

Extraordinary Council

Venue: Council Chamber
Date: 6 November 2012

52	Disclosures of Interest
53	Reprovision of Abbey Leisure Centre
54	Local Development Framework: Core Strategy Examination in Public

Present: Councillor J Crawford in the Chair

Mrs E Casling, J Cattanach, I Chilvers, M Crane, Mrs D Davies, Mrs M Davis, J Deans, Mrs S Duckett, M Dyson, K Ellis, M Hobson, W Inness, Mrs G Ivey, M Jordan, C Lunn, D Mackay, Mrs P Mackay, Mrs C Mackman, J Mackman, B Marshall, J McCartney, Mrs M McCartney, Mrs K McSherry, C Metcalfe, I Nutt, R Packham, C Pearson, A Pound, R Price, I Reynolds, Mrs S Ryder, R Sayner, S Shaw-Wright, Mrs A Spetch, R Sweeting and J Thurlow

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Mrs E Metcalfe, R Musgrave, Mrs W Nichols and D Peart.

Also Present: Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive, Executive Director (s151), Director of Business Services, Managing Director of Access Selby, Democratic Services Manager.

Peter Burt – Wigan Leisure Culture Trust

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52. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

53. Reprovision of Abbey Leisure Centre

Councillor Mrs G Ivey presented the report which set out the options appraisal undertaken following the fire at Abbey Leisure Centre in February 2012.

Councillor Mrs G Ivey stated that the Executive had considered the alternatives available and recommended that Council approve the “Demolish and Rebuild” option.

The Council discussed the provision of Leisure facilities following the Fire at Abbey Leisure Centre. Councillor Crane expressed the Council’s gratitude to Selby College, Barlby High School and Sherburn High School for the facilities they continued to provide.

The Deputy Chief Executive detailed the work completed by the Council since the fire. Rather than settle on the reinstatement of the existing building, officers were asked to work with a small number of councillors to consider a number of available options. The Council had worked with consultants and its service delivery partner Wigan Leisure Culture Trust (WLCT) to establish realistic options.

Councillor Mrs G Ivey set out that the “Demolish and Rebuild” option would best deliver the current and future needs of the district. She outlined the positive discussions that had taken place with Sport England regarding potential grant applications.

The Executive Director (s151) provided more details in respect of funding the new Leisure Centre. She outlined the potential to reduce capital costs through value engineering and to secure a reduced management fee with WLCT. The Council heard that similar new Leisure Centres had been built at significantly lower costs than quoted in the report.

The Council debated the deliverability of a new Leisure Centre and it was stated that the cross party working group would continue to be involved in the development of the project as part of the Council’s Programme for Growth. The Council then discussed the ongoing work to improve leisure provision across Selby District.

Resolved:

- i) To note the report and its attachments.**
- ii) To accept the recommendations of the Executive and endorse the “Demolish and Rebuild” option with a view to reducing the capital costs through value engineering, maximising the external grant funding and securing a revised management fee with WLCT.**

54. Local Development Framework: Core Strategy Examination in Public

Councillor Crane introduced the report and advised the Council that due to the timescales involved it had not been possible to debate the matter at Policy Review Committee. The Chair of Policy Review Committee had approved this course of action.

Councillor J Mackman presented the report to the Council. The report set out the key issues and next steps towards the adoption of the Core Strategy and provided a schedule of the seventh set of proposed changes for consultation in order to ensure consistency with the new National Planning Policy Framework.

Councillor J Mackman highlighted the Planning Inspector's position statement which demonstrated the encouraging progress being made by the Council toward the adoption of the Core Strategy. He set out a revised timetable for the next steps in the process which culminated in a reconvened Examination in Public on 27 February 2013.

In response to questions Councillor J Mackman outlined the Council's stance in relation to windfalls and their contribution to the future level of housing allocation. He also clarified the implications of windfalls on the five year housing supply and detailed the impact of the delay in the adoption of the Core Strategy on the development of the Council's Site Allocations Development Plan Document.

Resolved:

- i) To agree the 7th Set of Proposed Changes for consultation;**
- ii) To authorise the Director of Community Services, Access Selby, after consultation with the Leader of the Council, to agree any necessary further detailed wording of Main Modifications relating to the Core Strategy Policies prior to consultation;**
- iii) To authorise the officers representing the Council at the reconvened EIP to make any necessary Additional Modifications to the Core Strategy Policies before and during the reconvened EIP;**
- iv) To authorise Officers to make the necessary arrangements for (a) the public consultation between 12 November and 28 December 2012 and (b) other procedural issues not covered by existing delegations to enable effective conduct of the remaining Examination and Reporting procedure.**

The meeting closed at 7.35pm