

**Minutes of the Development Sub-Committee
22 August 2022**

Present:

Councillors:

C.L. Barratt	H. Harvey	R.J. Noble
J.T.F. Doran	I.T.E. Harvey	J.R. Sexton
M. Gibson	L. E. Nichols	V. Siva

Apologies: Councillors S.C. Mooney

In Attendance: Councillors M. Beecher

32/22 Election of Chair

The Committee **resolved** that Councillor Noble be elected Chair for this meeting.

33/22 Apologies for absence & Substitutions

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mooney.

34/22 Minutes

The Committee **resolved** to agree the minutes of the meeting held on 25 July and the Extraordinary Meeting held 26 July 2022.

35/22 Disclosures of Interest

Councillor Gibson advised the Committee that she was a member of the Planning Committee and therefore would not be making comment on any applications due to come before the Planning Committee.

Councillors Sexton advised that she was a Surrey County Councillor.

36/22 Appointment of Chair & Vice-Chair of the Development Sub-Committee for the Remainder of the Municipal Year

Chair

Proposer: Councillor H Harvey

Seconder: Councillor J Doran

Councillor Noble was nominated as chairman of the Development Sub-Committee.

Vice-Chair

Proposer – I Harvey

Seconder – Barratt

Nominee – Councillor Mooney

Proposer: Councillor Sexton

Seconder: Councillor Doran

Nominee - Councillor Nichols

Councillor Mooney – 4 votes

Councillor Nichols – 5 votes

Councillor Nichols was nominated as vice-chairman of the Development Sub-Committee.

The appointments would be considered at Council on 01 September 2022.

37/22 Questions from members of the Public

There were none.

38/22 Ward Issues

There were none.

39/22 Urgent Actions

There were none.

40/22 Forward Plan

The Committee considered the Forward Plan for Development Sub-Committee business.

The Committee requested that cash flows and graphs be provided for each of the business plans to be considered at the next meeting of the Committee on 05 September 2022.

The Committee asked when the Sinking Fund Policy would be presented to this Committee. The Chief Accountant advised that it would be going before the Corporate Policy & Resources Committee on 10 October.

The Committee asked if external input would be provided for the Annual Commercial Property Report and they were advised that external agents would be involved.

The Committee agreed to consider Item 13 (Refurbishment of the Rill in Memorial Gardens, Staines-upon-Thames) as an open item before the meeting went into a closed session.

41/22 Exclusion of Public and Press (Exempt Business)

It was proposed by Councillor Noble, Seconded by Councillor I Harvey and **resolved** that the public and press be excluded during consideration of the following items, 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.

42/22 Thames Tower Reading - Deed of Variation & Surrender of Part

The Committee considered a report that sought approval of the terms of a new commercial deal with the current tenant.

The Committee **resolved** to agree the proposed new terms.

43/22 Part Ground Floor, Charter Building - Break Option/Lease Surrender

The Committee considered a report written by the Asset Manager, Jeremy Gidman that sought approval to the granting of an agreement to surrender the lease in return for the tenant carrying out specific works.

The Committee **resolved** to agree the recommendation.

44/22 Refurbishment of the Rill in Memorial Gardens, Staines-upon-

Thames

The Committee agreed that this item could be heard in an open session.

The Committee considered a report from The Property Manager and The Senior Building Manager that sought agreement for one of the options outlined in the report.

The Committee were advised that the Rill, in its current state, was considered to be a Health & Safety risk due to it filling up with rainwater and sludge.

The Committee considered each of the options and agreed that more information was needed before a decision could be reached. The Committee asked the Property Manager to action/provide the following:

Option 1 – More detail on the costing figures

Option 2 – Engage with local communities/schools to gauge interest in assisting with the design of the mosaic should that option be pursued.

More information required about the longevity of the mosaic and whether it would come with a guarantee.

Advise whether a resin could be poured over the mosaic to protect it from erosion, fading or vandalism and if so how long would the resin last before it needed to be replaced.

To investigate whether the Rill was put in place to commemorate the late Diana, Princess of Wales and if so could a plaque be put in place on the Rill to reflect this.

Option 4 – Speak to the Group Head, Neighbourhood Services to ascertain whether there had been any instances of trees and shrubs being pulled up by vandals within Memorial Gardens.

The Committee **resolved** to defer the decision on which option to agree to until the above information could be provided to the Committee.