



SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
COUNCIL CHAMBER
TOWN HALL
BURNLEY

Wednesday, 2nd June, 2021 at 6.30 pm

PRESENT

MEMBERS

Councillors H Baker (Chair), A Royle (Vice-Chair), G Birtwistle, P Campbell, S Chaudhary, T Commis, S Cunliffe, D Ferrier, A Hosker, M Hurt and C Towneley

OFFICERS

Howard Hamilton-Smith – Head of Finance and Property
Paul Gatrell – Head of Housing & Development Control
Imelda Grady – Democracy Officer

IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Sue Graham, Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Resources and Performance Management

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors C Briggs, M Ishtiaq, G Lishman, S Lone, A Khan and S Khan.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th March 2021 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

3. Additional Items of Business

There were no additional items of business.

4. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Baker declared a personal and prejudicial interest in that part of item 8 relating to the Housing Review. He vacated the Chair for this item and left the room and took no part in the discussions.

5. Exclusion of the Public

There were no items requiring the public to be excluded from the meeting.

6. Public Question Time

There were no public questions.

7. Notice of Key Decisions and Private Meetings -28 day Notice and Urgent Notice

Members considered the Executive's Notice of Key Decisions and Private Meetings for June onwards and noted that an additional Notice had been published on Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme for 2021 as the requirement to give 28 days notice had not being met due to the timelines regarding the Programme.

IT WAS AGREED

That the 28 days notice of key decisions and the additional notice for the HAF Programme be noted.

The Chair vacated the Chair due to his interest in part of the next item of business.

Councillor Ann Royle in the Chair

8. Scrutiny Review Groups-Update on Active Review Groups from 2020-21, and consider Reviews for 2021-22

Councillor Ann Royle appraised members on the work of the Housing Review Group and sought support for the Review to be continued into 2021/22. She informed members that a meeting had been held with the Managing Director of Calico and a further meeting was planned in order to consider progress and hopefully conclude the review.

IT WAS AGREED

That the Housing Review Group be taken forward into 2021/22 and that the following members be assigned to it: Councillors Paul Campbell, Tom Commis, Dale Ferrier, Alan Hosker, Martyn Hurt and Ann Royle.

Councillor Ann Royle vacated the Chair .

Councillor Howard Baker in the Chair.

Consideration was also given to the Market Review that had been brought forward from the last municipal year.

IT WAS AGREED

- (1) That it be agreed that the Market Review continue in 2021/22 and the group be re-established to comprise Councillors Gordon Birtwistle, Saeed Chaudhary, Scott Cunliffe, Dale Ferrier, Alan Hosker and Cosima Towneley.
- (2) That the Head of Economy and Growth provide an update on the Market Hall by 11th June to the above members for their consideration prior to a Review Group meeting being convened.

Members then considered topics for future reviews and were advised to complete a review proposal proforma for them which could be considered by the Committee at its next meeting in July.

9. Work Programme 2021-22

Members considered the work programme for 2021/22.

IT WAS AGREED

1. That the work programme be noted.
2. That a paper be prepared on how those at risk of homelessness might be supported when the Covid legislation on evictions ends and that the Executive Member for Housing be invited to the next Scrutiny meeting to advise on the Council's approach to this issue.
3. That the Executive's Progressive Partnership for Burnley be monitored over the next 12 months.
1. That a further all member briefing be requested on the Covid 19 Recovery Programme.