

CABINET

HELD: Wednesday, 16 October 2019

Start: 6.30 pm

Finish: 6.34 pm

PRESENT:

Councillor: I Moran (Leader, in the Chair)

Portfolio

Councillors:	Councillor Yvonne Gagen	Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Leisure & Human Resources
	Councillor David Evans	Portfolio Holder for Planning
	Councillor Jenny Wilkie	Portfolio Holder for Housing and Landlord Services
	Councillor Kevin Wilkie	Portfolio Holder for Street Scene
	Councillor Kevin Wright	Portfolio Holder for Health and Community Safety
	Councillor Adam Yates	Portfolio Holder for Resources & Transformation

In attendance: Councillor D Westley
Councillor

Officers:

- Kim Webber, Chief Executive
- John Harrison, Director of Development and Regeneration
- Jacqui Sinnott-Lacey, Director of Housing and Inclusion
- Heidi McDougall, Director of Leisure & Environment
- Terry Broderick, Borough Solicitor
- Marc Taylor, Borough Treasurer
- Ian Gill, Deputy Director of Development & Regeneration
- Chris Twomey, Deputy Director of Housing & Inclusion
- Aidan Manley, Development Surveyor
- Sue Griffiths, Principal Member Services Officer

42 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

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

There were no items of special urgency.

44 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

45 PUBLIC SPEAKING

There were no items under this heading.

46 LEADER'S OPENING REMARKS

The Leader announced that it was the last meeting of Cabinet to be attended by Kim Webber Chief Executive, John Harrison Director of Development and Regeneration and Terry Broderick Borough Solicitor, and expressed his thanks to them for the advice and support they have provided to Cabinet and wished them all the best for the future.

47 MATTER REQUIRING DECISION

Consideration was given to the report relating to the following matter requiring a decision as circulated and contained on pages 479 - 484 of the Book of Reports.

48 INSTALLATION OF A COMMERCIAL PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) SYSTEM AT WEST LANCASHIRE INVESTMENT CENTRE

The Leader introduced the report of the Director of Development and Regeneration which sought consent for the installation of a commercial photovoltaic (PV) system at West Lancashire Investment Centre in order to harness a green energy source to reduce operating costs.

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

RESOLVED A. That a commercial photovoltaic (PV) system be installed at the West Lancashire Investment Centre.

B. That call-in is not appropriate for this item as the matter is one where timely action is required in order that installation can take place before the worst of the winter weather and panels can be energy producing so serving to help reduce operating costs as soon as possible. Furthermore the current availability of an experienced management resource/project lead is time limited.

49 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED That under Section 100A(4) 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 paragraphs 3 (financial/business affairs) and 5 (legal matters) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of that 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.

(Note: No representations had been received in relation to the following item being considered in private)

50 **MATTER REQUIRING DECISION**

Consideration was given to the report relating to the following matter requiring a decision as contained on pages 485 – 514 of the Book of Reports.

51 **SKELMERSDALE TOWN CENTRE REDEVELOPMENT**

The Leader introduced the report of the Director of Development and Regeneration which provided an update on progress on the proposed first phase retail development at Skelmersdale Town Centre and sought agreement to continue to move forward with the project.

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

RESOLVED A. That delegated authority be given to the Director of Development and Regeneration, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Economic Regeneration, to take all necessary steps to enable a Phase 1 scheme to proceed, including agreeing terms and accepting LEP Growth Funding, as set out in paragraph 7.2 of the report.

B. That call-in is not appropriate for this item due to the limited timescales to agree a fixed price tender for the construction contract and the deadline for project completion should the LEP Growth Fund grant application be successful.

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Leader