

Minutes of Emergency Committee

Meeting Date: Monday, 1 July 2013 commencing at 9.00am
Present: Councillor S Hirst (Chairman)

Councillors:

T Hill A Knox
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In attendance: Chief Executive, Director of Resources, Director of Community Services, Head of Planning Services, Head of Housing and Regeneration and Solicitor.

Also in attendance: Councillor S Bibby.

157 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

158 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That by virtue of the fact that the following item of business is exempt information under Categories 3 and 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be now excluded from the meeting.

159 PLANNING APPEALS UPDATE

The Director of Community Services submitted a report providing Members with an update in relation to the recent major planning appeals and asking them to consider whether to continue to oppose the Waddington Road, Clitheroe, appeal (3/2012/0913/P).

The report referred to the numerous planning appeals that have been subject to public inquiry and the need to appoint expert witnesses and barristers to represent the Council in relation to specific reasons for refusal.

With specific reference to the Waddington Road planning appeal a barrister had been instructed to support the Council in this case. However following a case review and in the light of current information which impact on the specific reasons for refusal on this appeal it was now felt necessary to consider whether the appeal should continue to be defended. This does not prevent third party representations and the appeal would still proceed but with no formal objection from the Council.

Members discussed the issues surrounding the implications of withdrawing from the appeal and felt that in future there needs to be a constant review of issues with regard to planning applications and appeals as they arise.

RESOLVED: That Committee ask the Chief Executive to advise the appellant and the Inspectorate that the Council withdraws from the Waddington Road appeal.

The meeting closed at 10.30am.

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