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Livestock Market Working Party

Held at Council Chamber - Ryedale House, Malton, North Yorkshire YO17 7HH
on Tuesday 9 November 2021

Present

Councillors Arnold, Bailey, Burr MBE, Cleary, Cussons MBE, and Docwra.

In Attendance

Alan Bardet, Cllr Frank, Owen Griffiths, Philip Spurr, Cllr Thackray, and Howard Wallis. .

Minutes

23 **Minutes of Meeting held on 21 September 2021**

Members accepted the minutes from the previous meeting.

24 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received by Councillor Middleton.

25 **Progress on Site Negotiations/ Legal Agreements**

Since the last meeting further negotiations have taken place with the Fitzwilliam Trust Corporation (FTC) over the the Livestock Market site.

Significant progress has been made, however further detail needs to be established through further project development work before the final site transfer can be completed.

A range of options to enable this were presented that differed on levels of formality and conditionality. Officers to continue to progress towards formal agreement.

Members discussed and asked questions on the following:

- How long each part of the process would take.
- The level of stakeholder engagement in each option.
- The level of infrastructure necessary to secure the site transfer and operation of a livestock market, i.e. what would count as a livestock market. Is there a particular specification that the FTC required or is it for RDC to provide one?
- The level of urgency caused by the potential time constraints of Local Government Reorganisation (LGR).
- The level of engagement with the present organisers of the market and the auctioneers.
 - Although there had been meetings with stakeholders, the specifics of the operation of the market would follow once the initial site agreement was in place.
- Different options for securing the freehold of the site to facilitate the livestock market.

- The possibility of extending the development in the future.
- The capital value of the site needing to underwrite the Council's investment in the project.
- The need for plans to be made available to potential operators.
- Members' willingness to progress other parts of the project planning while negotiations on securing the site are ongoing.
- Shared servicing costs for the site.
- The need for a draft Head of Terms.

26 **Update on Estimated Costs**

Since the last meeting, further cost estimates (or budget allowances)- have now been included for roads, utilities and drainage.

Two cost plans were presented to the Members. One covered the scheme presented by Align at the previous Working Party meeting. The other projected what could be delivered within the budget that was originally created when the working party was made.

Members discussed and asked questions on the following:

- How can a project close to the Align feasibility study be achieved? Would further funding be required?
- The need to stay within budget. This may include a revised plan with outdoor pens.
- The date of any embargo on spending due to LGR.

The Members were in agreement to stick with the budget set forth originally.

27 **Next Steps**

The previous agenda items provided the officers with the feedback as to where their priorities should be before the next meeting and informing the next steps.

28 **Engagement with Interested Parties**

It was highlighted that there the stakeholders of the FTC and the Farmers Livestock Market Co. had previously offered to attend the working party. The members were in agreement that, although it might be of some benefit to consult and hear directly from the stakeholders, it was not necessary at present. Officers will progress stakeholder discussions as appropriate.

29 **Any other Business**

There being no further business the meeting ended at 8:05pm.