

PENNINES TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING Wednesday, 6th November 2019

PRESENT: Councillor Mir (in the Chair); Councillors Besford, Blundell, Davidson, Dearnley, Emsley, Hartley, Hussain and Taylor.

OFFICERS: D. Bowler (Assistant Director – Place), T. Knight, I. Trickett (Neighbourhoods Directorate), D. Higgins (Children’s Directorate) and P. Thompson (Resources Directorate).

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Detective Sergeant J. Schofield (Greater Manchester Police) and one member of the public.

18 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bamford, Kelly and Paolucci.

19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interests.

20 MINUTES

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the meeting of Pennines Township Committee, held 11th September 2019, be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

21 BLURRED LINES

The Township Committee viewed a film regarding the criminal exploitation and sexual exploitation of children that had been produced by young people of Oulder Hill High School in Rochdale.

At the conclusion of the film Committee Members asked questions of the Greater Manchester Police representative who was in attendance at the meeting. The Committee noted the often disturbing and graphic content of the film, which sadly reflected the current situation that appertained in the Borough

Resolved that the film be noted and welcomed and the children of Oulder Hill High School be commended for the production of their film.

22 OPEN FORUM

The following matter was raised as part of the Open Forum:-

a) Our Rochdale: The Online Directory of Services

Further to minute 20 of the meeting of Pennines Township Committee, held 16th October 2018, relating to the ‘Our Rochdale Online Directory of Services’ presentation a Member sought an update in relation to: the ‘integration with the Council website’ and ‘how private businesses on the website were vetted’.

Resolved

The Pennines Township Officer be requested to seek clarification relating to the Online Directory of Services, as noted above, and to circulate any response received thereon to Members of the Township Committee.

23 TOWNSHIPS PLAN 2020-2022

Resolved:

That consideration of the Townships Plan 2020 – 2022 item be deferred for consideration at the Committee's next scheduled meeting on 5th February 2020.

24 SECTION 106 FORMAL SPORT AND LOCAL OPEN SPACE

The Township considered a report of the Director of Economy that updated Members on the progress made in updating procedures to allocate Section 106 Formal Sport and Local Open Space contributions following an audit report that had been produced in October 2018.

The submitted report provided information on the current balance of unallocated Section 106 Formal Sport and Local Open Space contributions, on a Ward, Township and borough wide basis.

The meeting was informed that Section 106 Planning Obligations, regarding Formal Sport and Local Open Space, attracted significant resources to improve local sports and general recreation facilities for the benefit of the residents of the Borough. The Council is obliged to ensure that these resources are spent efficiently and in accordance with local policy and Government guidance.

Following an audit of the Section 106 process in October 2018, additional procedures have been developed to ensure the efficient allocation and spend of historic and new Section 106 contributions in accordance with local policy and Government guidance.

It was intended that regular reports updating Members on this matter would be submitted to future meetings of the Committee.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.