED: That the “Council Plan 2019/20 – 2020/21”, attached at Appendix A to the report, be noted.

65 HRA REVENUE AND CAPITAL MONITORING

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Inclusion contained on pages 1017 to 1022 of the Book of Reports that provides an update in respect of the current position of the 2018/19 Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and Council Housing Capital Investment Programme.

RESOLVED: That the financial position in respect of the 2018/19 HRA and Council Housing Capital Programme be noted.

66 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and 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 (financial/business) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to 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

**67 PROPOSED STRATEGY FOR THE COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER OF BANKS
LEISURE CENTRE**

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Leisure and Environment, as contained on pages 1023 - 1038 of the Book of Reports, which sought authority to implement the proposed strategy for the Community Asset Transfer of Banks

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Leisure Centre.

RESOLVED: That the content and recommendations contained within the report be noted.

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Chairman