



POLICY COMMITTEE

6.30pm on Tuesday 11th April 2017

Belle Vue Suite, Belle Vue Square, Broughton Road, Skipton

Committee Members: The Chairman (Councillor Foster) and Councillors Barrett, Brockbank, Dawson, Heseltine, Hull, Ireton, Jaquin, Lis, Madeley, Morrell, Mulligan, Myers, Place and Welch.

Substitutes : Conservatives – Councillors Graham, Thompson and Whitaker;
Independents – Councillors Pighills, Solloway and Shuttleworth; Labour – Councillors Mercer and Rose.

AGENDA

Exclusion of the Public: In accordance with the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules, Members are recommended to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of Item 9 (Appendix) (marked \$) on the grounds that it is likely that if members of the public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 (relates to the financial and business affairs of any person including the Authority holding that information) of those Rules and Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

Presentation – Wyn Ashton, Environmental Services and Housing Manager will give a brief presentation on the Government's Housing White Paper.

1. **Apologies for absence and substitutes**
2. **Confirmation of Minutes** – 7th March 2017 attached.
3. **Public Participation** - In the event that any questions/statements are received or members of the public attend, the public participation session will proceed for a period of up to fifteen minutes.
4. **Declarations of Interest** – All Members are invited to declare at this point any interests they have in items appearing on this agenda, including the nature of those interests and whether they wish to apply the exception below.

(Note: Declarations should be in the form of:

- a ***“disclosable pecuniary interest”*** under Appendix A to the (new) Code of Conduct, in which case the Member must leave the meeting room; or
- an ***“other interest”*** under Appendix B of the (new) Code. For these interests, the Member may stay in the meeting room, although they must leave if membership of the organisation results in a conflict of interest.

[Exception: Where a member of the public has a right to speak at a meeting, a Member of Council who has a disclosable pecuniary interest has the same rights and may make representations, answer questions or give evidence, but at the conclusion of that, must then leave the room and not take part in the discussion or vote.]

5. **Housing White Paper** – Report of the Strategic Manager, Planning and Regeneration. Attached.
Purpose of Report – To present a summary of the Government’s Housing White Paper ‘Fixing our Broken Housing Market’ and highlight some of the key issues for Craven District Council.
6. **Community Housing Fund** – Report of the Director of Services. Attached.
Purpose of Report – To seek Member endorsement for the use of the Government Community Housing Fund Allocation and the process by which Community Housing Fund monies are allocated to specific community led housing schemes and further seek approval to top slice part of that allocation to the York, North Yorkshire and East Riding Housing Strategic Housing Partnership in order to provide additional support and specialist expertise.
7. **Planning Fees and Planning Team Enhancement** – Report of the Strategic Manager, Planning and Regeneration. Attached.
Purpose of Report – To seek approval to confirm to the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) that the Council intends to increase its planning fees by 20% from 1st July 2017.
8. **Devolution** – Verbal update by the Leader of the Council.

Item Exempt from Disclosure

9. **Procurement of a Land Regeneration Joint Venture Strategic Partner** - Report of the Director of Services. Attached.
Purpose of Report – To inform Members of the outcome of the competitive dialogue tendering process to select a strategic partner to deliver land regeneration projects via a Joint Venture Arrangement and seek Member decision on a preferred partner.
10. **Items for Confirmation** – The Committee is asked to indicate whether any of the above items should be referred to Council for confirmation.
11. **Any other items** which the Chairman decides are urgent in accordance with Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

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