

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting: Wednesday, 14th December, 2022
at 2.00 pm. (committee Room No. 4)

Present: Councillors Brook (Chairman), Roberts (Vice-Chair), Biggins, Hamilton, Maddox, Morgan, Pemberton, Shirley (Minute No. 86 only) and Wall.

Officers Present: David Parr (Interim Head of Paid Service), Sue Roberts (Director of Resources), Debbie Storr (Head of Legal and Governance), David Haughian (Capital Programme Manager) (Minute Nos. 79 - 85 only), Graham Barker (Head of Public Protection) (Minute No. 86 only) and Sandra Kemsley (Democratic Services Officer).

79 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence had been received from Councillor Barlow.

80 The Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 and Access to Information (Variation) Order 2006

RESOLVED:- That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 2 and 4 (Minute No. 86) of Part One of Schedule 12A of the said Act.

81 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Hamilton declared Councillor Hamilton declared an Other Registrable Interest in Agenda Item 11 - Barrow Levelling Up Fund – Project Update as he was the Chair of the Community Hub and a Member of Cumbria County Council.

Councillor Wall declared an Other Registrable Interest in Agenda Item 11 - Levelling Up Fund – Project Update as she was a Member of Cumbria County Council.

82 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9th November, 2022 were agreed as a correct record.

83 Public Participation

RESOLVED:- To note that no questions, representations, deputations or petitions had been received in respect of the meeting.

84 Barrow Levelling Up Fund - Project Update

The Capital Programme Manager provided an update on progress on the Barrow Levelling Up Fund Programme and set out the next steps over the coming months.

A Table showing an indicative project programme for the Levelling Up Fund had been included with the report. The project must be completed by March 2025 to meet the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding with DHLUC.

The next key steps up until the end of March 2023 were as follows:-

- Produce a consultation feedback report following the November 2022 public consultation, which would be published on the Council's website.
- A further consultation would be held in early 2023 to consult on the proposed RIBA 3 designs prior to submitting a formal planning application.
- The Council would seek to appoint a contractor to demolish Dalton Road properties (No 77-79, 81 and 83) and the Ginnel in early 2023. The creation of the green dwell space would be subject to a separate planning application.
- Progress LUF project designs, alongside the proposed town centre community hub and market square events space, up to RIBA 3 and prepare the associated documentation for the planning application and listed building consent application.
- Engage with Cumbria Highways and the Local Committee in relation to the public realm enhancements on Dalton Road, Portland Walk and Duke Street and prepare all traffic regulation orders and other highway consents.
- Barrow Council's agents would prepare publications to commence soft marketing testing with prospective market stall, food and beverage and leisure/entertainment tenants for the upgraded Market.
- Further intrusive survey works were being scoped, including ground investigations within the public realm and structural surveys to influence the façade and roof design. Early enabling refurbishment work activities would be procured and delivered where practical.

It was moved by Councillor Hamilton and seconded by Councillor Morgan, and

RESOLVED:- It was unanimously agreed:

1. To note the progress within the paper and endorse the proposed next steps; and
2. To agree the procurement and award of contracts for enabling works and survey works for the Levelling Up Fund Project, Town Centre Community Hub and Market Square Event Space be delegated to the Director of People and Place.

85 Capital Programme Update

The Capital Programme 2022-2026 had been presented to the Executive Committee on 12th October, 2022.

The report contained revisions from the in-year project review carried out by the Capital Programme Manager in consultation with the Director of Resources.

The revisions had been made to the programme to produce an estimated spend for 2022-2023 with externally funded projects reprofiled, new projects added, and other changes.

The revised Capital Programme had been attached to the report as:

- 2022-2023 → £9,611,017
- 2023-2024 → £26,866,105
- 2024-2025 → £17,961,920
- 2025-2026 → £663,804

Expenditure against the revised Capital Programme had been reported along with notes indicating the current position or stage of the project.

The external Town Deal projects had not initiated claims until Quarter 3 and could be set aside when comparing Quarter 2 expenditure to the budget:

Capital expenditure was uneven across the year and to provide further assurance of the programme being spent, the latest position was reported.

Councillor Hamilton wished for it to be placed on record his thanks for the Capital Programme Manager visiting Greengate Street Residents regarding proposed improvements under the North Central Renewal Area Project.

It was moved by Councillor Hamilton and seconded by Councillor Wall, and

RESOLVED:- It was unanimously agreed:

1. To approve the Capital Programme reprofiling;
2. To approve the use of £150,000 for preparatory works in the Market Hall ahead of the Levelling Up Fund project funded from the Renewals Reserve;
3. To approve the use of £150,000 for Piel Island Facility Improvements funded from usable capital receipts;
4. To note the other revisions made to the Capital Programme; and
5. To note the expenditure in 2022-2023.

Local Government Act 1972 - Excluded Items

It was moved by Councillor Hamilton and seconded by Councillor Wall that the meeting moved into Part Two, and

RESOLVED:- That the items to be taken in Part Two of the Agenda be dealt with following the exclusion of the press and the public.

86 Options For Future Stray Dog Provision

The Head of Public Protection presented a report on Options for Future Stray Dog Provision.

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It was moved by Councillor Hamilton and seconded by Councillor Morgan, and

RESOLVED:- To unanimously agree to defer making a decision until the next meeting to allow the Head of Public Protection to provide Members with further information regarding the options for future service delivery and fees and charges.

The meeting closed at 3.14 pm.