

Minutes of a meeting of the Regulatory and Appeals Committee (sitting as Trustees) held on Monday, 20 May 2019 in the Banqueting Hall - City Hall, Bradford

Commenced 1.10 pm
Concluded 1.25 pm

Present – Councillors

LABOUR	CONSERVATIVE	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT
Warburton Wainwright Amran Watson	Brown	Griffiths

Councillor Warburton in the Chair

106. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

In the interests of transparency, Councillor Brown disclosed, in relation to the item concerning The Norman Rae Northcliffe Park Trust, Northcliffe Allotments, Shipley, Bradford (Minute 108), that many years ago he had worked on the adjacent site.

In the interests of transparency, Councillor Wainwright disclosed, in relation to The Norman Rae Northcliffe Park Trust, Northcliffe Allotments, Shipley, Bradford (Minute 108) that he was a member of the Eccleshill Horticultural Society Allotment Association.

ACTION: *City Solicitor*

107. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

There were no appeals submitted by the public to review decisions to restrict documents.

108. THE NORMAN RAE NORTHCLIFFE PARK TRUST, NORTHCLIFFE ALLOTMENTS, SHIPLEY, BRADFORD

The Strategic Director, Corporate Resources presented a report (**Document “AV”**) in relation to the self-management of the Northcliffe Allotments, Shipley, Bradford by the Northcliffe Allotment Society. Members were informed that the land was owned by the Council in Trust for the Norman Rae Northcliffe Park Trust and a Service Level Agreement that transferred some of the responsibilities to the Society had been signed in April 2018.

The Strategic Director, Corporate Resources reminded the Committee of the decision made at its meeting held on 7 March 2019 in relation to the Chapel Lane Allotments and then recommended that a Service Level Agreement (SLA) be granted whilst the possibility of granting a lease was investigated.

In response to a number of questions from Members, the Strategic Director, Corporate Resources confirmed that further legal appraisal was required along with information as to what action other Trusts undertook. If the Committee agreed to grant a SLA there would be no reason why the matter could not be reconsidered as soon as practicable.

A representative of the Northcliffe Allotment Society addressed the Committee explaining that they were well established and had taken control of many of the functions usually carried out by the Council. They had an active membership that met quarterly, organised many events and in 2018 they had decided to become a charitable organisation. The allotments were fully let and eight new plots had been created. Members were informed that the Society would like to assume more responsibility from the Council and improve the security of the site, therefore, an agreement similar to that granted to the Chapel Lane Allotment Society would be welcomed.

Resolved –

That a Service Level Agreement be granted to the Allotment Society whilst the possibility for processing a Community Asset Transfer (CAT) lease be given further consideration and the findings presented to the Trustees at a future meeting.

ACTION: Strategic Director, Corporate Resources

Chair

Note: These minutes are subject to approval as a correct record at the next meeting of the Regulatory and Appeals Committee.

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