

## COUNCILLOR BARBARA ASHWORTH, MAYOR

**MINUTES OF: THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSSENDALE**

**DATE OF MEETING: 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2020**

**PRESENT: The Mayor Councillor Ashworth (in the Chair)  
Councillors Adshead, Aldred, A. Barnes, L. Barnes, Bromley,  
Cheetham, James Eaton, Janet Eaton, Essex, Fletcher, Gill,  
Haslam-Jones, Haworth, Hughes, Kostyan, Lythgoe, MacNae,  
Marriott, Morris, Neal, Oakes, Pendlebury, Powell, Procter,  
Serridge, Steen, Stevens and Walmsley.**

**IN ATTENDANCE: Neil Shaw, Chief Executive  
Clare Birtwistle, Legal Services Manager (Monitoring Officer)  
Cath Burns, Director of Economic Development  
Adam Allen, Director of Communities  
Karen Spencer, Head of Finance  
Mick Coogan, Strategic Housing Manager  
Carolyn Sharples, Committee and Member Services Manager  
Glenda Ashton, Committee and Member Services Officer**

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received for Councillors Farrington, Kempson, Kenyon, Johnson, Roberts and Stansfield.

**2. Minutes**

**Resolved:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020 be signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

**3. Urgent Items of Business**

There were no urgent items of business.

**4. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**5. Communications from the Mayor, the Leader or Head of Paid Service**

The Head of Paid Service provided an update on the COVID situation in the borough. The Council would continue to communicate and work with partners, local businesses, schools and the public and take enforcement action as and when necessary.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CABINET AND OTHER COMMITTEES**

**6. Constitution Review**

The Council considered the recommendation of the Governance Working Group in relation to the Constitution Review report, which was introduced by the Chair of the Governance Working Group, Councillor Oakes.

**Resolved:**

That Council agree to the proposed changes to the Constitution in relation to granting a general dispensation to all members of the Council for a period of 4 years as detailed in Appendix A.

### **Reason for Decision**

The Council is required by law to implement a Constitution and it is in the interests of the Council to regularly review and update the document.

### **Alternative Options Considered**

None.

## **ORDINARY BUSINESS**

### **7. Partial demolition of Waterside Mill, Bacup**

The Council considered the Waterside Mill report, which was introduced by the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Councillor Lythgoe.

In response to questions from members it was confirmed that:

- The contractor carrying out the works would be responsible for any issues surrounding the demolition.
- Any costs involved in the works would be added to the Land Charges register as security and recovered as part of future enforcement action.

### **Resolved:**

1. Members approve an addition to the Capital Programme of up to £100k for the partial demolition of Waterside Mill or full demolition if required, to be funded by borrowing or capital receipts.
2. All future minor amendments to the strategy to be delegated to the Head of Planning & Building Control in consultation with the Portfolio Holder.

### **Reason for Decision**

The partial demolition of the building has begun following the continued structural deterioration of the building and members are required to ratify the funding to enable the necessary demolition works.

### **Alternative Options Considered**

None.

### **8. Permission to Tender for Disabled Facilities Grant Lifting Equipment**

The Council considered the Disabled Facilities Grant report, which was introduced by the Portfolio Holder for Communities, Councillor Hughes.

In response to questions from members it was confirmed that:

- The procurement package would cover maintenance of the equipment installed.

### **Resolved:**

Council grants permission to proceed as planned with the procurement process for the supply and maintenance of lifting equipment for Disabled Facilities Grants using the Northern Consortium framework extended competition for a 5 year contract with the option for an extension for a further 2 years.

### **Reason for Decision**

The procurement exercise should continue as planned to provide a holistic and end to end service for customers who need lifting equipment as part of their DFG funded adaptation.

### **Alternative Options Considered**

None.

**9. River Wall at Victoria Way, Rawtenstall**

The Council considered the River Wall at Victoria Way Rawtenstall report, which was introduced by the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Councillor Walmsley.

In response to questions from members it was confirmed that:

- The Council were responsible for the works as the land owner.
- All owned assets were insured however river walls were not insurable.

**Resolved:**

To approve £100,000 additional capital funding for the reconstruction of the retaining river wall at Victoria Way, Rawtenstall.

**Reason for Decision**

Additional capital funding is required for the reconstruction of the retaining river wall at Victoria Way, Rawtenstall.

**Alternative Options Considered**

None.

**(The meeting commenced at 6.35pm and concluded at 7.32pm)**

Signed.....

(Chair)

Date .....