

HEYWOOD TOWNSHIP VISION AND COMMISSION SUB-COMMITTEE

20th January 2009

PRESENT: Councillor McCarthy (in the Chair); Councillors Brophy-Lee, Bruce, Emmott, Lambert, Robinson, Rush and Wardle.

OFFICERS:

S. Moore-Holmes (Learners & Young People's Service), P. McNulty and I. Bentley (Heywood Township) and A. Hart (Legal & Democratic Service).

Apologies for Absence: Councillor Beswick.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

(43) In accordance with the Code of Conduct for Councillors and Co-opted Members, Councillors Robinson and Emmott declared a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 2 relating to Heywood Memorial Gardens – War Memorial Final Design and Installation and left the room for the consideration of this item.

IMPLEMENTATION OF PLAY PATHFINDER 2008 TO 2010

(44) The Committee considered the report of the Head of Learners & Young People's Service (HT.07/09) in relation to the Township implementation of the Play Pathfinder.

Eligible for
Call-in

Yes

The recommendation was put forward as the Play Pathfinder required the development of a minimum of 28 play areas and an adventure playground across the Borough during the period 2008 – 2010. Members were asked for their priorities for the development of four play areas for 8–13 year olds in the Heywood Township.

In terms of alternatives considered: The timescales imposed by the requirements of the Play Pathfinder made it imperative that decisions regarding priorities were made at this time as failure to deliver the required number of play areas for 8–13 year olds within the timescale would result in the funding being reduced or withdrawn.

DECIDED – That (1) the review of progress for the year one Play Pathfinder schemes be noted;

(2) the list of possible schemes for the Township for year two after full consultation be confirmed as Back o'th' Moss, Heady Hill and Lytham Drive with three reserves - Angel Meadow, Cherwell and Salisbury with the fourth scheme being chosen from one of the reserves.

HEYWOOD MEMORIAL GARDENS – NEW WAR MEMORIAL FINAL DESIGN AND INSTALLATION

(45) The Committee considered the report of the Heywood Township Manager (HT.08/09) which outlined the current position and final steps needed to complete the design and installation of the new War Memorial in the Heywood Memorial Gardens.

Yes

The recommendation was put forward to ensure an effective method of obtaining Members' agreement whilst balancing shorter timescales on a significantly delayed project.

In terms of alternatives considered: The alternative is to refer each design decision to a Committee involving all Members which will incur further significant delays and potential cost increases.

DECIDED – That (1) decision for the final design and implementation stage are delegated to the Township Manager, in consultation with the Chair of Township and Councillor Robinson;

(2) Members re-affirm the delegated decision process during the final stages of the design and installation of the new War Memorial.

HEYWOOD TOWNSHIP FUND 2008/2009

(46) The Committee considered the report of the Heywood Township Manager (HT.09/09) which outlined the funds available within the Heywood Township Fund 2008/09 and sought approval to the allocation of funds to projects meeting the Members' declared priorities as identified within the Township Plan.

Yes

The recommendation was put forward to ensure an effective allocation of resources across Township priorities.

In terms of alternatives considered: No alternatives have been considered.

The Township Manager raised the issue of fencing that needed reporting at the East Lancashire Railway. Members of the Committee discussed whether this was a Township or Corporate issue and that confirmation was awaited of the 09/10 Township Capital allocation.

The Committee were requested to consider an application to the Events Fund from the Heywood Model Railway for a contribution towards the cost of running their annual exhibition at Heywood Civic Centre on the 14th and 15th March 2009.

DECIDED – That (1) Members re-affirm the allocation of the Township Fund to key projects and priorities from the range identified within the Heywood Township Plan;

Railway Group;

(2) an award of £600 be made to the Heywood Model Railway be noted.

HEYWOOD TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY GRANTS FUND 2008/2009

(47) The Committee considered the report of the Heywood Township Manager (HT.10/09) which requested the consideration of applications to the Township Community Grants Fund.

Yes

The recommendation was put forward as applications to the Heywood Township Community Grants Fund are considered by this Sub-Committee.

In terms of alternatives considered: No alternatives have been considered.

The Committee considered a grant application from Heywood Cricket Club for the hire of nets.

DECIDED – That Heywood Cricket Club be awarded £500.

HEYWOOD TOWNSHIP PLAN

(48) The Township Manager provided a verbal update on the Township Plan and requested a Members Away Day to establish their priorities for the next financial year.

No

DECIDED – That a Members Away Day be provisionally held on Saturday, 25th April 2009.

LAND AT HEADY HILL

(49) The Committee considered the report of the Head of Strategic Housing (HT.11/09) which sought approval for the disposal of four parcels of land at Heady Hill, Heywood.

The recommendation was put forward as sale by select tender would ensure the best possible price is achieved for the sites as a commercial housing development and ensure the sustainability of Heady Hill in the future.

Yes

Alternatives to the sale of land by tender were outlined within the submitted report.

Concerns were raised over how guarantees can be made into local employment being used from the building trade by the sale of this land. It was reported that the bidders could be encouraged to use local labour.

**DECIDED – That (1) the sale by select tender be approved;
(2) Planning & Regulation Service be required to adopt the development brief;
(3) all preliminary reports and surveys are carried out prior to marketing.**

HEYWOOD PHOENIX CENTRE

(50) The Township Manager provided a verbal update on the progress of the Phoenix Centre.

DECIDED – That the update be noted.

No