

Minutes of a meeting of the Regulatory and Appeals Committee (Sitting as Trustees) held on Thursday, 15 December 2022 at 10.45 am in Council Chamber - City Hall, Bradford

Commenced 10.45 am
Concluded 11.15 am

Present – Councillors

LABOUR	CONSERVATIVE	GREEN
Salam Alipoor Mullaney	Brown Sullivan	Edwards

Councillor Salam in the Chair

Apologies: Councillor Mohammed Shafiq

20. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

No disclosures of interest in matters under consideration were received.

21. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

22. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Resolved –

That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the appendices relating to the Royd House Trust in Wilsden, to on the grounds that it is likely in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if they were present, exempt information within Paragraph 3 (Finance or Business Affairs) of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), would be disclosed and it is considered that, in all the circumstances, the public interest in excluding public access to the relevant part of the proceedings outweighs the interest in publication of the report.

23. ROYD HOUSE TRUST IN WILSDEN

The Strategic Director Place submitted a report (**Document “J”**) which requested the agreement of Regulatory and Appeals Committee, as Trustees of the Royd House Trust in Wilsden, to grant three awards recommended and pre-approved by the Evaluation Group.

It was explained that a number of organisations had applied for funding, the details of which were set out in the appendices. It was stressed that given the amounts requested, if Members wished, future applications could be delegated to the Strategic Director for determination.

During the discussion Members were advised that the evaluation group consisting of three ward Councillors, a parish council representative and an officer made recommendations on the applications, and therefore the decision making process was a robust one.

A number of Members expressed their reservations at the proposed delegation to the Strategic Director, adding that the Trustees should ultimately be making decisions on applications.

However, majority of the Members were satisfied that the current process was working well, however if the Trustees were minded to delegate the decision to the Strategic Director, it should be on the proviso that if he/she was minded to refuse the application, then the application should be referred back to the Trustees for determination, and was therefore:

Resolved –

That the three applications set out in the Not for Publication Appendices to Document “J” be approved and that all future agreements and approvals for grant awards be delegated to the Strategic Director of Place or their successor. If the Strategic Director is minded to refuse the application(s), then the decision be referred back to the Trustees for determination.

Note: Under Standing Order 42.2, Councillors Brown and Sullivan requested that their vote against be recorded.

ACTION: Strategic Director Place /Director of Legal and Governance

24. THE ALFRED SHARP FUND APPLICATION FORMS

Further to the meeting of the Trustees held on 27 October and 24 November 2022, the Trustees were requested to consider and approve the application forms which had been drafted by the Ward Officer Bingley & Baildon Wards.

In terms of the proposed application form, Members suggested a number of minor changes, such as reference to the Council’s Equal Opportunities in dealing with applications and not to set a ceiling on the amount that could be applied for on the

general application.

A number of other suggestions were made and the application process and it was therefore:

Resolved –

- (1) That the maximum funding amount for the discretionary element be set at £5000, for any applications over this amount, matched funding is encouraged and the applicant/organisation be asked to contact the Ward Officer for Bingley and Baildon Wards to discuss the application further.**
- (2) That there be two application rounds for the discretionary element and that applicants be advised that repeat applications will not be encouraged.**

ACTION: Ward Officer Bingley & Baildon Wards

Chair

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

THIS AGENDA AND ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN PRODUCED, WHEREVER POSSIBLE, ON RECYCLED PAPER