



SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

BURNLEY TOWN HALL

Wednesday, 3rd April, 2024 at 6.30 pm

PRESENT

MEMBERS

Councillors G Barton (Chair), B Horrocks (Vice-Chair), G Birtwistle, H Bridges, M Brindle, J Broughton, S Chaudhary, Hall, N Kazmi, S Kazmi, G Lishman, S Lone and J McGowan

OFFICERS

Rob Dobson	– Chief Operating Officer
Clare Jackson	– Head of Policy and Engagement
Pete Milward	– Principal Planner
CJ Walmsley	– Democracy Officer

253. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Whitaker and Hughes.

254. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th March 2024 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

255. Additional Items of Business

There were no additional items of business to be considered.

256. Declarations of Interest

Members were reminded of the need to consider any potential pecuniary interest in Item 9, Article 4 Direction: Houses in Multiple Occupation, if they were landlords of properties within the 9 wards specified within the report.

There were no declarations of interest on any of the items on the agenda.

257. Exclusion of the Public

Exclusion of press and public was as set out on the agenda.

258. Public Question Time

No questions, statements or petitions had been received from members of the public.

259. Notice of Key Decisions and Private Meetings

Members were asked to note the Notice of Key Decisions and Private Meetings (NKDPM) published on 6th March 2024, and also to note the additional notices published on 6th March and 20th March.

RESOLVED – That the NKDPM of 6th March 2024, and the additional notices of 6th and 20th March be noted.

260. Additional Local Authority Housing Fund Round 3 (LAHF R3) for Temporary Accommodation

A report which sought approval from the Council's Executive to accept the additional £134,800 from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to deliver a further two homes for continued use as temporary accommodation.

Clarification was provided on the number of properties in each round, along with how many are occupied and how many were being renovated. There was currently no indication of any further rounds.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

261. Article 4 Direction: Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs)

A report was submitted which provided the results of the consultation on the proposed Article 4 Direction, undertaken in October/November 2023, and sought approval from the Council's Executive to confirm the Article 4 Direction which would remove the permitted development rights for the change of use from Use Class C3 (dwelling houses) to Use Class C4 (Houses of Multiple Occupation (HMO)) in nine wards of the borough, namely Trinity, Bank Hall, Daneshouse with Stoneyholme, Rosegrove with Lowerhouse, Gannow, Gawthorpe, Queensgate, Brunshaw, and Rosehill with Burnley Wood. If confirmed, the Direction would become effective on 14th October 2024.

Overall the Committee welcomed the Article 4 Direction.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

262. Scrutiny Review Groups

No updates were provided as there were no active Scrutiny Review Groups.

263. Work Programme 2023/24

The Committee received the updated work programme for 2023/2024.

RESOLVED – That the updated work programme for 2023/24 be noted.