

**Minutes of the Planning Committee
16 March 2023**

Present:

Councillor N.J. Gething (Chairman)
Councillor M. Gibson (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors:

R.O. Barratt	J. Button	O. Rybinski
C. Bateson	R. Chandler	S.J Whitmore
M. Beecher	K. Howkins	

Apologies: Councillors A. Brar, S. Buttar, R.W. Sider BEM and B.B. Spoor

13/23 Exclusion of Public and Press (Exempt Business)

It was proposed by Councillor Beecher, seconded by Councillor Bateson and **resolved** that the public and press be excluded during consideration of the following items, in accordance with paragraph 3 of Part 1 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.

14/23 Disclosures of Interest

a) Disclosures of interest under the Members' Code of Conduct

There were none.

b) Declarations of interest under the Council's Planning Code

There were none.

15/23 Planning Update

Description:

The Planning Committee considered a report from Officers containing advice from the Council's consultants and legal advisors about matters arising from an update on a Planning Committee report.

Members considered the matters arising from the report and debated them.

Decision:

The Committee agreed to **approve** the recommendation and gave instruction to Officers in order to progress on the matter.

Given that this advice is legally privileged, the report arising from it and the discussions of Members are necessarily confidential and cannot be published at this time.

This confidentiality is in the Public Interest as it allows the Council to progress the legal proceedings without prejudicing its position.