

Special Cabinet Minutes

Date: 11 December 2014

Time: 4.00 - 4.27 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 N B Marshall	- Cabinet Member for Planning and Sustainability
Councillor H L McCarthy	- Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Strategy
Councillor Mrs J E Teesdale	- Cabinet Member for Environment

By Invitation

Councillor R Gaffney	- Chairman of the Improvement & Review Commission
Councillor D A Johncock	- Deputy Cabinet Member for Planning & Sustainability
Councillor B R Pollock JP	- Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group

Also present: Councillors S Graham

66 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors I Bates (Leader of the Labour Group), C Harriss (Deputy Cabinet Member for Environment), M Hussain JP (Cabinet Member for HR, ICT & Customer Services) and R Metcalfe (Deputy Cabinet Member for HR, ICT and Customer Services).

67 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 17 November 2014 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

68 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

69 INTRODUCTION OF CIL RELIEF FOR DISCOUNTED MARKET HOUSING

The report before Cabinet sought approval to implement a discretionary social housing relief policy from Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) charges for eligible discounted market housing. The report detailed that following Cabinet's approval, a document stating that the Council would allow applications for relief from CIL for discounted open market housing would be published on the Council's website.

The following decision was made as allowing discretionary relief from CIL for certain types of low cost market housing secured as affordable housing in S106 Agreements would bring the provision of such housing into line with social rented, affordable rented and shared ownership housing which had the benefit of mandatory relief from CIL.

RESOLVED: That a discretionary social housing relief policy from Community Infrastructure Levy charges for eligible discounted market housing be introduced.

EXCLUSION OF 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 70 – Award of Cash Collection Service Contract

Minute 71 - Collins House

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]

70 AWARD OF CASH COLLECTION SERVICE CONTRACT

Cabinet was advised that the Council's current cash collection contract was due to terminate in December 2014. Cabinet approval was sought to extend the current contract in order to continue to provide a service that would align with the Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) service provision.

The following recommendation and decision was made to award the cash collection services contract.

Recommended: That an exemption from compliance with Contract Standing Orders so that the contract can be awarded without further competition be agreed.

RESOLVED: That subject to the above exemption, the award of a new 4 year contract with the current service provider, for the provision of cash collection services to the Council be approved.

71 COLLINS HOUSE

Cabinet approval was sought to release funds to acquire the commercial units at the proposed Collins House redevelopment for investment purposes.

An addendum to the report was circulated at the meeting which detailed additional financial information that had been obtained.

The following decision and recommendation was made to facilitate the redevelopment of Collins House.

RESOLVED: That the Council agree to forward purchase the ground floor commercial units of the proposed Collins House redevelopment for letting as an investment, on the basis set out in the report, with final detailed terms delegated to the Major Projects & Estates Executive, in consultation with the Head of Financial Services and their respective Cabinet Members.

Recommended: That the sum in paragraph 6 of the report be included as an addition to the Major Projects Programme for 2015/16.

Chairman

The following officers were in attendance at the meeting:

Karen Satterford - Chief Executive
Ian Hunt - Democratic Services Manager