

**Minutes of the Development Sub-Committee  
10 January 2022**

**Present:**

Councillor R.J. Noble (Chairman)  
Councillor R.A. Smith-Ainsley (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors:

S. Buttar	H. Harvey
J.T.F. Doran	L. E. Nichols

**In Attendance:** Councillors M. Beecher

**3/21 Apologies for absence & Substitutions**

None.

**4/21 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2021 were agreed.

**5/21 Disclosures of Interest**

Councillors Helen Harvey, Doran and Noble advised the Committee that they were Planning Committee members and therefore would not be making comment on any applications due to come before the Planning Committee.

**6/21 Questions from members of the Public**

There were no questions from members of the Public.

**7/21 Ward Issues**

There were no ward issues.

**8/21 Urgent Actions**

There were no urgent actions.

**9/21 Forward Plan**

The Committee **resolved** to note the Forward Plan for the Development Sub-Committee.

**10/21 Exclusion of Public and Press (Exempt Business)**

It was proposed by Councillor Smith-Ainsley, Seconded by Councillor Buttar and **resolved** that the public and press be excluded during consideration of this item, in accordance with paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) because it was likely to disclose information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) and in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information because, disclosure to the public would prejudice the financial position of the authority in being able to undertake even-handed negotiations and finalising acceptable contract terms.

**11/21 Benwell Phase One End-of-Project Report**

This item was deferred to the next meeting of the Committee on 24 January 2022.

**12/21 Investment Properties Business Plan - Charter Building**

The Committee considered a report from The Asset Manager, Jeremy Gidman that sought approval for the proposed annual business plan which will be produced for all assets in the Investment & Regeneration portfolios.

The Committee **resolved** to agree the annual business plan.

**13/21 Ashford Community Centre - Feasibility Scheme Funding**

The Property and Development Manager, Nick Cummings gave a verbal update on the Ashford Community Centre project and asked that the Committee agree to funding to employ an architect to undertake an early stage feasibility study.

The Committee **resolved** to agree to the employment of an architect to undertake an early stage feasibility study.

**14/21 Thameside - Review & Viability Assessment Verbal Update**

The Committee heard a verbal update from the Development Manager, Richard Mortimer on the Thameside House project.

Following discussions, the Committee **resolved** to defer this item to the next meeting of the Development Sub-Committee on 24 January 2022, or if the further information requested was not available, to the 31 January 2022.

**15/21 Development project update**

The Development Advisor gave the Committee an update on the Council's developments.

The Committee **resolved** to note the development project update

**16/21 Urgent business**

There was no urgent business.