



Council Minutes

Minutes of the Council meeting of the Wyre Borough Council held at the Civic Centre, Poulton-le-Fylde on Thursday 14 July 2011.

Councillors present:

The Mayor, Councillor Bannister, and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Williams

Councillor Amos	Councillor Greenhough	Councillor Murphy
Councillor Anderson	Councillor C Grunshaw	Councillor Ormrod
Councillor E Anderton	Councillor J Grunshaw	Councillor Perkin
Councillor Balmain	Councillor Hargreaves	Councillor Robinson
Councillor Beavers	Councillor Henderson	Councillor Rogers
Councillor Berry	Councillor Hewitt	Councillor Shewan
Councillor Birch MBE	Councillor Hodgkinson	Councillor Swift
Councillor Bridge	Councillor Kay	Councillor V Taylor
Councillor Bowen	Councillor Lawrenson	Councillor Turner
Councillor Brooks	Councillor Lees	Councillor A Vincent
Councillor Catterall	Councillor Martin	Councillor M Vincent
Councillor Collinson	Councillor MacNaughton	Councillor Walmsley
Councillors I Duffy	Councillor McCann	Councillor Wilson
Councillors R Duffy	Councillor McKay	
Councillor Gibson	Councillor Moon	

Apologies: Councillors M Anderton, Lady Atkins, Cocker, M Gandhi, R Gandhi OBE, Newsham, Pimbley, Smith, T Taylor and Treece-Birch.

Officers present:

Donna Hall, CBE (Chief Executive)
Garry Payne (Director of Regeneration and Chief Executive Designate)
Philippa Davies (Director of Resources)
Michael Ryan (Director of People and Places)
Elizabeth O'Connor (Legal Services Manager)
Nikki Wilcock (PR & Consultation Manager)
Roy Saunders (Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager)
Sharon Davis (Scrutiny Officer)

Also present: The Mayor's Chaplain (Reverend Martin Keighley), the Deputy Mayoress and two members of the public.

COU. Confirmation of Minutes

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Councillor Shewan stated, with reference to the question from Mr Chester

and the response from the Resources Portfolio Holder relating to Albert Street car park referred to in minute 17, that no response had been sent to him.

RESOLVED that that the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 9 June 2011 be confirmed as a correct record.

COU. **Declarations of Interest**
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Councillor C Grunshaw declared a personal and a potentially prejudicial interest on policing issues which might be discussed under questions on notice and executive reports as a member of the police authority.

Councillor Moon declared a personal interest on agenda item 17 (Depot Facilities for Future Operations) because his son worked at the Council's current depot.

Councillors Beavers and Shewan both declared a personal interest on agenda item 10c (Street Scene Portfolio Holder Executive Report) as members of the Board of Refurb.

COU. **Announcements**
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(a) Councillor Birch

The Mayor congratulated Councillor Birch on his award of the MBE for services to the Fylde Coast in the Queen's Birthday Honours.

(b) Coaching Certificates Awards

The Mayor presented fourteen Level 1 and Level 2 Coaching Certificates, awarded by the British Roller Sports Federation in partnership with Sporting Lend a Hand Sports Coach UK, to:

Elliot Akers, Robert Sanderson, Sean Tordoff, Niall Valentine, Keira Tracey, Jamie Norcliffe, Sam Burrows, William Davies, Jamie Speakman, Jarreth Thomas, Alex Slade, Rob Larcombe, Ross Powell, Adam Kay and Councillor Andrea Kay

He congratulated the recipients and said that he understood that Wyre was the only Council to have so many of these coaches, most areas having only one or two.

(c) Mayor's Charity Event

The Mayor reminded Members that a strawberry tea was to be held at 2.00pm on Saturday 23 July, with proceeds to go to the Mayor's Charity.

(d) Special Council Meeting

The Mayor reminded Members that a special meeting of the Council, to award the title of Honorary Alderman to five former Councillors, would be held at 7.00pm on Thursday 4 August. He asked Members to let Andrea Mullin know whether or not they were planning to attend.

(e) MJ Achievement Award.

The Street Scene Portfolio Holder (Councillor Murphy) announced that the Council had been highly commended in the Councillor Development category at the 2011 Municipal Journal Achievements Awards and presented the certificate to the Mayor.

COU. Young Mayor 2011/12
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The Mayor presented the badge of office for the Young Mayor for 2011/12 to Rory Mower.

He also introduced the Council to Gemma Collins who, had been elected as Deputy Young Mayor for 2011/12.

COU. Presentation: Young Mayor 2010/11
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James McConnachie made a presentation on the series of activities he had carried out during his year in office as young mayor. He said that he had greatly enjoyed the role and had found it interesting and valuable.

The Mayor thanked James for his presentation and for his service to the Council in 2010/11 and presented him with a trophy to commemorate his year of office.

COU. Public Questions
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None.

COU. Questions "On Notice" from Councillors
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1. Question from Cllr Brooks to the Neighbourhood Services Portfolio Holder (Cllr Berry): Affordable Homes

"Would the Portfolio Holder advise the total number of new Affordable Homes constructed in the borough by Registered Social Landlords or Registered Providers for social letting in each of the five years from 2006 to 2010 broken down between the Urban and Rural areas of the Borough.

Would he also advise the total number of affordable homes not yet constructed but in receipt of planning permission broken down

between the Urban and Rural areas?"

Councillor Berry said, in response, that the number of affordable homes built, broken down in the way requested, were as follows:

2006/7

29 completions - 22 urban & 7 rural

2007/8

67 completions - 31 urban & 36 rural

2008/09

39 completions - 39 urban & 0 rural

2009/10

34 completions - 14 urban & 20 rural

2010/11

39 completions - 12 urban & 27 rural

He said that in terms of future affordable development he thought it was more relevant to list those planning applications which were actually on-site and therefore would actually deliver further affordable units in 2011/12. There were other sites, such as Bourne Road and future FirstBuy Direct properties within the AAP, in the pipeline but they would not be delivering affordable housing until 2012/13. The sites that were due to deliver in 2011/12 were as follows;

URBAN - Laidleys Walk, Fleetwood - 23 units

URBAN - Fleetwood Dock Harbour Village - 46 units

URBAN - Bold Street - 3 units

RURAL - Beech House, Claughton-on-Brock - 13 units

RURAL - Birch Grove, Stalmine - 16 units

TOTAL for 2011/12 - 101 units (72 URBAN & 29 RURAL)

Cllr Berry said, in respect to a supplementary question from Cllr Brooks, in which he questioned whether the figure of 65 new affordable houses per annum included in the Council's Business Plan was sufficient, that the ability to deliver the desired levels of

affordable housing depended to a significant extent on the future economic climate. He said that the Council had identified its priorities for the delivery of social housing, including the conversion of houses in multiple occupation in urban areas and the provision of new affordable houses in rural areas. Unlike some councils, Wyre had signed-up to an action plan and, if sufficient finance was available, he believed that there was a good chance of providing as much affordable housing as possible. He said that the Council had a good relationship with social housing providers, who were keen to work with the Council to increase the stock of such housing.

2. Question from Cllr Brooks to the Economy Portfolio Holder (Cllr Birch): Regeneration of Rural Economy

“The Portfolio Holder has for many months, if not years, reported that he and his officers were engaged in, first regenerating and now, revitalising the Rural areas. This assumes that there are serious issues to be addressed.

What is your assessment of the state of Agriculture, Industry, and the Commercial, Service and Retail sectors in Rural Wyre? What initiatives have you taken, and with what success, and what initiatives are you about to take to deal with the perceived threats?”

Cllr Birch said, in response, that both he and officers had over a number of years, been actively involved in facilitating significant investment into a range of activities to support the rural economy. A detailed response, including financial information had been compiled which he said he proposed to send directly to Cllr Brooks.

He referred briefly to the following projects:

- Rural Wyre Children's Centre;
- Village Halls Fund;
- Tourism Support;
- Shopfront Improvement Scheme;
- Community ICT;
- Country Farm Stud;
- Hamilton House, Rural Workshops;
- Great Eccleston Scout Hut;
- Fell View Caravan Site.

Cllr Birch, in response to a supplementary question from Cllr Brooks, urged local Councillors and Parish Councils to bring forward potential rural development schemes. He said that he looked forward to working with the Lead Member for Rural Issues and with Councillors representing rural wards to identify potential development projects or initiatives.

3. Question from Cllr Brooks to the Street Scene Portfolio Holder (Cllr Murphy): Waste Management

“At the last Council meeting the Portfolio Holder reported that a letter would be sent to Fylde Borough Council demanding a reduction in the annual fee this Council pays for the Commercial Waste Contract.

Will he please publish the reply that he has received?”

Cllr Murphy said, in response, that notice to vary the existing commercial waste contract had been served on the contractor, Fylde Borough Council on 16 June.

The Notice had given the contractor one month to change the specification and pricing schedule to reflect the reduced number of customers wishing to use the commercial waste service.

A detailed response had been received from the contractor who had raised a number of issues that required further clarification.

An officer meeting had been held on Monday this week to deal with these issues. As a result, compliance with the variation notice was expected shortly which would confirm the date that the new arrangements would take effect.

This would meet the objective of reducing the cost of the service in the current financial year.

Cllr Murphy confirmed, in response to a supplementary question from Cllr Brooks, that negotiations were currently taking place with Fylde Council on costs.

4. Question from Cllr Brooks to the Leisure and Culture Portfolio Holder (Cllr Bowen): Marine Hall

“Does the Portfolio Holder agree that over the last twelve years the Council Tax Payer has subsidised the Marine Hall and its various activities by up to approximately half a million pounds a year despite repeated attempts to make it pay including changing the management and considerable Capital Investment which is over and above the annual Revenue losses. Does the Portfolio Holder further agree that this Council should not be in the business of running an entertainment venue and that particularly in these difficult financial times where others are having to take the consequences it is intolerable that the Council should continue to preside over the outward flow of scarce resources that could be better spent on projects that have a positive future?”

Cllr Bowen said, in response, that Councillor Brooks was correct with his statement that the Marine Hall was heavily subsidised by the

Council Tax Payer. In the Council's budget for 2011/12 the projected subsidy amounted to £487,000. This was clearly not acceptable in the current financial climate and plans were being put in place to deal with this issue. Whilst Cllr Brooks had indicated that previous attempts to tackle this financial problem had been unsuccessful the circumstances under which the Council was now operating were different. In addition, the new Management Team had taken personal responsibility to ensure that change was led and delivered from the top of the organisation.

The approach to the Marine Hall involved four things;

- firstly, reducing expenditure through revised arrangements for catering and the operation of the bar;
- secondly, revised management arrangements with clear objectives around the financial operation of the venue;
- thirdly, improving the quality and range of events to increase income, which would also require an improved approach to marketing and promotion;
- finally, as stated again by Cllr Brooks, should the Council be in the business of running an entertainment venue? The Cabinet's view was that every effort should be made to find a partner whose core business was the operation of an entertainment venue.

Cllr Bowen stated, in response to a supplementary question from Cllr Brooks in which he expressed frustration about the lack of progress on previous initiatives, that, in the financial situation now faced by the Council, reducing losses at the Marine Hall was imperative.

5. Question from Cllr Grunshaw to the Leader (Cllr Gibson): PCSO's

"With reference to the reduction in the number of PCSOs in Wyre in a recent article in the Blackpool Gazette you accuse the police of a "huge betrayal" and of "playing politics". Can you be specific about who you are referring to?"

Cllr Gibson said, in response, that in the article referred to he had been responding to a quote issued by the Police Media Centre. He said he had spoken to Chief Superintendent Bayly earlier that day. Chief Superintendent Bayly had acknowledged that an inaccurate statement that had been released by the police and had apologised for any offence which had been caused.

Cllr Grunshaw asked, in a supplementary question whether Cllr Gibson would apologise for the shameful comments attributed to

him, which challenged the political independence of the police.

Cllr Gibson referred in his response to a suggested protocol discussed at the November meeting of the "More for Less Group" of the Wyre Strategic Partnership, on which the police were represented, under which it had been proposed that only joint press releases would be issued. The statement issued by the Police Media Centre had not complied with the proposed protocol.

6. Question from Cllr Grunshaw to the Leader (Cllr Gibson): PCSO's

"With reference to the reduction in the number of PCSO's in Wyre Chief Supt Richard Bayly said (Blackpool Gazette Friday 24 June) "the police had always made it clear if funding was removed the force would have no choice but to relocate PCSOs" and describing the situation as regrettable he said "the force had worked hard to persuade the local authority to continue to fund them".

Are you suggesting that Chief Supt Bayly is lying or misleading the public in relation to the reductions of PCSOs in Wyre, if so why?"

Cllr Gibson said, in response, that this question raised two issues.

Firstly, the number of PCSO's. He said this was a police responsibility.

Secondly, funding for PCSO's. He re-iterated that there was £234,000 in the Council's PCSO reserve budget and that amount had not been reduced. The police had asked that the spending be spread over two years. He also pointed out that the PCSO's Task Group had also recommended that the spending be spread over two years. A Memorandum of Understanding had been signed in April. He said that Cllr Grunshaw could have challenged the recommendations of the Task Group or could have called-in the decision of the Cabinet approving the Task Group recommendations, or could have opposed the allocation of funding for PCSO's at the Council's budget meeting.

Cllr Grunshaw stated in a supplementary question that Chief Superintendent Bayly had an impeccable reputation and when he had met him earlier in the week had expressed shock at the comments made by the Leader. He asked whether Cllr Gibson was prepared to admit that he was wrong and to apologise.

Cllr Gibson said that he had not mentioned Chief Superintendent Bayly, he had referred to the police statement.

He pointed out that 18 PCSO's were fully funded by the police in Fylde, 32 were fully funded in Lancaster, whereas only 15 (now 13) were fully funded by the police in Wyre.

7. Question from Cllr Grunshaw to the Leader (Cllr Gibson): PCSO's

"Again with reference to the reduction in the numbers of PCSOs in Wyre an unnamed Wyre Council Spokesperson stated (Blackpool Gazette Wednesday 22 June): "Wyre Council have not reduced funding for the PCSOs" and further "we have no control over the numbers (of PCSOs) employed. That is a decision for the police."

Could Cllr Gibson identify who the unnamed Wyre spokesperson was, in this instance, and does he concur with these comments?"

Cllr Gibson said that the comments referred to were the views of the Council as a whole, not a particular officer.

Cllr Gibson said that he rejected an assertion, in a supplementary question from Cllr Grunshaw, that the Council press statement was totally inaccurate. He stressed that the figure of £234,000 was included in the Memorandum of Understanding and had not been reduced.

8. Question from Cllr Grunshaw to the Leader (Cllr Gibson): PCSO's

"Again with reference to the reduction of PCSOs in Wyre does Cllr Gibson accept that the resources allocated to part-fund PCSOs in Wyre is as follows:

<i>07/08</i>	<i>£220,000</i>
<i>08/09</i>	<i>£220,000</i>
<i>09/10</i>	<i>£220,000</i>
<i>10/11</i>	<i>£211,742.47</i>

And then for the two year period from 1 April 2011 until 31 March 2013 there is an earmarked reserve of just £234,930 – representing a reduction of nearly half the year-on-year funding for PCSOs within Wyre.

Does he accept that a change in funding from an annual contribution of £220k to a two year contribution of £235k is a reduction?"

Cllr Gibson said that his view was different. The original funding agreed had been £466,400 for 2006/07, 2007/08 and 2008/09. A further £680,000 reserve budget had then been approved for 2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12, leaving £234,000 in the earmarked reserve. By the end of 2012/13 the Council would have provided £1,129,000 on PCSO's.

Cllr Grunshaw suggested, in a supplementary question, that Cllr Gibson had misled the public because the budget and the number of PCSO's had been reduced.

Cllr Gibson said that Cllr Grunshaw was criticising Wyre for spending more on PCSO's than all but one of the district councils in Lancashire. He said that if Labour had been in control there would have been no funding for PCSO's.

9. Question from Cllr Grunshaw to the Leader (Cllr Gibson): PCSO's

“Finally, if it is to be found that Chief Supt Richard Bayly has not, in fact, misled the public over the reduction of PCSOs in Wyre would you consider that your credibility has been tarnished and would you consider a) apologising and b) resigning as leader of Wyre Council?”

Cllr Gibson said that he had no need to apologise and that he would not resign.

COU. Executive Reports
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(a) Leader of the Council

The Leader of the Council (Cllr Gibson) submitted a report.

Councillor Gibson stated, in response to a question from Councillor Brooks, that he understood that there had been a communication problem regarding the recruitment of members to the street cleaning task group and that a number of Labour members had now volunteered to be on the group.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

(b) Resources Portfolio Holder

The Resources Portfolio Holder (Cllr A Vincent) submitted a report.

There were no questions or comments from Members of the Council.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

(c) Street Scene Portfolio Holder

The Street Scene Portfolio Holder (Cllr Murphy) submitted a report. He said, further to the information contained in paragraph 1 of the appendix to his report, that tenders had now been submitted by the three companies bidding for the waste management contract. The valuation process was continuing, with interviews with each of the bidders to be held during the following week.

Councillor Murphy stated, in response to a question from Councillor Martin, that churches and buildings occupied by faith organisations

were classified as non-domestic premises for waste collection purposes. He said that, following the price increases imposed by the Council for the waste collection service, most such organisations were now having their waste collected by commercial operators.

Councillor Murphy said that he would arrange for a written response to be sent to Councillor Beavers explaining why Refurb had been considered not to have the capacity to undertake the collection and recycling of bulky waste for the Council.

Councillor Murphy welcomed comments from Councillor Bridge complimenting officers on the prompt removal of fly posting. He emphasised that this was indicative of the “can do” attitude and positive responses to requests being adopted for street scene services within the new People and Places Directorate.

Councillor Murphy welcomed comments from Councillor Moon about the improved standard of grass cutting in the rural areas. Councillor Murphy also commented on the excellent work being undertaken by large numbers of volunteers throughout Wyre in preparation for the judging of the Britain in Bloom competition.

Councillor Murphy said that although the Council was about to launch a bulky waste collection service in conjunction with Refurb, he agreed with comments from Councillor Brooks about the likely consequences of the closure of the household waste recycling centre at Cloughton, including increased fly tipping. He said that he hoped that Lancashire Council would react positively to responses to the current consultation on the proposed closure.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

(d) Economy Portfolio Holder

The Economy Portfolio Holder (Cllr Birch) submitted a report.

Councillor Birch said, in response to statements by Councillor Grunshaw that he could not give a clear timescale for the provision of the proposed Fish and Food Park but, provision for the fish processing industry was still a priority.

Councillor Birch said, in response to a question from Councillor Hargreaves, that delicate discussions were continuing on the proposed sale of the Teanlowe Centre. However, the future of Poulton was looking rosy, with the proposed redevelopment of the Booths store likely to initiate massive development for the town.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

(e) Neighbourhood Service Portfolio Holder

The Neighbourhood Services Portfolio Holder (Cllr Berry) submitted a report.

Councillor Berry stated, in response to comments made by Councillor MacNaughton about the recent illegal incursion onto a playing field by travellers, that the Council must respect the law and that better and quicker outcomes would be achieved by following the specified protocols.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

(f) Leisure and Culture Portfolio Holder

The Leisure and Culture Portfolio Holder (Cllr Bowen) submitted a report.

Councillor Bowen stated, in response to comments from Councillor Beavers, that the Cabinet would be considering ways of running the Marine Hall more efficiently rather than selling it off.

Councillor Bowen stated, in response to a question from Councillor Martin, that the Council currently supported bowling greens quite significantly in the urban areas, although it no longer provided support in the rural areas. Such support was not provided to other sports and, in the current financial climate, it would not be possible to support bowling further.

Councillor Bowen stated, in response to comments by Councillor Shewan, that the Council was no longer able to remove sand from certain areas of the beach at Fleetwood because it had been designated as a heritage site. She said, however, that there had been 17 extra clean ups in that area. She suggested that the Town Council might wish to appoint a lengthsman to target such areas.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

COU. Planning Committee: Periodic Report
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The Chairman of the Planning Committee (Councillor Henderson) submitted a report, informing the Council of the current position on issues being dealt with by the Planning Committee.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

COU. Treasury Management Activity 2010/11
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The Resources Portfolio Holder (Councillor A Vincent) and the Director of Resources submitted a report on the overall position and activities in

respect of treasury management for the financial year 2010/11.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

**COU.
38** **Constitution Amendments**

The Leader of the Council (Councillor Gibson) and the Director of Resources submitted a report on proposed changes to the Council's Scheme of Delegation to Officers and various additions and updates to the Codes and Protocols included in the Constitution.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the diagram reflecting the revised management structure, (Appendix 1) and that the revised Scheme of Delegation to officers, set out in Appendix 2 be approved, with effect from 8 August, 2011.
- (2) That the revised version of Article 13 of the Constitution, set out in Appendix 3, be approved.
- (3) That a new Protocol for Member Involvement in Pre-Application Discussions, attached as Appendix 4, be approved for inclusion as an appendix to the existing procedure for Member involvement in the Planning Process.
- (4) That the amendments to the other Codes and Protocols, shown as "track changes" in Appendix 5, be approved.

**COU.
39** **Membership of the Planning Policy Group**

The Leader of the Council (Councillor Gibson) and the Director of Resources submitted a report on proposed changes to the membership of the Planning Policy Group.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Councillor Perkin be appointed to the Group as a representative of the Thornton Area, in place of Councillor Greenhough (who was now a member of the Group in his capacity as Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee);
- (2) That Councillor Walsmley be designated as a representative for the Cleveleys Area, rather than Thornton and Cleveleys;
- (3) That Councillor Newsham and Councillor Lees be appointed as representatives for the Cleveleys area.

COU. 40 **Appointments to Outside Bodies: Additional Representatives**

The Leader of the Council (Councillor Gibson) and the Director of Resources submitted a report seeking nominations for representatives on outside bodies.

RESOLVED

- (1) That Councillor Murphy be appointed as a representative of the Council on the Lancashire Waste Partnership;
- (2) That Councillor Perkin be appointed as a representative of the Council on the Thornton Baines Endowed School Board of Trustees (in addition to Councillor R Gandhi and County Councillor Shedwick);
- (3) That, unless an organisation specified that a representative was no longer required or, a vacancy otherwise occurred, these appointments would be for the period until the next Council elections in May 2015.

COU. 41 **Members Allowances Scheme: Amendments**

The Leader of the Council (Councillor Gibson) and the Director of Resources submitted a report asking the Council to consider recommendations made by the Independent Remuneration Panel in relation to the Council's scheme for Members Allowances.

RESOLVED

- (1) That no changes be made, at this stage, to the special responsibility allowances paid to the Leader, Cabinet Members, or the Chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny, Audit, Planning or Licensing Committee's.
- (2) That consideration of whether or not to make special responsibility allowance payments to Chairman of scrutiny tasks groups and Lead Members supporting the Cabinet be deferred to the extent of those roles within the new structure became clearer.
- (3) That the requirement of the Panel to undertake a full 3 yearly review of the members allowances scheme starting in September 2011 and reporting to Council in January 2012, with any changes to be introduced from April 2012, be noted.
- (4) That the mileage allowance paid to Councillors be increased to 45 pence per mile with effect from 1 July 2011 and, that in future, the allowance be linked to the HM Revenues and Customs rates for tax allowances.

- (5) That the amendments to the members allowance scheme in part 6 of the Constitution as set out “track changes” in the Appendix to the notes of the Independent Remuneration Panel meeting on 21 June, 2011 be approved.

COU. Depot Facilities for Future Operations

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The Resources Portfolio Holder (Councillor A. Vincent) and the Chief Executive submitted a report on proposals for the provision of new depot facilities to meet the Council’s future operational requirements.

The Mayor pointed out that, if Members wished to discuss the financial issues set out in the confidential appendix to the report, the Council would need to pass a resolution to exclude the public and press from the meeting whilst those issues were discussed. However, no Members wished to raise those issues during the consideration of this item.

The Chairman of the Planning Committee (Councillor Henderson) stated that should Members be minded to approve the recommendations listed in the report, at some point, a formal planning application would have to come before the Planning Committee for consideration. He said that as Chairman of the Planning Committee, and on behalf of all Members of that Committee he wished to record that in that circumstance, Committee Members would be able to consider the planning application on relevant planning considerations at that time, as a decision by Council today did not automatically mean that they had pre-judged the issue.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the following recommendations of the Cabinet be approved:
- (a) That the development of a new depot facility, be approved in principle.
 - (b) That the principle of an exchange of land at Solway Road, Hillhouse Business Park and land at Fleetwood Road North, Thornton, in the ownerships of NPL Estates Ltd and the Council respectively, to facilitate the development, be approved.
 - (c) That a further report be submitted to Cabinet, on approval of the terms of the land exchange and land disposals, outlined in the report, following finalisation of the outcomes of land surveys, negotiations and title investigations.
 - (d) That the arrangements for asset purchase and disposal, be approved.
 - (e) That the appointment of consultants to undertake a full intrusive land survey, at an approximate cost of £17,000, be

approved.

- (f) That the appointment of consultant quantity surveyors to verify initial construction costs, at an approximate cost of £4,000 (met from existing budgets), be approved.
 - (g) That the appointment of consultant structural engineers, detail quantity surveyors and mechanical and electrical services engineers, at an approximate cost of £40,000, be approved.
 - (h) That disbursements for planning and building regulation fees, at approximate costs of £7,700 and £3,000, be approved.
 - (i) That the appointment of planning related consultants and associated consultants for traffic and environmental impact assessments, at an approximate cost of £20,000, be approved.
 - (j) That the appointment of the consultants be dealt with using the exemptions to contract procedures rules that state that “exemptions may apply, regarding the appointment of consultants, including architects, engineers, quantity surveyors, solicitors, barristers and other people providing professional services”, be approved.
- (2) That the contents of the confidential appendix to the report be noted.

COU. Notices of Motion

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None.

The meeting started at 7.00pm and finished at 8.40pm

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