

MIDDLETON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

Thursday, 26th May 2016

PRESENT: Councillor June West (In the Chair); Councillors Boriss, Burke, Neil Emmott, Susan Emmott, Furlong, Joinson, Rowbotham, Smith, Wardle, Donna Williams and Peter Williams

OFFICERS: L Mason and E Holliday (Neighbourhoods Directorate) and N Riggs (Economy Directorate) J Taylor and D Higgins (Children's Directorate) and C Denyer (Resources Directorate)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Inspector C MacDiarmid, Inspector K Williams, and Police Officer S Ockwell (Greater Manchester Police) and 7 members of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor Bell, Councillor Martin and Councillor Robinson

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR FOR 2016/2017

1 DECIDED – that Councillor West be appointed Chair of the Middleton Township Committee for 2016/2017.

(Councillor West in the Chair)

APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR FOR 2016/2017

2 DECIDED – that Councillor Burke be appointed Vice-Chair of the Middleton Township Committee for 2016/2017.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3 There were no declarations of interest

OPEN FORUM (6.15-6.45PM)

4 The Chair welcomed everyone to the first Middleton Township Committee meeting of the Municipal year and introduced the newly elected Ward Members for West Middleton (Councillor Susan Smith) and North Middleton (Councillor Donna Williams).

a) Mellalieu Street Issues

Ms Stevens raised a number of questions on behalf of the Friends of Mellalieu Street as follows:-

- i) In response to a question regarding the provision of waste bins on Mellalieu Street the Committee was advised that the bins would be in place by mid – June.
- ii) In response to concerns raised by Ms Stevens that some of the shop keepers on Long Street appeared to move from one unit to another the Township Manager undertook to provide a written response to the query.
- iii) In response to concerns regarding the painting of a shop front on Long Street in black and red paint that had dripped onto the new street paving the Committee was advised that steps had been taken to ensure that the paint on the paving stones had been removed and the shop keeper advised of the requirement for

the shop fronts and shutters in the conservation area to obtain consent for changes to be made.

- iv) With regard to the problems of cars parking on the pavement on Long Street in front of the shops the Committee was advised that railings were due to be erected to prevent this in the future.
 - v) With regard to the issue of traffic calming measures on Mellalieu Street the Committee was advised that the Highways Services Manager had requested a meeting with the Fire and Ambulance Services with regard to what measures would be suitable.
- b) Langley – Environmental Management Scheme

Mr Vose raised a query about the new environmental management arrangements on the Riverside estate in Langley. In response Councillor Burke, a West Middleton Ward Member, advised the Committee that consultation had been undertaken with the residents by Riverside and that an information leaflet regarding the new arrangements would be issued to the residents shortly

- c) Jubilee Park

In response to a question regarding the work to be undertaken at Jubilee Park the Committee was advised that revised plans were to be submitted following concerns raised by Highways and Engineering.

LOCAL POLICING CHANGES - PRESENTATION

5 The Committee were informed that Greater Manchester Police were in the process of changing their approach to local policing. This was presented as a positive development, in that the reorganisation was intended to result in police “neighbourhoods” being more closely aligned with the current Township and Ward structure. This was hoped to provide two main benefits as elected members would have more clearly defined points of contact within local police teams which will hopefully lead to improved communication at a senior level, and that there should be greater accountability with senior police staff being responsible for a particular local area. The Township were further advised that the reorganisation of the officers shift pattern has resulted in more officers being on duty at peak times and more police visibility locally.

Greater Manchester Police had previously briefed Members of the Council on the proposals on 6th April 2016, prior to these new arrangements coming into force in early May 2016. The purpose of the presentation to the Township was so that the local police officers could introduce themselves to the Township Committee and provide further information on how Members could access the new policing teams.

DECIDED – that the presentation be welcomed and noted.

MINUTES - MIDDLETON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

6 **DECIDED – that the Minutes of the meeting of the Middleton Township Committee held on 10th March 2016 be approved as a correct record.**

MINUTES - MIDDLETON TOWNSHIP DEVOLVED FUNDING AND DEVOLVED SERVICES SUB COMMITTEE

7 **DECIDED – that the Minutes of the meeting of the Middleton Township Devolved Funding and Services Sub-Committee held on 29th March 2016 be noted.**

MINUTES - MIDDLETON TOWNSHIP PLANNING SUB COMMITTEE

8 **DECIDED – that the Minutes of the meetings of the Middleton Township Planning Sub-Committee held on 25th February, 23rd March and 13th April 2016 be noted.**

MIDDLETON TOWNSHIP DELEGATION ARRANGEMENTS 2016/17

9 The Committee considered the report of the Head of Legal and Governance Reform which requested the Township Committee to confirm its delegated decision making arrangements for the 2016/2017 Municipal Year.

The recommendations are presented to enable the Committee to confirm its delegated decision making arrangements for the 2016/2017 Municipal Year as required by the Council Constitution.

DECIDED - that (1) the Sub-Committee structure of the Middleton Township Committee, comprising the Middleton Township Devolved Funding and Services Sub-Committee, Middleton Township Planning Sub-Committee and the Middleton Township Delegated Sub-Committee be confirmed;

(2) the terms of reference of the Middleton Township Devolved Funding and Services Sub-Committee be noted;

(3) the delegation arrangements to the Middleton Township Planning Sub-Committee, as contained within Development Control Scheme be noted;

(4) the delegation arrangements to the Middleton Township Delegated Sub-Committee, as contained within the Scheme of Delegation to Township Committees be noted.

Eligible for call in: no

MIDDLETON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE – APPOINTMENTS 2016/17

10 The Committee considered the report of the Head of Legal and Governance Reform which requested the Township Committee to make appropriate appointments, for the 2016/2017 Municipal Year; to the Township Sub-Committees including their Chairs, Vice Chairs and substitute members; and the appointment to various Working Groups and Other Bodies.

The recommendations were put forward as the appointment of Sub-Committees is required to enable the undertaking of delegated functions. The Constitution of the Council requires the Township Committee to appoint Chairs and Vice Chairs of their Sub-Committees and there are a number of Working Groups and further Bodies to which the Township Committee appoints, or is invited to appoint.

DECIDED – that appointments to Middleton Township Sub-Committees, Working Groups and other Bodies for 2016/2017 will be as follows:-

Township Sub-Committees

Middleton Township Planning Sub-Committee

Councillor Burke (Chair)

Councillor West (Vice Chair)

Councillor Bell

Councillor Boriss

Councillor Rowbotham

Councillor Susan Smith

Councillor Donna Williams

Substitute Members – Councillor Susan Emmott and Councillor Peter Williams

Middleton Township Devolved Funding and Services Sub-Committee

Councillor West (Chair)

Councillor Burke (Vice Chair)

Councillors Bell; Boriss; Neil Emmott; Susan Emmott; Furlong; Joinson; Martin; Robinson; Rowbotham; Smith; Wardle; Donna Williams and Peter Williams

Middleton Township Delegated Sub-Committee

Councillor West (Chair)

Councillor Burke (Vice Chair)

Councillor Susan Emmott

Councillor Joinson

Councillor Rowbotham

Substitute Members – Councillors Furlong and Peter Williams

Township Working Groups

Middleton Township Environment and Culture Forum

Councillor West (Chair)

Councillors Bell; Boriss; Burke; Neil Emmott; Susan Emmott; Greenall; Furlong; Joinson; Martin; Robinson; Rowbotham; Smith; Wardle; Donna Williams and Peter Williams

Middleton Regeneration and Transport Working Party

Councillor West (Chair)

Councillors Bell; Boriss; Burke; Neil Emmott; Susan Emmott; Greenall; Furlong; Joinson; Martin; Robinson; Rowbotham; Smith; Wardle; Donna Williams and Peter Williams

Other Bodies

Langley Estate Strategy Group – Councillor Smith; Substitute Member – Councillor Burke

Middleton Town Centre Management Company and Middleton Market Company: Councillors Joinson; West and Peter Williams.

Brentwood Day Centre – Management Committee – Councillor Donna Williams

Heritage Board - Councillors Bell; Susan Emmott; Rowbotham and West.

Eligible for call in: no

TOWNSHIPS PLAN 2015 & 2016

11 The Committee was requested to agree the priorities contained within the Township's Plan 2015 and 2016, as detailed at Appendix 'A' to the Director of Neighbourhood's report. The Township's Plan included strategies and objectives identified to meet the priorities identified by each Township. The Plan was intended to guide and direct the use of devolved budgets, including the Township Funds, for the financial year 2016/17. The report also advised that Members were to be consulted on the development of a new three-year Township Plan following the introduction of the Council's new Corporate Plan.

In terms of the Council's defined Corporate Priorities, the Township's Plan was to be developed in line with the new Council wide Corporate Plan. The Townships Plan

was intended to focus on the Council's three key priorities of Prosperity, People and Place.

Alternatives considered: None.

DECIDED – That (1) the Township Plan 2015 and 2016 be approved;

(2) The Committee notes that the Township Plan takes Townships to the end of 2016, when a new Townships Plan is proposed to be developed in line with the Council's new Corporate Plan, and in line with the Council' Corporate Priorities;

(3) the Committee approves the Township Plan for the purpose of allowing the Township to focus on local priorities in line with the Council's three key priorities – Prosperity, People and Place.

Eligible for Call-in: Yes.

MIDDLETON TOWNSHIP FUNDS 2016/17

12 The Committee considered the report of the Director of Neighbourhoods which provided a review of revenue and capital expenditure during 2015/16 and provided options for the allocation of funds in 2016/17. The Committee were also requested to consider the Middleton Township Funds terms and conditions and delegation arrangements concerning funding decisions.

The recommendations were put forward as management of the Middleton Township Fund is delegated to the Middleton Township Devolved Funding and Devolved Services Sub-Committee. Middleton Township Funds are allocated to projects/schemes that benefit the Township's community and environment and realise the Township priorities and to enable the Committee to monitor and review the use of the Middleton Township Funds to ensure continued efficient and effective use of Township Funds.

DECIDED – that (1) the expenditure, commitments and balances for Middleton Township revenue and capital funds at financial year end 2015/16 as detailed in Appendix 1 and 2 of the submitted report be noted;

(2) the findings of the review of Township Funds 2014/15 as detailed in Appendix 3 of the submitted report and feedback received to date for some of the projects funded during 2015/16 as detailed in Appendix 4 of the submitted report be noted;

(3) the allocation of Middleton Township Funds to funding streams in 2016/17 be approved as Option One for Revenue Funds and Option One for Capital Funds as detailed in Appendix 5 of the submitted report;

(4) the terms and conditions for the Middleton Township revenue and capital funds for 2016/17 as detailed in Appendix 6 of the submitted report be approved;

(5) the delegation arrangements for Middleton Township Funds 2015/16 as detailed in paragraph 3.6 of the submitted report be approved.

Eligible for call in: yes

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

13 **DECIDED – That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business since it is likely, that in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information, namely information relating to the business or financial affairs of any person (including the authority holding that information).**

DISPOSAL OF LAND AT HANSON CLOSE

14 The Township Committee considered a report of the Director of Economy the purpose of which was to request the consent from Middleton Township Committee to dispose of the freehold of a parcel of land at Hanson Close to the current long-leasehold tenant.

DECIDED - that the disposal to the long-leaseholder of the Council's freehold reversionary interest in the land at Hanson Close as detailed in appendix 1 to the submitted report be recommended to Cabinet for approval.

Eligible for call in: No