

Blackpool Council

1 December 2023

To: Councillors Benson, N Brookes, Burdess, Farrell, Hobson, Hugo, Hurst, M Smith, Taylor and Williams

The above members are requested to attend the:

EXECUTIVE

Monday, 11 December 2023 at 6.00 pm
in Committee Room A, Town Hall, Blackpool

A G E N D A

ADMISSION OF THE PUBLIC TO COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Head of Democratic Governance has marked with an asterisk (*) those items where the Committee may need to consider whether the public should be excluded from the meeting as the items are likely to disclose exempt information.

The nature of the exempt information is shown in brackets after the item.

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are asked to declare any interests in the items under consideration and in doing so state:

(1) the type of interest concerned either a

- (a) personal interest
- (b) prejudicial interest
- (c) disclosable pecuniary interest (DPI)

and

(2) the nature of the interest concerned

If any member requires advice on declarations of interests, they are advised to contact the Head of Democratic Governance in advance of the meeting.

2 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE MONITORING AS AT MONTH 7 2023/24 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2024/25 - 2026/27

(Pages 1 - 66)

To report the level of spending and exposure against the Council's Revenue budgets and reserves and balances for the first 7 months to 31 October 2023. The report also includes an update on the Medium Term Financial Plan 2024/25 – 2026/27.

3 COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME 2024/2025 (Pages 67 - 258)

To provide an update on the impact of the Council Tax Reduction Scheme since the introduction in 2013/14 and to seek approval to recommend to the Council the proposals for the Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2024/25.

4 BLACKPOOL YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN (Pages 259 - 328)

To provide the Executive with an update regarding Blackpool's Youth Justice Service and seek approval by the Council of the Youth Justice Service Annual Plan.

5 EXPANSION OF HIGHFURLONG SPECIAL SCHOOL PHASE TWO (Pages 329 - 338)

To seek approval to proceed with the further development of The Meadow site at Highfurlong School - subject to Planning consent - to accommodate a single-storey hydrotherapy centre extension to the previously approved two-storey extension and associated facilities to ensure sufficient local provision for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

6 CONSTRUCTION OF TWO ADDITIONAL COUNCIL HOMES AT GRANGE PARK (PHASE 2 HOUSING SITE), BLACKPOOL (Pages 339 - 350)

This report outlines the proposal and level of investment required to deliver two additional two-bedroom bungalows at Grange Park scheme (Phase Two site). These additional units will replace the existing Blackpool Coastal Housing neighbourhood office on Sidford Court, Grange Park. The report seeks formal approval for the units to be delivered as an addition to the existing build programme (EX34/2021). The report also updates Executive on the additional costs incurred by the scheme.

7 BLACKPOOL AIRPORT ENTERPRISE ZONE: ANNUAL REVIEW (Pages 351 - 396)

This report sets out for review and approval:

- a) The further progress on the delivery of the Blackpool Airport Enterprise Zone and related activity at Blackpool Airport since the Executive of 5 December 2022
- b) Outlines activity planned for the next fifteen months to the end of financial year (FY) 2024/25; and,
- c) Seeks authority to proceed with planned activities, related investment expenditure and required prudential borrowing in relation to:
 - Continued progression with work to undertake Phase 1 - highway and utility provision at Eastern Gateway and Airport East.;
 - Advance preparatory work and property acquisition to facilitate delivery of phase 2 at Silicon Sands, together with approval in principle to progress developments for a technology demonstrator data centre, solar farm and

battery storage.

- Confirmation of relevant delegated authorities including the letting of larger construction contracts and formal expenditure approvals in respect of match funding under the Town Deal.
- To confirm amended governance arrangements

8 BLACKPOOL TOWN DEAL: UPDATE (Pages 397 - 446)

To provide an update on progress with the delivery of the Town Deal Programme.

9 TOWN CENTRE ACCESS SCHEME: LEVELLING UP FUND (Pages 447 - 454)

To provide an update on the Town Centre Access Scheme (TCAS) which was originally submitted as a Levelling Up Round 2 Bid in July 2022, authorised by the Executive in April 2022 (EX19/2022), its eventual approval in November 2023 and seeks authorisation for the proposed way forward.

*** 10 INVESTMENT IN FYLDE COAST ECONOMY** (Pages 455 - 492)

This report and Appendices are currently exempt from publication by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. It is considered on balance that the public interest would not be served by publishing information at this stage as this information would undermine the Council's position in future negotiations and could risk the scheme not being able to proceed.

Venue information:

First floor meeting room (lift available), accessible toilets (ground floor), no-smoking building.

Other information:

For queries regarding this agenda please contact Lennox Beattie, Executive and Regulatory Manager, Tel: (01253) 477157, e-mail lennox.beattie@blackpool.gov.uk

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