

Special Cabinet Minutes

Date: 28 July 2014

Time: 5.30 - 5.51 pm

PRESENT: Councillor R J Scott (Executive Leader of the Council - in the Chair)

Councillor Mrs J A Adey	- Cabinet Member for Community
Councillor M A Foster	- Cabinet Member for Finance
Councillor A R Green	- Cabinet Member for Economic Development & Regeneration
Councillor M Hussain JP	- Cabinet Member for HR, ICT & Customer Services
Councillor D A Johncock	- Deputy Cabinet Member for Planning & Sustainability
Councillor H L McCarthy	- Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Strategy
Councillor Mrs J E Teesdale	- Cabinet Member for Environment

By Invitation

Councillor I Bates	- Leader of the Labour Group
Councillor Mrs L M Clarke OBE	- Chairman of the Council
Councillor R Gaffney	- Chairman of the Improvement & Review Commission
Councillor M E Knight	- Leader of the East Wycombe Independent Group
Councillor B R Pollock JP	- Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group
Councillor A Turner	- Leader of the Independent Group

Also present: Councillors A E Hill, R Metcalfe, J A Savage and P R Turner

20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor N Marshall (Cabinet Member for Planning and Sustainability).

21 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 14 July 2014 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items as they contain exempt information as defined in Regulation 4(2)(b) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to

Information) (England) Regulations 2012, more particularly as follows:

Minute 23 – High Wycombe Town Centre Masterplan – Funding Issues

Minute 24 – Grounds Maintenance Contract Extension

Minute 25 – Former Computer House, Station Approach, Marlow

Minute 26 – Red Kite Matters – Castlefield Redevelopment

Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information (Paragraph 3, Part 1 of schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972)

[The need to maintain the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure because disclosure could prejudice the Council's position in any future tender process or negotiations]

23 HIGH WYCOMBE TOWN CENTRE MASTERPLAN - FUNDING ISSUES

The report before Cabinet detailed proposals under the High Wycombe Town Centre Masterplan to regenerate the town centre, in particular the allocation of funding for the implementation of the Pauls Row and St Mary's Street scheme.

Cabinet were informed of the financial composition to the Pauls Row/St Mary's Street scheme.

The following recommendation and decision was made to support the regeneration of High Wycombe Town centre as set out in the High Wycombe Town Centre Masterplan.

Recommended: That the sums for High Wycombe Town Centre Masterplan set out in paragraph 6 (ii) and (iii) of the report be allocated and released.

RESOLVED: That the potential budget implications set out in paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 of the report, and proposed ring fencing of funds up to the financial cap be noted and agreed, and the allocation and release of funds as set out in paragraph 6 (i) of the report for implementation of the Pauls Row/St Mary's Street scheme be approved.

24 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT EXTENSION

Cabinet approval was sought to extend the current Grounds Maintenance Contract for a period of one year. The Council's current contract expired on 31 March 2015 and a one year extension was proposed to ensure continuity of service.

The following recommendation was made as the current contract started on 1 April 2010 for a 5 year term, with the ability to be extended by up to three years. The proposed one year extension had been negotiated with the contractor on the same terms, as provided in the current contract.

Recommended: That a one year extension to the Grounds Maintenance Contract be awarded to contractor A from 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016.

25 FORMER COMPUTER HOUSE, STATION ROAD, MARLOW

The report before Cabinet sought approval to dispose of the former Computer House, Station Road, Marlow, to enable the site to be redeveloped.

The following recommendations were made as the disposal terms exceeded delegated authority levels.

Recommended: That (i) the freehold disposal of the property formerly known as Computer House, Station Road, Marlow, be approved on the basis of the exempt financial terms circulated at the meeting; and

(ii) delegated authority be granted to authorise the Major Projects & Estates Executive to finalise any further detailed terms in consultation with the Head of Finance & Commercial and Cabinet Members for Economic Regeneration and Finance.

26 RED KITE MATTERS - CASTLEFIELD REDEVELOPMENT

This item was withdrawn prior to the meeting.

Chairman

The following officers were in attendance at the meeting:

Karen Satterford	- Chief Executive
Ian Hunt	- Democratic Services Manager
Catherine MacKenzie	- Principal Democratic Services Officer