

**Exempt  
Minutes of the Development Sub-Committee  
14 November 2022**

**Present:**

Councillor C.F. Barnard (Chairman)  
Councillor S. Buttar (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors:

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

**Substitutions:** Councillors C. Bateson (In place of L. E. Nichols)

**Apologies:** Councillors L. E. Nichols

**In Attendance:** Councillors M. Beecher

**94/22 Apologies for absence & Substitutions**

Apologies were received from Councillor Nichols.

**95/22 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 31 October 2022 were agreed as a correct record of proceedings.

**96/22 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.

**97/22 Questions from members of the Public**

There were none.

**98/22 Ward Issues**

There were none.

**99/22 Urgent Actions**

There were none.

**100/22 Forward Plan**

The Committee queried why Ashford Multi-Storey Car Park, Thameside House and Oast House were not on the Forward Plan. It was confirmed that these would be presented to the Committee in December but there was not a fixed date.

The Committee **resolved** to agree the forward plan.

**101/22 Exclusion of Public and Press (Exempt Business)**

The only item to be discussed was exempt, as such the meeting was not streamed to the public.

**102/22 12 Hammersmith Grove - Annual Business Plan**

This item was deferred due to the removal of the subsequent item.

**103/22 12 Hammersmith Grove Surrender and Re-let**

This item was removed from the agenda and would be presented at an extraordinary meeting of the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee.

**104/22 White House Residential - Submission of Planning Application**

This item was deferred to the meeting of the Development Sub-Committee on 28 November 2022.

### **105/22 Development project update**

The Committee considered the Development Projects Update from the Development Advisor.

The Committee requested clarification over the proposed cost for Ashford Multi Storey Car park and were informed it was forecast as £16.6m. A Homes England grant would be explored to further assist with costs. The Committee requested a more detailed report and were assured that a further report would be produced once the development was ready to go to Planning.

The Committee queried the split between affordable units and key worker units at Victory Place, Ashford. The Asset Manager advised that the majority of units would be for key workers and that Homes England had been approached but would only provide grants for affordable homes. The Committee enquired what the proposed start date for development would be. The Asset Manager informed the Committee there would be a ten-week demolition period and anticipated construction would begin end of March 2023.

The Asset Manager informed Committee that a public consultation for Thameside House was held on 4-5 November 2022 with the main issue of concern being parking. The Committee were advised that the scheme would have 1-1 parking.

Committee **resolved** to note the updates.

The Asset Manager gave a verbal update on Volga Dnepr.

Advice had been received that Volga Dnepr, and the subsidiary company Cargo Logic Air, are unable to trade and assets would remain frozen. Volga Dnepr had applied to Companies House to be struck off but had been refused due to their current debt status. Clyde & Co. have advised that the best course of action would be to forfeit the lease.

The Asset Manager informed the Committee that the Group Head for Corporate Governance and Monitoring Officer has delegated authority to enter forfeiture proceedings.

The Committee queried the risk of bankruptcy for Volga Dnepr and were informed that it was very likely.

Committee **resolved** to note the update.

