

PENNINES TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING Wednesday, 16 September 2020

PRESENT: Councillors Besford (Chair), Emsley, Hartley, Davidson, Dearnely, Blundell, Paolucci, Bamford, Taylor, Hussain and Kelly.

OFFICERS: Tracey Knight (Neighbourhoods Directorate), Nazam Suleman (Resources Directorate), Nick Barton (Economy Directorate)

45 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mir.

46 MINUTES RESOLVED

That the Minutes held on Wednesday 22nd July be approved as a correct record.

HOLLINGWORTH LAKE VISTORS CENTRE

The committee were updated on the tender proposals for Hollingworth Lake.

RESOLVED

The comments be noted and taken to Cabinet.

47 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

48 URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

There were no urgent items of business.

49 SECTION 106 - PENNINES PLAY PROVISION

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Economy which sought approval to allocate funds currently held from Section 106 Open Space contributions in Pennines Ward to improve play facilities at Hare Hill Park and Stansfield Estate.

Alternatives considered:

The Council is required to spend Section 106 contributions in accordance with legal agreements and local and national planning policy. Not bringing forward projects to spend Section 106 contributions in accordance with these agreements and policies risk the loss of investment in local facilities, and the refunding of monies held from Section 106 contributions where there is a time limited period for spend.

Proposals put forward in the report have been the subject of consultation with Ward Members and reflect their priorities. The use of resources has been considered to maximise the funding available.

In considering the report, although fully supportive of the project, Members wanted answers to why Rochdale Boroughwide Housing are not allowing the council to build on existing parks in the Township.

Resolved:

1. That the allocation of £27,007 from Section 106 Open Space contributions to improvements to toddler, junior and adventure play facilities at Hare Hill Park be approved.
2. That the decision in relation to the allocation of £105,000 to provide new toddler and junior play facilities at Barnes Meadow be delegated to Director of Economy in consultation with ward members following clarification from RBH on the status of location.

Reasons for the Recommendation:

Pennines Committee Members have previously requested that all Section 106 Open Space funded schemes be approved by Members by way of a report to an appropriate committee. A similar process of reporting exists in all other Townships.

Costed schemes have been prepared by the Council's Environmental Management Service and are supported by Ward Councillors.

The schemes are within the parameters of the Section 106 agreements and the Council's 'Provision of Recreational Open Space in New Housing' Supplementary Planning Document.

Eligible for call in - yes