

EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

HELD: Thursday, 23 November 2017

Start: 7.00pm

Finish: 8.18pm

PRESENT:

Councillor: J Bullock (Chairman)

Councillors:	M Mills	I Ashcroft
	Mrs M Blake	J Davis
	N Delaney	R Pendleton
	E Pope	L Savage
	D Westley	Mrs M Westley
	Whittington	C Wynn

Officers:

- Director of Housing and Inclusion (Ms J Sinnott-Lacey)
- Deputy Director of Development and Regeneration (Mr I Gill)
- Deputy Director of Leisure and Wellbeing (Mr S Burnett)
- Deputy Borough Treasurer (Mr M Kostrzewski)
- Estates and Valuation Manager (Mrs R Kneale)
- Principal Solicitor (Mrs T Sparrow)
- Principal Overview and Scrutiny Officer (Mrs C A Jackson)

13 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Hudson.

14 MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2, Members noted the termination of membership of the Committee of Councillor Moon and the appointment of Councillor Mrs Westley, for this meeting only, thereby giving effect to the wishes of the Political Groups.

15 URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of urgent business.

16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

17 DECLARATIONS OF PARTY WHIP

There were no declarations of a Party Whip.

18 PUBLIC SPEAKING

There were no items under this heading.

19 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 28 September 2017 be received as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

20 RELEVANT MINUTES OF CABINET

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 7 November 2017.

Questions and comments were raised in respect of:

Minute 42 (Garage Strategy 2016/2020 – Update) – improved visual aspect of the estates; positive feedback of residents; continuing and future delivery / investment for the programme.

Minute 48 (Housing and Planning Act 2016: Civil Penalties & Rent Repayment Orders) – impact, if any, for tenants.

Minute 51 (Mart Lane Hall, Burscough) – explanation of Cabinet decision.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 7 November 2017 be noted.

(Note: The Committee agreed to exclude the Press and Public during consideration of Minute 51 (Mart Lane Hall, Burscough) on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 (financial/business affairs) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 and as, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption under Schedule 12A outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information. At the conclusion of the discussion on Minute 51, the meeting was re-opened to the press and public.)

21 CALL-IN

There were no items under this heading.

22 HRA MID-YEAR REVIEW

Consideration was given to the joint report of the Director of Housing and Inclusion and Borough Treasurer that summarised the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and Housing Capital Programme positions for 2017/2018 financial year. The report had previously been considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 7 November 2017 and was scheduled to be considered by Council at its meeting on 13 December 2017.

The Deputy Borough Treasurer attended the meeting and provided an overview of the report referring to details as set down in the report and appendices.

RESOLVED: That the HRA and Housing Capital Programme positions be noted.

(Note: Councillor Pope left the meeting whilst this item was under consideration)

**23 HEALTH & WELLBEING STRATEGY AND DELIVERY PLAN FOR WEST
LANCASHIRE**

Consideration was given to the report of the Borough Solicitor that provided details of the decision of Cabinet, at its meeting on 7 November 2017, on the proposed Health and Wellbeing Strategy and Delivery Plan.

Members considered the report of the Director of Leisure and Wellbeing, attached at Appendix A, the proposed Health and Wellbeing Strategy and Delivery Plan at Appendix 1 of that report and the additional information and revised recommendations that had been circulated at Cabinet, at Appendix B.

The views of the Committee were sought on the Strategy prior to consideration by Council at its meeting on 13 December 2017.

The Deputy Director of Leisure and Wellbeing attended the meeting, provided an overview, referring to details as set down in the report, provided clarification on the issues raised and responded to questions.

In discussion questions and comments were raised in relation to the Priorities and Vision for health and wellbeing; its promotion, partnerships; attracting external funding; encouraging leisure participation, particularly amongst youngsters; provision of facilities and ensuring that reference is made to the Strategy within the Local Plan currently being developed.

The participation corporately to the Strategy was acknowledged as was the excellent report and the challenges and ambitions within the Strategy to contribute to the health and wellbeing of West Lancashire residents.

The Deputy Director of Leisure and Wellbeing, on behalf of those who had been involved in bringing the strategy forward, acknowledged the thanks and positive response to the Strategy. He noted the general comments and made an undertaking to continue to seek out initiatives, through local links and sports partnerships, that could benefit, especially young people, in local schools.

RESOLVED: As a consequence of the discussion on the draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2018-2021, the agreed comments to the relevant Portfolio Holders be:

- (1) That the following additional phrase (page 33, draft Strategy) be included:

“and work as appropriate with local partners such that they engage in similar actions to apply social value considerations through the procurement cycle, especially where this does not occur already.”

- (2) That reference be made to the Strategy within the Local Plan, currently being developed.

24 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That under Section 100(A) 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 (financial/business) and paragraph 5 (legal matters) 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.

25 LAND AUCTION UPDATE

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Development and Regeneration which provided an update on the Land Auction pilot, following a request at the last meeting of the Committee on 28 September 2017.

The Deputy Director of Development and Regeneration attended the meeting provided an overview, clarification on the issues raised and responded to questions.

The Estates and Valuation Manager also attended and responded to questions put to her.

RESOLVED: That the current position in relation to the Land Auction Pilot be noted.

(Notes: (i) Councillor Whittington requested that his vote AGAINST be recorded.
(ii) Councillor Savage left the meeting whilst this item was under consideration.
(iii) Councillor Pope left during consideration of this item and took no further part in the meeting.)

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Chairman