



EXECUTIVE

BURNLEY TOWN HALL

Wednesday, 18th August, 2021 at 6.30 pm

PRESENT

MEMBERS

Councillors A Anwar (Chair), S Graham (Vice-Chair), J Harbour and A Raja

OFFICERS

Mick Cartledge	– Chief Executive
Howard Hamilton-Smith	– Head of Finance and Property
Clare Jackson	– Housing Manager
Eric Dickinson	– Democracy Officer

29. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Bea Foster and from Councillor Margaret Lishman.

30. Minutes of last meeting on 14 July 2021, and of 9 June 2021.

That the Minutes of the meetings held on the 9th June 2021 be approved, and that the Minutes of the meeting held on 14th July 2021 be approved subject to the following addition to Minute 28 regarding Charter Walk;

“In accordance with and following the requirements set out in Paragraph 15 of Part 4.5 of the constitution regarding the agreement which has been provided by the Chair of Scrutiny, it is stated that in the opinion of the Executive this decision is an urgent one and therefore not subject to call-in.”

31. Minutes of Individual Executive Member Decisions

That the following Minute of an Individual Executive Member Decision made during 2021/22 be noted;

Minute 1- Unforeseen Disabled Facilities Grant Work -Executive Member for Housing and Development Control-on 19th July 2021.

32. Disabled Facilities Grant-Housing Renewal Policy Amendment

PURPOSE

To seek approval to amend the Private Sector Housing Renewal Policy 2012 that will ensure the Council continue to offer a comprehensive and flexible adaptations programme that improves the health and well-being of disabled residents.

REASON FOR DECISION

To allow the DFG grant allocations to adapt to the significant increase in building material costs.

To ensure that the Council can continue to fully assist disabled people in Burnley to live independent and safe lives within their homes.

To ensure the Council can fully meet the increase in demand for applicants with complex needs, particularly for children, where the solution is often an extension to the property.

DECISION

That the Housing Renewal Policy 2012 be amended and the discretionary disabled facilities assistance be increased from £10,000 to £30,000 as detailed in appendix 1 to the report.

33. Community Renewal Fund

PURPOSE

The purpose of the report is to seek approval to establish and deliver a Growth and Innovation Fund across Burnley, Pendle and Rossendale subject to Government Approval. An amendment to the recommendation in Para 2 (c) of the report was considered to replace `` that authority be delegated to the Chief Executive under urgency powers`` with ``to use the existing Part 3 delegation to the Head of Finance and Property in consultation with the Executive Member for Resources and Performance``

REASON FOR DECISION

The project forms and important part of the Council's Economic Recovery and Growth Strategy, which has identified the need for a scheme that supports businesses to invest in innovation and growth.

The bid has not yet been approved but should the funding be approved then there is a very short timescale to implement the scheme by end of March 2022.

DECISION

- (1) That the proposed scheme be approved as set out in the report;
- (2) That authority be delegated to the Head of Finance to accept the Grant Funding and for the Strategic Head of Economy and Growth to negotiate and approve the terms of the Funding Agreement;
- (3) That it be recommended to Full Council, or should timescales require that as amended to use the existing Part 3 delegation to the Head of Finance and Property in consultation with the Executive Member for Resources and Performance, to establish a budget, fully externally funded, in relevant budgets;

- (4) That authority be delegated to the Strategic Head of Economy and Growth to negotiate and enter into:
- i) A funding agreement with LCC for the CRF grant;
 - ii) A service level agreement with Growth Lancashire to deliver the Fund; and
 - iii) An agreement with Pendle, and Rossendale Borough Council's to share any liabilities for under-performance or repayment of grant arising from the delivery of the project.
- (5) That authority be delegated to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to enter to execute the relevant documents; and
- (6) That authority be delegated to the Strategic Head of Economy and Growth to approve grants of up to £50,000.

34. Exclusion of the Public

That the public are to be excluded from the meeting before discussion takes place on Minute 35 relating to Charter Walk on the grounds that in view of the nature of the business to be transacted if the public were present there would be a disclosure to them of exempt information within the meaning of Part VA of the Local Government Act 1972.

35. Charter Walk

PURPOSE

To update Members on the sale of Charter Walk and to agree next steps.

REASON FOR DECISION

To expediate the smooth transfer of ownership of the Charter Walk property.

DECISION

- (1) That the financial terms set out in paragraphs 7 and 10 be agreed;
- (2) That the Waiver of Standing order SO17 be agreed to appoint the incumbent asset management company and associated contractors (if required) as set out in paragraphs 9, 10 and 12-15;
- (3) That authority be delegated to the Head of Finance and Property to agree relevant contract terms;
- (4) That authority be delegated to the Head of Finance and Property to tender and accept the most economically advantageous tender when the contracts are re-tendered after the initial period as identified in the ultimate sentence in paragraph 10; and
- (5) That authority be delegated to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to complete all legal documents necessary to give effect to this decision

