

POLICY COMMITTEE

(Online Meeting)

30 March 2021

Present – The Chairman, Councillor Foster and Councillors Barrett, Ireton, Lis, Madeley, Metcalfe, Morrell, Mulligan, Myers, Noland, Place, Rose 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 and Exchequer and Performance Manager.

Apologies for Absence and Substitutes – An apology for absence was received from Councillor Heseltine.

Confirmation of Minutes –

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

Public Participation –

Skipton Town Councillors David Painter and Darren Shaw gave a presentation which outlined various concerns about the state of the street scene in the Craven area. It also recommended a policy change for ensuring greater enforcement to address issues.

In response, the Lead Member for Greener Craven advised that verge cleaning of all major through routes in the district was to commence on 6 April 2021. Drivers were urged not to leave their litter by the roadside as it was unsightly and presented a safety risk to wildlife, the environment, those tasked with picking it up and diverted valuable resources away from providing essential services.

In addition, visits were made to check that storage of wheelie bins was orderly and residents were written to where there were issues with the misuse of wheelie bins. To date there had been no cause to issue any fixed penalty notices.

Some additional litter picking had been requested in the area highlighted by Councillor Painter and the removal of some fly tipping.

Declarations of Interest –

There were no declarations of interest.

Start: 6.30pm

Finish: 7.55pm

Minutes for Report

POL.1129

QUARTER 3 PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT

The Chief Finance Officer (s151 Officer) submitted a report which presented performance highlights for quarter 3 of the financial year 2020/21 in accordance with arrangements set out in the Council's Performance Management Framework.

In response to a query, the Lead Member for Financial Resilience undertook to provide the Committee with further information in relation to income and expenditure in planning services.

Resolved – That the performance highlights described in the report are noted.

POL.1130

CLIMATE EMERGENCY STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW
2021-22

The Chief Executive submitted a report which presented the outcome of the Council's annual review of the Climate Emergency Strategic Plan.

Resolved –

- (1) That the progress on the activity identified in the Climate Emergency Strategic Plan is noted.
- (2) That the specific actions identified as a result of the review are noted.
- (3) That responsibility is delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to make any further minor amendments to the revised Climate Emergency Strategic Plan and to its presentation prior to publication on the Council website

(Councillor Madeley left the meeting at 7.15pm during the consideration of this item.)

POL.1131

CRAVEN ARTS HOUSE LEASE AGREEMENT

The Director of Services submitted a report which sought agreement to grant a lease with a peppercorn rent to the Craven Arts Trust for the purposes of delivering the Craven Arts House project.

Resolved –

- (1) That the Business Plan prepared by the Craven Arts Trust for the delivery of the Craven Arts House project is noted.
- (2) That the grant of a lease with an annual rent of £1 to the Craven Arts Trust is approved.
- (3) That the Solicitor to the Council is authorised to complete the drawing up and execution of the lease on the above terms.

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

Date and Time of Next Meeting – Tuesday, 22 June 2021 at 6.30pm.

Chairman