

## **COUNCIL MEETING**

**24 April 2018**

**Present** – The Chairman (Councillor Place) and Councillors Barrett, Brockbank, Brown, Dawson, Foster, Heseltine, Hull, Jaquin, Ireton, Lis, Madeley, Mason, Mercer, Moorby, Morell, Mulligan, Myers, Rose, Shuttleworth, Solloway, Staveley, Sutcliffe and Welch.

**Officers** – Chief Executive, Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer, Director of Services, Chief Finance Officer and Democratic Services Manager.

**Apologies:** Councillors Baxandall, Graham, Harbron, Pighills, Thompson and Whittaker.

Start: 7.00pm

Finish: 8.05pm

CL.1025

### **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

**Resolved** – That in accordance with the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of Appendix B to Item \$6, 'Recommendations for Confirmation', on the grounds that it is likely that there would be disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 (information in relation to the financial or 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).

CL.1026

### **MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING**

**Resolved** – That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 27 February 2018 are confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

CL.1027

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no questions received from members of the public.

CL.1028

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

CL.1029

### **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A list of engagements attended by the Chairman for March and April was included within the agenda.

CL.1030

### **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONFIRMATION**

The following recommendations were submitted from the Policy Committee meeting on 6 March 2018:

(Note: For each minute the motion was proposed and seconded "That the recommendations in the minutes are confirmed.")

- (a) POL.920 Revenues and Benefits Shared Service Arrangement / Partnership with Bradford Metropolitan District Council

**Resolved** – That the recommendations at Minute POL.920 are confirmed.

- (b) \$POL.921 Shared Ownership Housing Development

**Resolved** – That the recommendations at Minute \$POL.921 are confirmed.

(Councillors Brown and Heseltine wished it to be recorded that they had abstained from voting.)

CL.1031 **DRAFT CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2018/19**

The Democratic Services Manager submitted a report which presented the draft calendar of meetings 2018/19 for approval.

**Resolved** – That subject to amendments identified at 3.2 to the report, the draft calendar of meetings 2018/19 are approved.

CL.1032 **STATEMENT FROM THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

The Leader of the Council made the following key points:

- The Skipton Triathlon on 15 April 2018 had been a great success. He thanked everyone involved in organising and supporting the event.
- A reminder that the Tour de Yorkshire cycle race was travelling through Craven on Sunday, 6 May 2018.
- A note about the forthcoming local elections, which were taking place on Thursday, 3 May 2018.

CL.1033 **STATEMENT FROM LEAD MEMBERS AND CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES**

Councillor Staveley reported that the Select Committee was concluding its review of Bereavement Services.

Councillor Myers reported that a review of the Council's taxi licensing policy was almost complete. A final report was being submitted to Licensing Committee. He thanked Members and Officers for their hard work in undertaking the review.

CL.1034 **GENERAL QUESTION / STATEMENT TIME**

A question was submitted by Councillor Brown to Councillor Dawson, Chairman of Craven Spatial Planning Sub-Committee as follows:

***“Could you please advise the Council how many homes have received outline or full approval or are being constructed currently in the Skipton area and what the number required for the entire period of the local plan is? Could we also please have updated information on the number of properties being built with one or two bedrooms and the number with four plus bedrooms.”***

The following response was provided by Councillor Dawson, Chairman of Craven Spatial Planning Sub-Committee:

“As members are aware, the draft local plan was submitted in March 2018. The overall housing requirement for Craven for the local plan period 2012 to 2032 is 4600 and Skipton had been allocated 50% of this, i.e. 2300.

The position as at 1 April 2018 is as follows:

- 439 net completions delivered in Skipton between 1 April 2012 and 31 March 2018.
- 660 dwellings have an extant consent on sites of 5 dwellings or more.
- 246 dwellings have been approved, subject to s.106 agreements being completed.
- 26 dwellings have approval through the prior notification procedure (such as offices to dwellings).
- 41 dwellings have an extant consent on sites of less than 5 dwellings.

This totals 1412 dwellings.

The housing requirement for Skipton from 2012-2032 is as stated above 2300. Therefore, the balance of housing requirement to be provided on allocated sites over the remainder of the period is 2300 less 1412, which is 888.

Housing sites allocated in Skipton in the local plan are estimated to deliver 1160 dwellings over the remaining plan period. It is expected that small sites will also continue to be granted consent and developed over the plan period at an assumed rate of 10 dwellings per annum.

Hence, the total number of dwellings already completed (net) and planned to be delivered in Skipton over the entire period is 2661.

The local plan is about many things including, employment sites, open spaces, sports and leisure facilities and education facilities. The part we are talking about is homes for people to live in, particularly, families and those of working age.

In relation to the second part of Councillor Brown’s question regarding the mix of house types the current breakdown from the local plan for housing mix is reported as follows:

- 1-2 bedrooms – 39%
- 3 bedrooms – 44%
- 4 plus bedrooms – 17%.”

Councillor Dawson confirmed that a more detailed written response in relation to the number of properties being built with one or two bedrooms and the number with four plus bedrooms was to be provided to all Members prior to the next full Council meeting.

A question was also submitted by Councillor Ireton to Councillor Foster, Chairman of Policy Committee as follows:

***“I would like to ask that the housing officer reviews the financial criteria in the allocation policy which was introduced in 2013 at a figure of £60,000, which I believe excludes all house owners in Craven District in 2018 of accessing more suitable housing for their needs.”***

The following response was provided by Councillor Foster, Chairman of Policy Committee:

“The current allocations policy was introduced in 2013, and a review is taking place in summer 2018, which includes formal consultation with members. The Environmental Services and Housing Services Manager has requested that the qualification criteria based on financial resources is to be included in that review, which includes the current £60,000 threshold.”

CL.1035

### **NEW PLAYGROUND IN AIREVILLE PARK**

The Chief Executive submitted a report which sought Member approval to amend the Aireville Park Masterplan.

The following information was appended to the report:

- Aireville Park Masterplan
- Simply Play play report
- Proposed siting of new play area
- Concept design of new play area
- Results of new play area concept design consultation.

The key areas of discussion were:

- The invaluable contribution that the Friends of Aireville Park had made to the project.
- A suggestion to review car parking fees to encourage more visitors to use the park.
- Greater enforcement needed in relation to litter and anti-social behaviour and concern about the level of clean-ups required, particularly in relation to single use plastics.

#### **Resolved –**

- (a) That the proposed amendment to Aireville Park Masterplan, namely re-siting the playground from its current location at the bottom corner of the park to near the main entrance and car park, be approved.
- (b) That the Council commends the invaluable contribution Friends of Aireville Park to deliver the Masterplan through developing the new play area plans and securing funding for the Masterplan projects which as a direct result enables the facilities within the park to be improved.

Chairman