

Minutes of Economic Development

Meeting Date: Thursday, 4 November 2021, starting at 6.30 pm
Present: Councillor S Hirst (Chair)

Councillors:

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| D Berryman | S Farmer |
| D Birtwhistle | S Fletcher |
| B Buller | M French |
| J Clark | S Hore |
| L Edge | R Thompson |
| R Elms | |

In attendance: Director of Economic Development and Planning, Head of Leisure and Cultural Services and Senior Accountant

Not in attendance: Councillors R Bennett and S Carefoot.

434 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for the meeting were received from Councillor G Mirfin.

435 DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY, OTHER REGISTRABLE AND NON REGISTRABLE INTERESTS

There were no declarations of registrable pecuniary, other registrable or non-registrable interests.

436 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2021 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

The Director of Economic Development and Planning gave members an update on Minute 276. She also informed them that a Senior Economic Development Officer had been appointed.

437 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

438 REVENUE OUTTURN 2020/21

The Director of Resources submitted a report for information on the outturn for the financial year 2020/21 in respect of the revenue budget for this committee.

There had been several variations in both income and expenditure during the year and this had given rise to an overall underspend of £63,937 on the net cost of services. After transfers to and from earmarked reserves there was an overall underspend of £51,119.

The Director of Economic Development and Planning gave an update on the Clitheroe to Hellifield railway project.

439 REVENUE MONITORING 2021/22

The Director of Resources submitted a report for information on the position for the period April to September 2021 of this year's revenue budget as far as this committee is concerned.

The main variances were highlighted. The comparison between actual and budgeted expenditure shows an overspend of £15,616 for the first six months of the financial year 2021/22. After allowing for transfers to/from earmarked reserves the overspend is £2,798.

The Director of Economic Development and Planning gave an update on 'Reopening the High Streets Safely Fund' now known as 'Welcome Back Fund'.

440 CAPITAL MONITORING 2021/22

The Director of Resources submitted a report for information on the progress on this committee's 2021/22 capital programme for the period to the end of September 2021.

At the end of September 2021 £7,950 had been spent or committed. This was 7.8% of the capital programme total approved budget for this committee. At this stage, one of the two schemes in the capital programme was expected to be completed in-year. It was unclear whether the other scheme would be fully committed in-year.

The Head of Leisure and Cultural Services informed members that the Gateway Signs had been ordered with Lancashire County Council but no timetable for installation was yet known.

441 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

There were no reports from representatives on outside bodies.

442 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no items under this heading.

The meeting closed at 6.40 pm

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