

**Minutes of the Business, Infrastructure and Growth Committee
2 July 2025**

Present:

Councillor H.R.D. Williams (Chair)
Councillor J.R. Boughtflower (Vice-Chair)

Councillors:

C. Bateson	M. Beecher	M. Gibson
S.N. Beatty	S. Bhadye	S. Gyawali

Substitutions: Councillors M. Buck (In place of R.V. Geach)

Apologies: Councillors D.C. Clarke and N. Islam

24/25 Apologies and Substitutes

Apologies were received from Councillor Clarke, Geach and Islam. Councillor Buck attended as Councillor Geach's substitute.

25/25 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2025 were agreed as a correct record.

26/25 Disclosures of interest

Councillors Bateson, Beatty, Beecher, Buck, and Gibson were also members of the Planning Committee.

27/25 Questions from members of the Public

There were none.

28/25 HSR/SLR Working Group Updates

The Committee received an update on the work of the HSR/SLR Working Group from Councillor Bateson.

Councillor Bateson advised that the working group had met to evaluate data on the options. A report would be compiled with aim to bring to the next meeting of the Committee to make a recommendation to Council.

The Committee **resolved** to note the update on the work of the HSR/SLR Working Group.

29/25 Waterfront Development Update

There was no update to provide.

30/25 Updates on Short-Term Priority Development Delivery Sites

The Chair advised that disposals of sites had been temporarily put on hold whilst the Commissioners were reviewing sites for a disposals strategy.

It was proposed by Councillor Boughtflower, seconded by Councillor Bateson and **resolved** to exclude the public and press for part of the discussion of this agenda item in accordance with Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) as 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.

The Committee **resolved** to note the update.

31/25 Forward Plan

The Committee considered the Forward Plan for future Committee business.

The Committee **resolved** to note the Forward Plan.