

## Informal Resource and Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee

29 March 2021  
Minutes

In Attendance: Cllr M Stephenson, Bray, Harris, Allen, Morrison, Griffiths, Barry, Codling and Wiggins

Apologies received from Cllr Scott

### 1. The Sale of the Weeley site.

The Committee received an oral report from Andy White (Assistant Director of Building and public realm) in relation to the progress of the sale of the Weeley site. He explained how there were two bidders, who were very good high specification developers.

The Committee heard that the detailed level specification for the properties would be to the Council's standard, as to keep the properties in line with the rest of the housing stock so making repairs easier. The design of houses was yet to be provided but would be handled by the planning system.

Members also heard that "relationships and partnerships" was still a point of thought from the Pfl and once a decision was made it would be recommended to Cabinet and as it was in excess of £1million pounds, Cabinet would then recommend it to full Council for its decision.

After a detailed discussion with members it was **RECOMMENDED** that the following be brought to the Pfl:

- As the housing strategy shows that the Council are in need of 1 bedroom properties the most, should that not be priority when the Council is in a position to increase its housing stock?
- Back 2 Business was a consideration when valuing the bids as if a developer was planning to sit on the site for a few years, versus the other developer looking to start works straight away, it may be beneficial to the Council's Back 2 Business strategy to go with the developer that looked to start the work sooner.
- The Pfl consider that the Council has signed up to a Climate Change strategy and this be considered in relation to this development.

The Committee thanked Andy White for his report.

### 2. Work Programme

The Committee discussed the work programme for 2021/22 and offered the following suggestions:

- DFGS and occupational therapist.
- Carbon Neutral by 2030. How will this affect us and our partners financially? Cost versus jobs.
- Town Centres, need a re-vamp.
- Freeports, that help business move into the district.
- Enforcement in the district. (waste on A12 and A33). A look at waste. Bin schedules and rotas, bring sites. How will we handle increased litter due to Tourism. Private Sector Housing and rental build quality. (rented sector housing survey).
- Back 2 Business- joined up thinking of skills, jobs and enterprise, in short medium and long term goals. Business round table. Order of the funded projects and initiatives.
- Suicide and mental health
- More bridal ways
- Leisure centres
- New voids contractor and are things getting back to normal and the 2% target.
- Logistics on voids and costings
- Heritage, how much money we have spent across the district and what was the outcome.
- Cliff stabilisation
- Section 106 money, where is it being spent across the district.
- TDCs communications to its residents, are we utilising the technology efficiently.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10:05pm