

Place Select Committee

A meeting of Place Select Committee was held on Monday, 15th March, 2021.

Present: Cllr Chris Barlow (Chairman), Cllr Louise Baldock (Vice-Chair), Cllr Pauline Beall, Cllr Luke Frost, Cllr Mohammed Javed, Cllr Maurice Perry, Cllr Hilary Vickers, Cllr Alan Watson, Cllr Bill Woodhead MBE.

Officers: John Angus, Craig Willows, Jamie Stephenson, Tony Wrigglesworth (CS&T); Raymond Sullivan (FD&BS); Peter Bell, Rebecca Saunders-Thompson (MD).

Also in attendance: Cllr Mick Moore, Gareth Aungiers (Xentrall).

Apologies: Cllr Mohammed Javed, Steve Bowerbank.

PLA 42/20 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Luke Frost declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in item 4 as a member of the Cleveland Fire Authority and the National Fire Commission.

PLA 43/20 **Minutes of the meeting held on 15 February 2021**

Consideration was given to the minutes from the meeting held on 15 February 2021.

AGREED that the minutes be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

PLA 44/20 **Monitoring the Impact of Previously Agreed Recommendations - Scrutiny Review of Planters in Residential Streets (Task & Finish) - Action Plan - To follow**

Members were presented with the Action Plan setting out how the agreed recommendations from the Scrutiny Review of Planters in Residential Streets would be implemented and target dates for completion.

Members thanked officers for their work on the review and looked forward to the improvements that would be made in Wards.

Members questioned what would happen if there was no uptake to maintaining planters from individuals, community groups, or local businesses. Members were informed that the current maintenance regime would continue.

Members were informed that no planters had been identified for removal at this time and costs for removal varied according to the location and size of a planter.

AGREED that:

- 1) the Action Plan be approved.
- 2) a progress update will be provided to the Committee in approximately 12 months.

PLA **Monitoring the Impact of Previously Agreed Recommendations - Update -**

45/20 Scrutiny Review of Fire Safety of High Rise Residential Buildings (Task & Finish)

Members were presented with an update on the Scrutiny Review of Fire Safety of High-Rise Residential Buildings (Task & Finish).

The update covered the following points from the review:

- All key partner agencies to consider the outcomes from Thirteen Group's commissioned independent inquiry around the presence of Class 3 combustible cladding at Kennedy Gardens, and act where necessary.
- Committee recommends the installation of sprinkler/misting systems in all high-rise residential buildings across Stockton-on-Tees.
- Consideration to be given by all key partner agencies on the outcomes from the Government's public inquiry into the Grenfell Tower, or any related, fire once available. (This included updates on the Draft Fire Safety Bill and Draft Building Safety Bill.)

The main issues were as follows:

- Members noted the value of sprinklers and thanked officers for the installation of sprinklers in high-rise residential buildings in Stockton Town Centre.
- Officers informed Members that staff will continue to have up to date fire safety and building safety qualifications.

AGREED that:

- 1) the update be noted.

PLA 46/20 Monitoring the Impact of Previously Agreed Recommendations - Updates - Scrutiny Reviews of Parking on Grass Verges (Task & Finish) and Disabled Parking

Members were presented with a Progress Update on the Scrutiny Review of Parking on Grass Verges (Task & Finish).

Members thanked Officers for their work and acknowledged the positive impact of the parking policy in reducing the number of complaints from residents across the Borough.

Members highlighted that a lack of parking spaces in some residential areas exacerbated problems with parking with on grass verges.

Members raised issues concerning the Thornaby Green area and Officers informed Members that they would look at conducting a night patrol and other preventative measures.

AGREED that:

- 1) the Progress Update be noted.
- 2) a further progress update will be provided to the Committee in approximately 6-12 months.

Members were also presented with an update on the Disabled Parking Audit.

Members thanked Officers for their work on the report.

Members were informed that funding had been allocated to carry out the work on dropped kerbs as outlined in the report. Some of the work was ongoing and this would be a 2 to 3-year programme so additional funding would be requested at the appropriate time.

Members asked if there would be enough disabled parking provision for those attending events at the Globe Theatre when it opened. Members were informed that provision had been considered and, primarily, people will be directed to the Wellington Square Car Park. If the number of disabled parking bays needed to increase after the opening of the Globe, it would be manageable to change standard bays into disabled bays, particularly in the Wellington Square Car Park.

AGREED that:

- 1) the update report be noted.

PLA 47/20 Work Programme 2020-21

Consideration was given to the Work Programme.

The next Committee meeting would be held on Monday 19 April 2021.

AGREED that the Work Programme be noted.

PLA 48/20 Chair's Update

The Chair had no further update.

AGREED that the Chair's Update be noted.