

Minutes of Extraordinary Cabinet

21 July 2016

Present:

Councillor I.T.E. Harvey, Leader and Council Policy co-ordination
Councillor A.C. Harman, Deputy Leader and Towards a Sustainable Future programme (TaSF)
Councillor M.M. Attewell, Community Wellbeing
Councillor C.B. Barnard, Corporate Management
Councillor A.J. Mitchell, Environment and Compliance
Councillor H.R.D. Williams, Finance and Customer Service

Apologies:

Councillor N.J. Gething, Planning and Economic Development
Councillor J.M. Pinkerton OBE, Housing

2285 Disclosures of Interest

There were none.

2286 Exempt Business

RESOLVED to move the exclusion of the Press and Public for the following item in view of the likely disclosure of exempt information within the meaning of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 and by the Local Government (Access to information) (Variation) Order 2006.

2287 Exempt report - To consider acquisition of a site in the Borough - Key Decision

The Cabinet considered a report on the acquisition of a site in the Borough.

RESOLVED that Cabinet agreed to:

1. Approve the acquisition of the investment asset identified in this report;
2. Authorise the Chief Executive to submit the stage 1 bid and any other subsequent bids required, undertake any necessary subsequent negotiations (including a stage 2 bid) and complete the acquisition (in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer, the Leader and the Cabinet Member for Finance);

3. Authorise the Chief Finance Officer to decide the most financially advantageous funding arrangements for the purchase and ensure the acquisition is prudentially affordable;
4. Authorise the Head of Corporate Governance to enter into any legal documentation necessary to acquire the asset;
5. Exempt Contract Standing Orders in respect of our advisors.

Reason for the decision:

To continue with the Council's 'Towards a Sustainable Future' programme to ensure it is in a position to withstand the financial challenges it currently faces.

NOTES:-

- (1) ***Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee are reminded that under Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 16, 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.***
- (2) ***Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee are entitled to call in decisions taken by the Cabinet for scrutiny before they are implemented, other than any recommendations covered under (1) above.***
- (3) ***Within five working days of the date on which a decision of the Cabinet or a Cabinet Member is published, not less than three members [one of whom must be the Chairman] of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee are able to "call in" a decision;***
- (4) ***To avoid delay in considering an item "called in", an extraordinary meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be convened within seven days of a "call in" being received if an ordinary meeting is not scheduled in that period;***
- (5) ***When calling in a Cabinet decision for review the members doing so should in their notice of "call in":-***
 - ***Outline their reasons for requiring a review;***
 - ***Indicate any further information they consider the Overview and Scrutiny Committee needs to have before it in order to conduct a review in addition to the written report made by officers to the Cabinet;***
 - ***Indicate whether, where the decision was taken collectively by the Cabinet, they wish the Leader or his nominee (who should normally be the Cabinet Member) or where the***

decision was taken by a Cabinet Member, the member of the Cabinet making the decision, to attend the committee meeting; and

- ***Indicate whether the officer making the report to the Cabinet or the Cabinet Member taking the decision or his/her representative should attend the meeting.***

(6) *The deadline of five working days for "call in" by Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in relation to the above decisions by the Cabinet is the close of business on (27 July 2016)*