

Minutes of a meeting of the Regulatory and Appeals Committee (Meeting as Trustees) held on Thursday, 30 November 2023 in the Council Chamber - City Hall, Bradford

Commenced 10.20 am
Concluded 10.40 am

Members of the Executive – Councillors

LABOUR	CONSERVATIVE	GREEN
Alipoor Lal Mullaney	Brown Sullivan	Edwards

29. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

In the absence of the deputy chair, it was resolved that Councillor Lal be appointed Chair for the purposes of this meeting.

Councillor Lal in the Chair

30. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

In the interest of transparency Councillor Brown disclosed an interest in the item relating to to the 1887 Alfred Sharpe Educational Trust (Minute 32), in that he was also involved in providing educational support to disadvantaged young people in the Keighley area.

To be action by: Director of Legal and Governance

31. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

32. THE 1887 ALFRED SHARP BINGLEY EDUCATIONAL TRUST AND THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDING FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES

The Assistant Director of Neighbourhoods and Community submitted a report (**Document “F”**) which provided an update on the process and allocation of funding from the Alfred Sharp 1887 grants to schools and groups within the designated area in Bingley. The 1887 Alfred Sharp Bingley Educational Trust sub committee had allocated £80,104.25 of the £220,000 available funds to local schools and community organisations. This report provided updated information on projects that had received grant funding through this process.

The Bingley Area Ward Officer was present at the meeting and provided background information in relation to the setting of the Trust and the applications that had been received thus far. Details of the projects allocated funding and the rationale behind the decisions was set out in the appendix to Document “E”.

In relation to a question regarding those applications that had been refused funding, it was explained that they had failed to meet the educational element requirement for funding.

In relation to the funding of the Downs Syndrome information Packs, it was stated that further information was contained in the detailed application that had been submitted and this information would be circulated to Trustees. However, it was stressed that all the projects that had received funding, resided in the funding area boundary agreed by the Trustees.

In relation to a question regarding the timescale for spending the remaining funding, it was stressed that there was no time limit specified, and that there would be a new funding round in due course.

Members thanked the Ward Officer and the sub committee comprising of Ward and Parish Councillors the assessing the funding applications received and acknowledged their hard work and due diligence.

Resolved–

That the updates provided in Document “F” be noted and acknowledged.

No Action

33. WIBSEY PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Strategic Director Place submitted a report (**Document “G”**) which requested the agreement of Regulatory and Appeals Committee, as Trustees of the Wibsey Park Registered Charity (1042146), to issue a new 20 year lease for Wibsey Park Community Garden (ARN 53828) with Bradford Organics Communities Service (BOCS) to enable them to secure external grant funding.

The Principal Parks and Green Spaces Development Manager gave an overview of the current lease arrangements and details arounds the proposed new lease, details of which were set in Document “G”.

In relation to a question regarding the credibility and standing of BOCS, it was stressed that the company had been operating at the park for over seven years and their record during this period was exemplary.

In case the company ceased to exist, during the period of the new lease, the Wibsey Community Garden would revert into Council ownership.

Members were content to issue a new 20 year lease as set out in Option1 to Document "E", and it was therefore:

Resolved –

That a new 20 year lease being issued to BOCS be approved subject to the process set out in 6.1 to Document "G".

To be actioned by: Strategic Director Place

Chair

Note: These minutes are subject to approval as a correct record at the next meeting of the Executive

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