

PLACE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

12th December 2022

PRESENT – *Councillors Salim Sidat (Vice-Chair), Katrina Fielding, Zamir Khan, Mark Russell and Paul Marrow.*

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE – *Councillors Qesir Mahmood, Martin Kelly, Chris Bradley and Phil Llewellyn.*

RESOLUTIONS

7. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Councillors Brian Taylor, Iftakhar Hussain, Sonia Khan, Jon Baldwin, Stephanie Brookfield and Parwaiz Akhtar.

8. Declarations of Interest

No Declarations of Interest were received.

9. Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th September 2022

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th September 2022 were agreed as a correct record.

10. The New Approach to Procurement and Leveraging of Social Value

Martin Kelly and Chris Bradley delivered a presentation on the lessons learned since the introduction of the Council's Social Value Policy (SVP), which was approved by Council in March 2022.

The SVP had three main elements:

- Set minimum commitments expected from providers
- A local first approach where possible on low value spend
- For high value contracts setting 15% of the evaluation criteria on social value priorities

The Council's Social Value priorities were outlined, and bidders for contracts were now asked for commitments about delivery of social value priorities and they impact they would make.

Delivery of social value commitments were closely monitored and outputs tracked, and examples were given of positive examples from the first six months. The lessons learned and next steps were outlined and specific examples of social value outputs relating to the Growth Deal 3 South East Blackburn were highlighted, including employment by contractors of apprentices and work placements and work with local communities. The social value outputs relating to the Fishmoor Housing

Development were also outlined, particularly relating to job creation.

Members discussed the presentation and indicated that they felt that some contracts should be broken down into lots to enable smaller firms to get on the Council's frameworks, and the need for penalties where possible for those companies who had promised social value benefits but not delivered them.

RESOLVED – That the Presentation be noted.

11. Work Programme for the Committee

Members considered potential topic areas for scrutiny, and agreed that for the next meeting, officers be requested to produce a report on Section 106 (s106) funding, focussing on:

- How is s106 funding spent?
- Where is it spent?
- The decision making process
- Involvement of Ward Councillors/Consultation
- How can s106 funding be spread/shared to wards where there is unlikely to be any development that would lead to a s106 agreement?

The Committee also discussed infrastructure as part of the discussions on s106 funding, but decided that the scope was already large enough for the next meeting, so requested that a report be presented to the subsequent meeting on infrastructure considerations in the Borough, covering s106 aspects, but also the issues and ongoing actions relating to school places, highways, transport, NHS services etc.

RESOLVED – That Officers produce a report on s106 funding for the next meeting and a report on infrastructure in the Borough for the subsequent meeting.

Signed:

Date:

Chair of the meeting
at which the minutes were confirmed