

**Minutes of the Development Sub-Committee
26 July 2021**

Present:

Councillor L. E. Nichols (in the Chair)

Councillors:

J.T.F. Doran

H. Harvey

R.J. Noble

Apologies: Councillors R.A. Smith-Ainsley

In Attendance: Councillors C. Bateson and S.M. Doran

256/21 Disclosures of Interest

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Smith-Ainsley.

257/21 Election of Chairman

Proposed by Councillor Harvey

Seconded by Councillor Noble

Resolved that Councillor L Nichols chair the remainder of the meeting.

258/21 Nomination for Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Development Sub-Committee for the remainder of the Municipal year

It was moved by Councillor Harvey and seconded by Councillor Nichols that this item be deferred pending feedback from the Independent Remuneration Panel in respect of Members' allowances for the Chair and Vice-Chair of this Committee.

259/21 Exclusion of Public and Press (Exempt Business)

Councillor Nichols expressed concern that some items on the agenda were scheduled to be heard in a closed session as most of the information contained in the reports was already in the public domain and it would be in the public interest to discuss them in an open forum .

The Monitoring Officer advised that the financial information contained within the reports would need to be discussed in a closed session. The Committee agreed to hear each item in public unless a vote was taken to hear it in private.

It was proposed by Councillor Nichols and seconded by Councillor Harvey and **Resolved** to move the exclusion of the Press and Public for the next item on the agenda, Ashford Multi-Storey Car Park, 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.

260/21 Development project update

The Committee agreed to defer this item to the next meeting on 09 August 2021.

261/21 Ashford Multi-Storey Car Park - Key Decision

The Committee considered an exempt report on the Ashford Multi-Storey Car Park and **resolved** to :

- 1) approve the budget up to the feasibility stage of the process, and
- 2) authorise the Group Head of Corporate Governance to enter into any legal documentations necessary to implement the design team appointments

262/21 Benwell House Phase 2 - Construction Costs - Key Decision

The Committee agreed to defer this item to the next meeting on 09 August 2021.

263/21 Staines Health and Wellbeing Centre - UPDATE

The Committee received an update from the Group Head Regeneration and Growth and **resolved** to:

1. note the report and the current position on the creation of a potential new Staines Health and Wellbeing centre;
2. note that if the preferred site chosen is on land in Council ownership that a further report will come to the Development Sub Committee.