

PENKETH MASTERPLAN

NOTES OF MEETING HELD

30 May 2019, 12noon-1.30pm

Penketh Community Centre

Present:

Steve Park (SP) – Director of Growth, WBC & Managing Director, Warrington & Co
John Laverick (JL) – Senior Development Manager, Warrington & Co
Eleanor Blackburn (EB) – Head of Strategic Partnerships & Commissioning, WBC (Chair)
Matt Parker (MP) - Operations Director, LiveWire
Councillor Linda Dirir (LD) – Representing Penketh Youth Club
John Carlin (JC) - Headteacher, Penketh High School
Adina Cadman (AC) – Practice Manager, Penketh Health Centre
Adrienne Laing (AL) – Operations Lead, TCAT
David Simm (DS) – Chair of Parish Council

In attendance:

Alison Harbidge (AH) – Warrington BC

Apologies:

Chris Skinkis, Head of Service, Neighbourhoods, Warrington BC
Steven Broomhead, Chief Executive, Warrington BC

	Actions
<p>1. <u>Introductions</u></p> <p>EB welcomed all present, introductions were made around the table and apologies above noted.</p>	
<p>2. <u>Purpose of the group</u></p> <p>EB outlined the purpose of the meeting today which was to consider ideas and opportunities to uplift a number of old and deteriorating buildings in Penketh. This working group has been established following a suggestion to take a look at the wider area and the public buildings within, and consider ideas and viability of a local Masterplan.</p> <p>It was noted that the Parish Council and Youth Club have met previously to consider potential ideas, which covered their immediate properties, but the considerations should be revised to cover a wider range of local public / local authority owned buildings.</p> <p>DS and LD reflected on local public meetings about potential proposals. The preference from local people seems to be towards keeping facilities in one place. Feedback from a local workshop is being collated and it was agreed that this would be shared with the group once complete.</p>	<p>DS</p>

<p>JC advised that he has received feedback from some people since the latest public meeting who wanted to explore the potential of moving some facilities to the school site, and that a wider consultation with a wider demographic of members of the community was required to explore all options.</p> <p>In summary, EB confirmed the need to explore all options, including requirements for green space and playing pitches, and that wider consultation on ideas would be required.</p>	
<p>3. <u>Initial Ideas and thoughts from partners</u></p> <p>SP explained that Warrington & Co had been approached to develop some early ideas given the range of challenges being faced. He gave an overview of the place based approach that had been taken involving initial feedback from local stakeholders which asked them what they would want to see.</p> <p>In summary, having now visited the area several times, he felt that there were only two likely options available. The first being a basic refurbishment of each of the individual buildings. The second being a much more major project to create a ‘hub’ facility which co-located services on one site. He did not recommend a ‘linking’ of existing buildings.</p> <p>JL presented an initial plan for a hub facility intended only to spark conversation and feedback. The plan proposes continued use of Honiton Way centre as the primary priority, but plans have not yet widened to look at the health centre and school.</p> <p>SP advised there is a need to consider how to make the proposals commercially viable within financial constraints. A proposal of this type would likely cost around £8-10m. With this in mind the proposal included the potential opportunity for new housing on the immediate site and on nearby sites, and alternative use of other local buildings to support income.</p> <p>LD commented on feedback from a recent community stakeholder workshop which indicated that there were too many community halls in the vicinity.</p> <p>The general consensus was that the group gave their in principle approval to the ideas proposed, pending further review of the library space in particular.</p> <p>It was considered the footprint of the hub building as shown would be too small to accommodate both a pool and library, and that consideration be given to reduction or reconfiguration of the housing provision.</p> <p>It was agreed that further conversations need to take place with the school and health centre to take into account their needs.</p> <p>The group agreed that they would like to explore the ideas further and SP agreed to relay this back to WBC and seek approval to do so.</p>	<p>EB / AH to set up</p> <p>SP</p>

<p>4. <u>Communications/Messaging</u></p> <p>The significant public interest in the masterplan was acknowledged. It is important to have clear and transparent messaging. At this stage it should be explained that options are still being explored.</p>	
<p>5. <u>Dates of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>TBA – No later than end July.</p>	

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