

MIDDLETON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING Thursday 14th November 2019

PRESENT: Councillor Donna Williams (Chair); Councillors Boriss, Dale, Joinson, Martin, Rowbotham, Smith, West and Peter Williams

OFFICERS: Nick Barton (Economy Directorate), Lauren Mason and Andy Quinn (Neighbourhoods Directorate), Alison James (Resources Directorate)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Sergeant N Galgani (Greater Manchester Police) and 5 members of the public

20 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Burke, Councillor Neil Emmott, Councillor Susan Emmott, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Robinson and Councillor Wardle.

21 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

22 **URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

There were no urgent items of business.

23 **BLURRED LINES**

This item was withdrawn from the Agenda and the link to the film would instead be circulated to Members.

24 **OPEN FORUM**

There were no items raised as part of the Open Forum.

25 **MINUTES - MIDDLETON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Middleton Township Committee held on 12th September 2019 be approved and signed as a correct record.

26 **MINUTES - MIDDLETON TOWNSHIP DEVOLVED FUNDING AND SERVICES SUB-COMMITTEE**

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Middleton Township Devolved Funding and Services Sub-Committee held on 3rd October 2019 be noted.

27 **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.

Members of the Committee referred to sites that had been identified previously for Section 106 funding that they would like to see progressed at the earliest possible opportunity.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

Eligible for call in – no