

150 **DEMOLITION OF FLAT BLOCKS IN BLYTHEWOOD & BANKSBARN TO FACILITATE PHASE 2 OF DIGMOOR REVIVAL SCHEME**

Councillor Pryce-Roberts introduced the report of the Corporate Director of Transformation, Housing & Resources, which sought approval to proceed with the development of Digmaor area of Skelmersdale in accordance with the Digmaor Revival Scheme, to demolish the existing blocks of flats in Blythewood and Banksbarn, shown in the current site plan attached at Appendix 1, and thereafter take all steps necessary to develop the site, in order to facilitate the development of 45 new Council homes for affordable/social rent.

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the report before it and the recommendations contained therein.

RESOLVED:

- A. That the proposed development, details of which are contained within the report, (including the demolition of the flat blocks in Blythewood and Banksbarn) be approved, subject to Council approval where appropriate.
- B. That the Head of Housing, following discussion with the relevant Portfolio Holder, be given delegated authority to take all steps necessary (subject to Council approval where necessary) to implement the development outlined within the report, this will include, but not limited to, instructing Tawd Valley Developments Ltd, obtaining planning permission, entering into grant funding arrangements with Homes England, contracts with design and build businesses, demolition of existing properties, relocation of tenants and repurchase of leaseholds.
- C. That the Head of Housing, following discussion with the relevant Portfolio Holder, be given delegated authority to, as a last resort, use the power of compulsory purchase.
- D. That the Head of Housing be given delegated authority to make on going adjustments to the delivery of the scheme following discussions with the relevant Portfolio Holder.
- E. In respect of matters reserved to Council the report be noted and any agreed comments be referred to Council for consideration.