

PENNINES TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING Wednesday 22nd July 2020

PRESENT: Councillor Mir (Chair); Councillors Davidson, Dearnley, Emsley, Hartley, Kelly, Paolucci, Blundell, Bamford, Taylor and Besford

OFFICERS: V. White and P. Harris (Neighbourhoods Directorate) and A. James (Resources Directorate)

Apologies for Absence: Councillor Aftab Hussain

APOLOGIES

39 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Hussain.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

40 There were no declarations of interest.

URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

41 There were no urgent items of business.

MINUTES - PENNINES TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

42 The Minutes of the meeting of the Pennines Township Committee held on 17th June 2020 were considered.

Members noted that in relation to the changes that had been proposed for the carry forward of revenue funds at that time that they had requested further details about the reasons for the changes and also about the new arrangements that had subsequently been proposed for the carry forward of revenue funds and that this should have been included in the Minutes of the last meeting.

Resolved

1. That subject to the inclusion of the additional details as outlined above, that the Minutes of the meeting of the Pennines Township Committee held on 17th June 2020 be approved as a correct record.

PRESENTATION - PLAY STRATEGY

43 The Committee received a presentation relating to the Play Strategy that was currently in development. The Strategy would be a 10 year strategy and was needed to:

- To move management methods from reacting to circumstances to a planned and progressive method;
- To enable Councillors inform the actions of Officers;
- For new s106 legal processes at the Planning Application stage;
- Everyone pulling together to achieve the shared aims.

The Committee was given an outline of some initial proposals for the Township and the next steps in the process would be:

- Consultation with Townships to agree Township specific action plans within the wider strategy;

- Township agree actions on any decisions around existing over and under provision and cross Ward boundary decisions;
- Adopting the strategy via report to Cabinet;
- Ongoing review process with Township / Ward Members so the action plan for the Township is kept up to date.

Members of the Committee made a number of comments and observations relating to the draft play strategy proposals which included:-

- Planning status of the areas was an issue;
- Public feedback should be included within the proposals;
- Ongoing maintenance costs of play areas once installed was an issue;
- Only Council and RBH owned play areas had so far been included in the strategy proposals;
- Further consultation would be undertaken with Ward Councillors to include any specific sites within Wards that needed to be considered as part of the strategy.

Resolved:

1. That the presentation be noted.

WARDLE AND SMALLBRIDGE FOOTBALL CLUB

44 The Committee considered the report of the Director of Neighbourhoods which presented recommended options and sought funding for the completion of playing pitches at Wardle and Smallbridge Football Club.

Alternatives considered:

Three alternative options for the project were outlined within the submitted report.

In considering the report and the options presented, the Committee, although fully supportive of the valuable community scheme being completed, had some concerns that the budget had been exceeded and that the Township was now being requested to allocate further funds to complete the project. It was agreed that Cabinet be requested to consider whether there were any funds available corporately towards completing the scheme and if not, that the Township would underwrite the full costs of Option1 which totalled £18,000.

Resolved:

1. That due to the ongoing issues with the budget and project for completing the Wardle and Smallbridge Football Club pitches, that the Cabinet be requested to consider contributing funds to complete the project with the Township agreeing to underwrite the total cost of the completing the project of £18,000 from Township Capital Funds should the Cabinet be not able to provide any assistance.

Reasons for the decision:

To ensure the sufficient funding is made available for the additional requirement to meet Planning recommendations and to complete the scheme.