

## Minutes of Health & Housing Committee

Meeting Date: Thursday, 21 July 2011, starting at 6.30pm  
Present: Councillor S Hirst (Chairman)

Councillors:

S Bibby	J Holgate
S Brunskill	R Newmark
R Elms	E M H Ranson
R Hargreaves	L Rimmer
B Hilton	M Robinson
K Hind	C Ross

In attendance: Chief Executive, Head of Environmental Health Services, Head of Financial Services and Strategic Housing Officer.

### 208 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillor C Bartrop.

### 209 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 June 2011 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### 210 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

### 211 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

### 212 REFERENCES FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

There were no references from Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

### 213 APPLICATION FOR CARAVAN SITE LICENCE AT DALE HEY FARM, RIBCHESTER

The Chief Executive submitted a report asking Committee to consider an application for a Site Licence for a new site. Dale Hey Farm, Preston Road, Ribchester had been used by the Caravan and Camping Club as a rally field and also as a 5 van certified site for the past 5 years. In April 2009 planning permission was granted to form a touring caravan site comprising of 16 hard standings in a designated area to the rear of the property. Further planning permission had approved the opening period of the site from 8 to 10 months with the closed October and November. This complies with the guidelines set out in the Council's Caravan Compendium and the Model Standards adopted by this Council in November 2007.

RESOLVED: That Committee authorise the Council's Head of Environmental Health Services to grant a site licence as set out in the report to Dale Hey Farm, Preston Road, Ribchester.

214 CAPITAL OUTTURN 2010/11

The Director of Resources submitted a report informing Committee of the final outturn on the Capital Programme for 2010/11 for this Committee. The programme had consisted of 9 schemes of which there were 6 with identified slippage into 2011/12. It was suggested that in future the service costs for pest control and dog warden be separated.

Members asked questions with regard to specific slippage items and in particular disabled facilities grants. The Strategic Housing Officer informed Committee that problems had been experienced with referrals from Occupational Therapists.

RESOLVED: That Committee approve the requests for capital slippage with the exception of Clitheroe Cemetery extension.

215 HEALTH PROMOTION AND PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES

Councillor Bridget Hilton gave Members a verbal update on Clitheroe Hospital, Lancashire County Council Public Health Business Plan, the Ribblesdale GP Consortia and the setting up of the Health Working Group. She reported that consideration would be given to a definitive paper with options on the way forward with Clitheroe Hospital in September. A paper outlining the terms of reference for the Health Working Sub-Group was circulated for Committee to consider with the suggested membership and date of a first meeting. The paper also included a summary of the NHS reforms and a letter from the Department of Health. Members were eager for the Health Working Sub-Group to get underway and felt that would be important to have someone talk to the group about Clitheroe Hospital at the first meeting.

RESOLVED: That Committee approve the terms of reference and membership of the Health Working Sub-Group and that the first meeting be held on Thursday, 28 July 2011.

216 CAPITAL MONITORING 2011/12

The Director of Resources submitted a report for Committee's information on the progress of the Capital Programme for the first quarter of this financial year. The report included the approved Capital Programme for 2011/12 where there are two schemes totalling £280,000.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

217 REVENUE OUTTURN 2010/11

The Director of Resources submitted a report informing Committee on the outturn for the financial year 2010/11 in respect of the revenue budget for this Committee. The report outlined an overall under-spend of £117,949 on the net cost of services.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

218 REVENUE MONITORING 2011/12

The Director of Resources submitted a report informing Committee of the budget monitoring exercise carried out for the revenue budgets for this Committee for the period 1 April to 30 June 2011. The report outlined a comparison between actual expenditure and the original estimate for the period.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

219 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Joyce Holgate submitted a report regarding Carers' Link Hyndburn and Ribble Valley.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

220 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That by virtue of the fact that the following items of business be Exempt Information Under Category 7 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be now excluded from the meeting.

221 GRANTS

The Chief Executive submitted details of 7 disabled facilities grants and 2 landlord/tenant grants that had been approved. The report also outlined the list of grants approved for the financial year 2011/12.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

222 AFFORDABLE HOUSING UPDATE

The Chief Executive submitted a report for Committee's information on the affordable housing schemes in progress and proposed in the borough. Members had a debate about the affordable housing contribution on new developments as well as the provision of accommodation for elderly people. It was felt that it was important that developers understand the desires of the Council as far as these two aspects were concerned.

The Strategic Housing Officer also reminded Committee that there would be a seminar on the 10 August 2011 in the Council Chamber that they were invited to attend.

RESOLVED: That the Head of Planning Services be invited to attend the next meeting of the Health and Housing Committee.

223 EMPTY PROPERTY UPDATE

The Chief Executive submitted a report updating Committee on the progress of work on empty properties in the borough and asking Committee to agree to

include an additional 3 properties on the empty property list. Progress was now being made with the last three properties included on the priority list with occupation dates agreed. The Strategic Housing Officer suggested a further three properties that could be considered for potential enforcement with the intention of bringing them back into use.

RESOLVED: That Committee accept the contents of the report and agree to inform the owners of Thornley School, 2 Barnacre Road, Longridge and 127 Whalley Road, Clitheroe that enforcement action will be considered in the units are not brought back into use.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.

If you have any queries on these minutes please contact Marshal Scott (414400).