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KIRKLEES COUNCIL

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

Thursday 19th February 2026

Present: Councillor James Homewood (Chair)
Councillor Bill Armer
Councillor Susan Lee-Richards
Councillor Andrew Pinnock
Councillor Cathy Scott
Councillor Mohan Sokhal

52 Membership of the Committee

No apologies for absence were received.

53 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 January 2026 be approved as a correct record.

54 Declaration of Interests and Lobbying

Councillors Armer, Homewood, A Pinnock, Lee-Richards, Scott and Sokhal advised that they had been lobbied on Application 2024/93494. Councillors Armer, A Pinnock and Scott also advised that they had been present when the previous application had been considered in 2020.

55 Admission of the Public

It was noted that all agenda items would be considered in public session.

56 Public Question Time

No public questions were received.

57 Deputations/Petitions

No deputations or petitions were received.

58 Site Visit - Application No: 2024/93494

Site visit undertaken.

59 Cooper Bridge Improvement Scheme - Acceptance of delegated non-executive functions from Calderdale MBC to Kirklees MBC (Reference to Council)

The Committee received a report which sought approval for non-executive powers to be delegated by Calderdale Council (CMBC) to Kirklees Council (KMBC) (the Authorities) to enable the delivery of the A62 to Cooper Bridge Corridor Improvement Scheme (the Scheme).

The report advised that the specific powers KMBC required to deliver the Scheme within the administrative areas of both Authorities were within the Town and Country

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Planning Act 1990 (TCPA 1990) and the Highways Act 1980 (HA 1980). This report related solely to the delegation of the functions and powers within those Acts deemed to be 'non-executive powers'.

The Committee were asked to note the report prior to its submission to the meeting of Council on 11 March 2026. It was noted that, subject to the approval of Council, the Authorities had agreed to enter into a legal agreement (the Agreement) to affect the delegation.

RESOLVED - That the report be noted and referred to the meeting of Council on 11 March 2026.

60 **Planning Application - Application No: 2024/93494**

The Committee gave consideration to Application 2024/93494.

Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 37, the Committee received representations from Linda Beever, Janine Riley, Martin Kilburn, Gillian Starling, Mike Waters, Ann Denham, Donna Wright, John Mitchell and Barbara Lockwood (local residents), Indy Thandi (applicant) and Malcolm Sizer (applicant's agent).

Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 36(3), the Committee received a representation from Councillors Munro and Cooper.

RESOLVED –

- 1) That authority be delegated to the Head of Planning and Development to approve the application, issue the decision notice and complete the list of conditions.
- 2) That authority be delegated to the Head of Planning and Development to secure a S106 Agreement to cover (i) sustainable transport - measures to encourage the use of sustainable modes of transport, including the submission, approval, and implementation of a Travel Plan, and monitoring fees of £10,000 (ii) public benefits package of obligations to provide certainty that the identified public benefits are delivered, including confirmation of the arrangement and agreement of funding for the development to take place and reassessment clauses, after a given time, of the business case and (iii) management - implementation of a management plan for the exhibition/interpretation room and WCs (including the securing of public access without charge), and management of any new infrastructure (including surface water drainage until formally adopted by the statutory undertaker).
- 3) That, pursuant to (2) above, in circumstances where the S106 Agreement has not been completed within three months of this decision, the Head of Planning and Development shall be authorised to consider whether permission should be refused on the grounds that the proposals are unacceptable in the absence of the benefits that would have been secured, and would therefore be permitted to determine the Application and impose appropriate reasons for refusal under delegated powers.
- 4) That the draft conditions, as set out at Paragraph 12 of the report, be noted.

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A Recorded Vote was taken in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 42 (5) as follows;

For: Councillors Homewood, Scott and Sokhal (3 votes)

Against: Councillors Armer, Lee Richards and A Pinnock (3 votes)

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 42(2), the Chair applied their entitlement to a casting vote, and voted in favour of approving the application.

61 **Planning Application - Application No: 2025/92728**

The Committee gave consideration to Application 2025/92728 – Erection of 33 dwellings with associated car parking and landscaping land at Dowker Street, Milnsbridge, Huddersfield.

RESOLVED –

- 1) That authority be delegated to the Head of Planning and Development to approve the application, issue the decision notice and complete the list of conditions including matters relating to;
 - Three years to commence development
 - Development to be carried out in accordance with the approved plans and documents
 - Samples of all walling materials
 - Notwithstanding the submitted plans, plots 1-3 to be developed from natural stone to the front and gable elevations
 - Notwithstanding the submitted plans, the roofing materials to include artificial or natural blue slate, including samples
 - Details of windows and doors
 - All windows to be set back into the reveal by 100mm
 - Full details/locations of PV panels
 - Full details/locations of the air source heat pumps
 - Full details of boundary treatments
 - Details of measures to deter crime and anti-social behaviour
 - Submission of a CEMP
 - Management and maintenance of green space
 - Submission of full drainage details
 - Management and maintenance of drainage features (crate storage/attenuation)
 - Bin store details
 - Details of temporary waste storage and collection (during construction)
 - Submission of Phase 1
 - Submission of Phase 2
 - Submission of Remediation Strategy
 - Implementation of Remediation Strategy
 - Submission of Validation Report
 - Submission of a Noise Assessment and Mitigation Scheme
 - Details of EVCP's
 - Permeable surfacing to all vehicle parking areas
 - Details of any new retaining walls/ building retaining walls adjacent to the proposed adoptable highway

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- Proposed design and construction details for the reconstruction/strengthening of culverted section of Longwood Brook within the highway footprint
- Details of any drainage in the highway
- Submission of an up to date survey of Longwood Brook
- Development in accordance with Affordable Housing Statement.

2) That authority be delegated to the Head of Planning and Development to secure a S106 Agreement to cover (i) management and maintenance (the establishment of a management company for the purpose of maintaining the shared green open spaces (including ecological management), the private parking areas and infrastructure (including surface water drainage until formally adopted by the statutory undertaker) and (ii) facilitate the implementation of a TRO for the sum of £10,000.

3) That, pursuant to (2) above, in circumstances where the S106 Agreement has not been completed within three months of this decision, the Head of Planning and Development shall be authorised to consider whether permission should be refused on the grounds that the proposals are unacceptable in the absence of the benefits that would have been secured, and would therefore be permitted to determine the Application and impose appropriate reasons for refusal under delegated powers.

A Recorded Vote was taken in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 42 (5) as follows;

For: Councillors Armer, Homewood, Lee Richards, A Pinnock, Scott and Sokhal (6 votes)

Against: (no votes)