

MINUTES OF THE CABINET

29 OCTOBER 2009

PRESENT:

Councillor J.D. Packman (Leader of the Council, Chairman of the Cabinet, and Cabinet Member - Leader of the Council);
Councillor R.A. Smith-Ainsley (Deputy Leader of the Council, Vice-Chairman of the Cabinet, and Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing);
Councillor F. Ayers (Cabinet Member for Community Safety);
Councillor S. Bhadye (Cabinet Member for Health and Independent Living);
Councillor G.E. Forsbrey (Cabinet Member for Environment);
Councillor Mrs. D.L. Grant (Cabinet Member for Young People and Cultural Services);
Councillor A.P. Hirst (Cabinet Member for Communications and Engagement); and
Councillor Mrs. V.J. Leighton (Cabinet Member for Corporate Services).

Apologies: Councillor C.A. Davis.

In Attendance: Councillor K.E. Flurry.

1528. STANWELL NEW START PROJECT AND OTHER LINKED SCHEMES – KEY DECISION

The Cabinet considered a report outlining the proposals for the Stanwell New Start Project and Other Linked Schemes and seeking the necessary authorisations to progress the Project, including: (1) Sale of Open Space to A2D; (2) Sale of Park Road Car Park to A2D; and the allocation of the Housing Enabling Fund to A2D.

The Cabinet was advised that it was important to recognise that there was a linkage between the Stanwell New Start development itself and other schemes proposed by A2D which were referred to in the report as 'small sites'. Some of these 'small sites' were required by A2D in order for them to be able to decant properties for later phases of the work. Councillor Flurry addressed the Cabinet on this matter in his capacity as Ward Member.

The options considered were in the main body of the report.

RESOLVED to authorise:

- 1) The sale of the Council's land at Explorer Avenue in order to facilitate phases 2-4 of the Stanwell New Start Regeneration subject to A2D agreeing an overage to the value of £250,000 (or other agreed amount) and operating an open book accounting policy to allow the Council to receive this amount if a surplus on the development is achieved. The Cabinet authorises the Deputy Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader to negotiate and agree the terms of sale. Authority granted to the Head of Corporate Governance to seal all consequential agreements.
- 2) The sale of the Park Road car park land to A2D for £150,000 to enable A2D to develop the site for housing (family units) to assist with decanting for the Stanwell New Start project. The Cabinet authorises the Deputy Chief Executive in consultation with the

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Leader to negotiate and agree the terms of sale. Authority granted to the Head of Corporate Governance to seal all consequential agreements.

- 3) The Deputy Chief Executive to negotiate with A2D to assist and promote the development of various small sites in Stanwell for the purposes of housing or decanting. To authorise the Deputy Chief Executive to negotiate the terms of any consequential variations to the LSVT nominations agreement. Authority granted to the Head of Corporate Governance to seal all consequential agreements.
- 4) That the remaining £120,000 of Housing Enabling Fund for 2009/10 (and carry forward from 2008/09) is provided to A2D to assist with its funding shortfall from the Homes and Communities Agency and enable it to complete the development of other housing schemes detailed in this report. Authority granted to the Deputy Chief Executive to negotiate, in consultation with the Leader, any appropriate terms and conditions for the provision of the funds and to secure the provision of housing as described.

NOTES:-

- (1) ***Members of the Improvement and Development and Performance Management and Review Committees are reminded that under Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 16.2 in the Council's Constitution, 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 Improvement and Development and Performance Management and Review Committees 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 three 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 either the Improvement and Development or the Performance Management and Review Committee are able to "call in" a decision which falls within the functions of their own particular Committee;***
- (4) ***To avoid delay in considering an item "called in", an extraordinary meeting of the relevant 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 an 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 their 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***

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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 three working days "for call in" by Members of the Improvement and Development and Performance Management and Review Committees in relation to the above decisions by the Cabinet is the close of business on THURSDAY – 5 NOVEMBER 2009.*