



To be submitted to the Council at its meeting on 20th March 2025

SPECIAL ECONOMY, CULTURE AND TOURISM SCRUTINY PANEL

10th February 2025 at 10.00am

Present:

Councillor Brookes (in the Chair)
Councillors Bright, Crofts, Jervis, Lindley, Mickleburgh, Morland and
Parkinson

Officers in attendance:

- Damien Jaines-White (Assistant Director Regeneration)
- Simon Jones (Assistant Director Law and Governance, Monitoring Officer)
- Guy Lonsdale (Assistant Director Finance)
- Beverly O'Brien (Scrutiny and Committee Advisor)

Also in attendance:

- Paul Sargent (Queensbury)
- Councillor Jackson (Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Economy, Regeneration, Devolution and Skills)

SPE.57 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received for this meeting.

SPE.58 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received in respect of any item on the agenda for this meeting.

SPE.59 FRESHNEY PLACE BUSINESS PLAN

The panel received a report from the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure reviewing the Freshney Place business plan for 2025. This report was scheduled to be

considered by the Freshney Place Sub Committee at its meeting on 12th February 2025.

Members asked for clarification on the centre having a robust maintenance plan, rent collections, security (specifically around access to the Community Diagnostic Centre) and learning facilities for young people. Officers present provided responses on these matters.

RECOMMENDED TO FRESHNEY PLACE SUB COMMITTEE –
That the recommendations within the report now submitted be agreed.

SPE.60 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED – That the press and public be requested to leave on the grounds that discussion of the following business was likely to disclose exempt information within paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

SPE.61 FRESHNEY PLACE BUSINESS PLAN

The panel received the closed appendix attached to the report considered at SPE.59.

Members of the panel asked about the following:

- Service Charges
- Capital Projects – planned improvement works
- RAAC (reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete) works
- Income analysis forecast

Officers present provided responses on these matters.

RESOLVED – That the matters raised, and responses provided be noted.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 10.57 a.m.