

## **SELECT COMMITTEE**

16 October 2019

**Present** – The Chair (Councillor Staveley) and Councillors Brown, Hull, Jaquin, Mercer, Metcalfe, Moorby, Pighills, Shuttleworth and Solloway.

**Also in attendance:** Councillor Lis, Lead Member (Greener Craven)

**Officers** – The Chief Executive, Exchequer and Performance Manager, Environmental Services and Housing Manager, Democratic Services Manager and Democratic Services and Scrutiny Officer.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Sutcliffe and Harbron.

Start: 6.30pm

Finish: 7.35pm

### **Confirmation of Minutes –**

The minutes of the meeting held 11 September 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **Public Participation –**

There were no members of the public in attendance.

### **Declarations of Interest –**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **Minutes for Report**

OS.435

### **GREEN THEME UPDATE**

The Lead Member for Greener Craven and the Exchequer and Performance Manager submitted a report which updated Members on progress and planned activities in relation to the theme of 'Greener Craven'.

Members noted that the urgency of the Green Theme had increased since the August Council meeting when a Climate Emergency was unanimously declared. With the motion in place the Council had committed to working towards becoming carbon neutral by 2030 and present a strategic action plan to Council within six months.

Members noted the progress made by the Council including the commencement of the upgrade to the Leeds-Liverpool canal towpath and the introduction of ultra-low emissions vehicles to the Council's fleet. Members noted further actions already agreed, including the planting of 7,000 trees and the installation of electric vehicle charging points in Council-owned car parks.

Members were informed that the Chief Executive and the Exchequer and Performance Manager had met with Extinction Rebellion and Plastic Free Craven on separate occasions to seek their views on how Craven planned to approach the Climate Emergency motion.

Members questioned the lighting arrangements in place and were informed that the street lights in Aireville Park had been updated to LED. The Exchequer and Performance Manager agreed to find out who was responsible for the lighting at Belle Vue Square and report back to Members.

Other suggestions put forward by Members included, exploring opportunities for Parish Councils to help fund tree planting and reporting back on land that might be available within their Parish. One Member recommended a number of actions for possible inclusion in the strategic action plan, including, reducing the heating at the CDC offices, strengthening planning requirements and increasing recycling awareness.

Members also considered whether there was a need to strengthen leadership and develop a member champion role to engage local people. Members were reminded of the important role they had in their own Wards, particularly in terms of sharing information with residents and engaging them with the Climate Emergency initiative.

**Resolved** – That the recent progress, current and planned activity and the progress on compiling a Strategic Action Plan relating to the Green Theme is noted.

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### **WORK PROGRAMME**

The Democratic Services Manager submitted a report which presented the most recent version of the Select Committee's work programme.

Members were informed that the Planning Enforcement and Building Control Working Group meeting which had originally been scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 12 November 2019, was now taking place on Wednesday, 20 November 2019, immediately after the main Select Committee meeting. This was due to an Extraordinary Council meeting that had been arranged to take place on Tuesday, 12 November, to consider the draft Local Plan.

**Resolved** – That subject to the above amendment, the work programme for 2019/20, is approved.

### **Minutes for Decision**

There were no items for decision.

Chairman.