

Minutes of Extraordinary Cabinet

21 January 2015

Present:

Councillor R.L. Watts, Leader of the Council, Chairman of the Cabinet and Cabinet Member for Strategy and Human Resources
Councillor P. Forbes-Forsyth, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Community Safety, Young People, Leisure and Culture
Councillor T.J.M. Evans, Cabinet Member for Finance
Councillor N. Gething, Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Fixed Assets
Councillor V.J. Leighton, Cabinet Member for Planning and Corporate Development
Councillor T. Mitchell, Cabinet Member for Environment
Councillor J.M. Pinkerton OBE, Cabinet Member for Housing, Health, Wellbeing and Independent Living
Councillor J. Sexton, Cabinet Member for Communications and Procurement

Apologies for absence: Councillor D. Patel, Cabinet Member for Parking services and ICT

Councillors in attendance: Councillors M.W. Bushnell, M.P. Francis and C.M. Frazer

2132. Disclosures of Interest

There were none.

2133. *Brooklands College site, Ashford – Key Decision

Cabinet received a report on the Council's proposed bid to acquire the Brooklands College site in Ashford.

RESOLVED that Cabinet agrees to two unconditional bids being submitted to acquire the Brooklands College site in Ashford.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND that Council agrees to approve the funding for the bid to acquire the Brooklands College site in Ashford.

Reason for the decision:

Cabinet noted firstly that the acquisition of this pivotal site in Ashford town centre represented a clear opportunity to transform the area to the benefit of the community of Ashford. Secondly, its location directly opposite the Council-owned multi-storey car park would enable the Council to potentially bring forward a wider development encompassing both sites.

NOTES:-

- (1) ***Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee are reminded that under Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule, the "call-in" procedure shall not apply to recommendations the Cabinet makes to the Council. The matters on which recommendations have been made to the Council, if any, are identified with an asterisk [*] in the above Minutes.***