

REPORT OF GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

GENERAL REPORT

1. This report summarises briefly the principal item of business considered at the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 17 March 2008.

Outline Planning Permission for the construction of a Primary Health Care Centre at Friday Street, Chorley

2. The Development Control Committee at its meeting on 3 March 2009, considered an application for outline planning permission for the demolition and clearance of an existing warehouse and outbuildings on the site of the former depot at Friday Street, Chorley and for the erection of a two storey primary health care centre (Use Class D1), including ancillary office accommodation . Following due consideration of the proposal, the Development Control Committee recommended the General Purposes Committee to grant outline permission for the development.
3. As the Friday Street site was owned by Chorley Council, the ultimate decision on the planning application needed to be made by, or on behalf of, the Council. The Central Lancashire Primary Care Trust required the planning permission before 31 March 2009 if it was to purchase the land before the end of the 2008/09 financial year. As the full Council was not due to meet until 7 April 2009, the General Purposes Committee had been requested to use its delegated power to exercise any function of the Council in cases of urgency or emergency.
4. We were provided with a copy of the Corporate Director (Businesses)' report on the development proposals that had been considered by the Development Control Committee on 3 March, together with an extract from the addendum note circulated at the meeting, so that the Committee Members had the opportunity of assessing all the detailed information before making a decision on the Development Control Committee's recommendations.
5. After taking account of all the relevant factors, the General Purposes Committee resolved:
 - (i) to grant conditional outline planning permission to Planning Application 09/00044/OUTMAJ for the demolition and clearance of an existing warehouse and outbuildings on the site of the former depot at Friday Street, Chorley and the erection of a two storey Primary Health Care Centre (Use Class D.1), including ancillary office accommodation, subject to the completion of a Section 106 Legal Agreement to ensure a financial contribution towards Chorley Kickstart to improve transport accessibility to and from the Health Centre; and
 - (ii) to refuse the outline planning permission for the development in the event of the Section 106 Legal Agreement not being signed by 24 April 2009.

Recommendation

6. The Council is recommended to note this report.

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Chair of General Purposes Committee

There are no background papers to this report.