

Report to West Oldham District Executive

West Oldham District Key Developments Update

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Reason for report

This report provides the District Executive with an update on some key developments in the District.

Recommendations

That the District Executive notes the report.

West Oldham District Key Developments Update

1.0 Background

The report provides the members with an update on some of the key developments in the District.

Coldhurst

2.0 Developments in the Westhulme neighbourhood

There are a number of new developments planned or currently taking place in the area off Chadderton Way and to the rear of the Royal Oldham Hospital.

2.1 Audi Dealership

The new Audi dealership located off Chadderton Way is planned to be completed and open in August 2017.

The road works and new 4 way junction at Burnley Lane is planned to be complete by the end of July 2017.

The Get Oldham Working team have facilitated and supported recruitment to the job opportunities that are being created at this new development.

2.2 Cottam Street Play space

The Council is developing a new play area on Cottam Street as part of the replacement provision from the disposal of Westwood Park.

The area will include some natural play elements as well a basket swing, climbing walls, and embankment slide.

It is planned that this development should be completed by October 2017.

2.3 Westhulme kickpitch

A kickpitch is also being developed off Westhulme Avenue, to the rear of the new Audi car dealership, as part of the replacement provision for Westwood Park. The topographical surveys of the site have been completed and some more detailed surveys will take place to inform the design of the new facility. It is planned that the specification and design will be complete by October 2017.

2.4 Ellen Street development

The private development of the site owned by Copley Square between Chadderton Way and Ellen Street is progressing with a new retail unit nearing completion. This new unit will be occupied by B&M stores. When the unit currently occupied by B&M is vacated it will be demolished and the area will form a new car park for the new store.

Medlock Vale

3.0 Copster Hill Depot

The current FCHO depot at Copster Hill Road is due to be vacated in October 2017, when the service relocates to the new depot in Primrose Bank. The site will be demolished once vacated and marketed for future housing development.

3.1 Former CPD Playing fields

The Council has granted the Fitton Hill and Hathershaw Bulldogs an early access license with a view to granting them a lease for the site.

The Bulldogs have been working with contractors to try and bring a training pitch into use for the juniors team.

3.2 Fitton Hill vacant sites

There are a number of vacant sites in the Fitton Hill neighbourhood which the Council is working with a partner to bring to market for new residential developments.

Werneth

4.0 Oak Mill Chase

The housing development has been fully occupied for nearly two years and the Council have been working with Countryside to bring the rest of the estate into an adoptive state.

Of particular issue is the open space and play area on Oak Close. Planning Officers are liaising with Countryside to resolve the outstanding s106 condition for the Council to formally take on the play area for maintenance and redesign (if necessary).

4.1 Meridian site development

The new FCHO depot is expected to be complete by September 2017, and occupied and operational by October/November 2017.

4.2 Hartford Mill

Hartford Mill is in private ownership and the issues of anti-social behaviour and security of the site are the responsibility of the owner. The relevant Council officers are in contact with the owner to ensure that they discharge their responsibilities. The Council is working on a master plan for the cleared area around Hartford Mill and the mill itself. Once discussions with English Heritage have been had, the draft plan will be shared with members