



SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

BURNLEY TOWN HALL

Monday, 28th October, 2019 at 7.15 pm

PRESENT

MEMBERS

Councillors A Tatchell (Chair), H Baker, T Commis, A Fewings, B Foster, G Lishman, S Lone, P McCann, L Mehanna, A Newhouse, L Pate, E Payne and A Royle

OFFICERS

Kate Ingram – Strategic Head of Economy and Growth
Eric Dickinson – Democracy Officer

IN ATTENDANCE

31. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Mark Townsend and Marcus Johnstone.

32. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th September 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

33. Exclusion of the Public

That the public be excluded from the meeting before discussion takes place on the items relating to minute 34 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 Paragraph 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

34. Burnley Market Hall

Kate Ingram reported on proposals for investment in new facilities and essential repairs to Burnley Market Hall.

She stated that the Executive on the 29th October 2019 were being recommended to approve the proposals to reconfigure the interior of the market and address the repair to the building including a tender for the roof works.

She also stated that Full Council were being recommended to include a budget and prudential borrowing in the capital programme in 2019/20 and 2020/21.

She indicated that the proposed works would enable the Council to improve and consolidate the existing Market Hall and create space for new uses to increase footfall and utilisation. The proposal also included essential works to the roof that would ensure that the Council meets the obligations of its lease.

Members made the following points and received the following responses;

- A business plan was needed on how to make the market work to its best.
Visits had been undertaken and advice sought.
- Options for the future needed to be clearer, including the impact of other developments in the town centre and the future increased student population in Burnley.
Research has been done and could be put together.
- The two main issues of the roof repair and the future of the market should be separated.
Full consideration of all the various options regarding the main issues required a complete report.

Decision

That the Executive be recommended to defer a decision on the Market proposals in order to enable a more comprehensive examination of costs, logistics, and a business plan and to be able to explore further the basis for potentially long- term decision making.