

## **POLICY COMMITTEE**

### **(Online Meeting)**

2 March 2021

**Present** – The Chairman, Councillor Foster and Councillors Ireton, Lis, Metcalfe, Mulligan, Myers, Noland, Place, Rose, Shuttleworth and Wheeler.

**Officers** – Chief Executive, Director of Services, Chief Finance Officer (s151 Officer), Strategic Manager for Planning and Regeneration, Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer, Democratic Services Manager, Democratic Services and Scrutiny Officer, Environmental Services Manager, Communications, Customer Services and Partnerships Manager and Business Services Manager.

**Apologies for Absence and Substitutes** – An apology for absence was received from Councillor Heseltine. Notification was received that Councillor Shuttleworth was to substitute for Councillor Heseltine.

#### **Confirmation of Minutes –**

**Resolved** – The minutes of the Policy Committee meeting held on 2 February 2021 were confirmed as a correct record.

#### **Exclusion of the Public –**

**Resolved** – That in accordance with the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules, the press and public is excluded for Minute POL.1128 on the grounds that it is not in the public interest to disclose the Category 3 exempt information (information which relates to the financial or business affairs of any particular person).

#### **Public Participation –**

In relation to Minute POL.1124, 'Support for Settle Swimming Pool', Pat Taylor, Chair of Trustees for Settle Area Swimming Pool and Mike Smith, a Trustee of Settle Area Swimming Pool, attended the meeting to speak in support of the request for funding that had been submitted.

#### **Declarations of Interest –**

In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, Councillor Myers declared a Paragraph 15 interest (any matter which relates to a financial interest of a friend, relative or close associate) in relation to Minute POL.1128 'Redevelopment of Former Council Depot Site, Langcliffe Quarry, Settle'. Councillor Myers withdrew from the meeting and did not take part in the debate or vote.

**Start:** 6.30pm

**Finish:** 7.50pm

### **Minutes for Report**

POL.1124

#### **SUPPORT FOR SETTLE SWIMMING POOL**

The Chief Executive submitted a report which outlined Settle Area Swimming Pool's plan for a health and well-being extension to safeguard the future of the pool and request funding support from Craven District Council.

The following information was appended to the report:

- Settle Area Swimming Pool Business Planning Review
- Settle Area Swimming Pool and future Community Health Hub – Business Plan (1 April 2020 to 31 March 2025).

An additional recommendation was proposed and seconded that Settle Area Swimming Pool submits annual audited accounts to Craven District Council for scrutiny by the Chief Finance Officer (s151 Officer).

**Resolved –**

- (1) That the revised business plan (Appendix B) which is presented in accordance with the resolution of the Policy Committee of 28 July 2020 (Appendix A) is noted.
- (2) That the Settle Area Swimming Pool ('SASP') request for funding is supported on the following basis:
- (3) That the £150k capital contribution from the Council towards the rebuilding costs, subject to settlement of appropriate funding documentation is confirmed.
- (4) That the Council underwrites up to £135k (for income generation and funding bids), by way of a loan, to provide cash flow support to enable progress with the scheme whilst community fundraising campaign takes place.
- (5) That the Solicitor to the Council (Monitoring Officer) in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer (s151 Officer) is authorised to enter into appropriate documentation on behalf of the Council to enable the above funding and to include a Loan Agreement with Settle Area Swimming Pool CIO.
- (6) That Settle Area Swimming Pool submits annual audited accounts to Craven District Council for scrutiny by the Chief Finance Officer (s151 Officer).

POL.1125      **REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING QUARTER 3 2020/2021**

The Chief Finance Officer (s151 Officer) submitted a report which set out the revenue budget position of the Council, based on the Quarter 3 review of income and expenditure to the end of December 2020.

The following information was appended to the report:

- Revenue budget by service area
- Green and amber items on the income and savings plan
- Earmarked reserve detail.

**Resolved –**

- (1) That the outturn revenue budget monitoring position as at 31 December 2020 is noted.
- (2) That the latest position of the savings achieved this quarter and identified as green in Appendix B and that these savings could be transferred to an earmarked reserve for support to the 2020/21 budget and beyond is noted.
- (3) That the Central Government COVID Grant Support and the estimated Sales, Fees and Charges Compensation receivable and the estimated contributions to support the future years' budgets and collection fund, shown in Appendix A are noted.
- (4) That the impact of the COVID pandemic and the significant impact it has had on income and the costs of the Council and it is likely some draw on reserves will be required in 2020/2021 continues to be noted. This apportionment will be delegated to the Chief Finance Officer (s151 Officer).

POL.1126      **CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING QUARTER 3 2020/21**

The Chief Finance Officer (s151 Officer) submitted a report which set out the Council's Capital Programme position, based on the Quarter 3 review of income and expenditure to the end of December 2020.

A detailed analysis of the capital programme was appended to the report for Members' information.

**Resolved –**

- (1) That the Capital Budget position of the 2020/21 Capital Programme as at the 31 December 2020 is noted.
- (2) That the 2020/21 Capital Programme and the proposed funding – for the projects agreed at Quarter 3 are noted.

POL.1127      **ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS AND ENFORCEMENT PILOT**

The Director of Services submitted a report which sought approval for the Council to undertake a 3-month environmental awareness and enforcement pilot, utilising an environmental enforcement company.

**Resolved –**

- (1) That the pilot of an environmental awareness and enforcement campaign, utilising an external environmental enforcement company, for a period of 3 months beginning mid-April 2021 is approved.
- (2) That delegated authority is provided to the Director of Services to source an external environmental enforcement company to carry out the pilot on behalf of the Council, in line with the Council's Procurement Policy and Procedures is granted.
- (3) The Director of Services provides a report to Policy Committee on the outcome of the pilot scheme when complete.

POL.1128      **REDEVELOPMENT OF FORMER COUNCIL DEPOT SITE,  
LANGCLIFFE QUARRY, SETTLE**

(A separate excluded full minute has been prepared for this item. It is published (on pink paper) in an Appendix to Committee Members, relevant officers and others who are entitled to receive all details.)

**Any other items** – There were no late items of business to consider.

**Date and Time of Next Meeting** – Tuesday, 30 March 2021 at 6.30pm.

Chairman