

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE**

6.00 P.M.

11TH MARCH 2020

PRESENT:- Councillors Tricia Heath (Chair), Stewart Scothern (Vice-Chair), Alan Biddulph, Tim Dant, June Greenwell, Debbie Jenkins, Abi Mills and David Whitaker

Also in Attendance :-

Councillors Tim Hamilton-Cox and John Reynolds

Apologies for Absence:-

Councillor Richard Austen-Baker

Officers in attendance:-

Jason Syers	Director for Economic Growth and Regeneration
Stephen Metcalfe	Principal Democratic Support Officer
Jenny Kay	Civic & Ceremonial Democratic Support Officer

29 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12th February, 2020 were signed by the Chair as a correct record.

30 ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS AUTHORISED BY THE CHAIR

There were no items of urgent business.

31 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

32 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was unanimously agreed :

“That, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business, on the grounds that it could involve the possible disclosure of exempt information, as defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of that Act.”

33 FUTURE HIGH STREETS PROJECT

The Chair welcomed the Director for Economic Growth and Regeneration to the meeting.

The Committee was given a presentation on the initial stages of the Future High Streets Project for Morecambe. The Government had pledged £1 billion to renew town centres across the UK with £25 million available for local authorities to bid for.

It was agreed that it would be useful for the Councillors of Central Morecambe to be part of the discussions on the future plans if the bid was successful.

Resolved :-

- (1) That the Director for Economic Growth and Regeneration be thanked for his attendance at the meeting.
- (2) That, if the City Council was successful in its bid for Future High Streets funding, the Councillors of Central Morecambe be part of the discussions on the future plans.

The Press and Public were re-admitted to the meeting.

34 DISCUSSIONS WITH COUNCILLOR JOHN REYNOLDS

The Chair welcomed Councillor John Reynolds, Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Planning Policy, Planning including Local Plan, Conservation & Urban Design, Development & Building Control, Compulsory Purchase, Transport, Climate Change Resilience, Neighbourhood Plans and Parking to the meeting.

The Committee had been requested to submit questions for Councillor Reynolds before the meeting. Councillor Reynold responded to a number of questions that had been received relating to issues such as Neighbourhood Plans, student housing, Canal Quarter, the A6 in Lancaster City Centre, Bailrigg Garden Village and the Local Plan.

Regarding a question relating to student accommodation and Council tax, Councillor Reynolds offered to provide a written answer.

The Committee went on to discuss the Frontierland site and it was reported that enforcement action had been initiated by the City Council.

Resolved :-

- (1) That Councillor Reynolds be thanked for his attendance at the meeting.
- (2) That Councillor Reynolds provides a written response to the question relating to student accommodation and Council tax.

35 WORK PROGRAMME

The Chair requested that the Committee receive a presentation on the work of Community Connectors and how they fit within the Council's structure.

Members of the Committee were reminded that an extra meeting had been arranged for 16th April to consider the Salt Ayre Leisure Centre Local Authority Trading Company proposal.

Resolved :-

- (1) That the additional meeting arranged for 16th April 2020 be noted.
- (2) That the Committee receive a presentation on the work of Community Connectors and how they fit within the Council's structure and that this be added to the Committee's work programme.

Chair

(The meeting ended at 7.00 p.m.)

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