

AMENDMENTS AND WRITTEN QUESTIONS – FULL COUNCIL – 21 FEBRUARY 2018

AMENDMENTS

1. AGENDA ITEM 7 – MOTION 543 (Councillor F W Letch – 23 January 2018)

Amendment submitted by Councillor: Mrs J Roach

To add the following to the original motion - "Further, the Council urges the Cabinet to agree to apply retrospectively the same method of valuation (50% of restricted value) to the price Silverton room 4 u paid for the redundant toilet block in Silverton it acquired from the Council in 2017 and, if agreed, to use all reasonable endeavours to conclude the re-negotiation".

WORDING IF AMENDMENT APPROVED:

I ask Council to urge Cabinet to agree to the sale of the Crediton Council Office Building to Crediton Town Council on the same basis as the sale of Tiverton Town Hall to Tiverton Town Council, where precedent has already been set, which is 50% of the buildings restricted value. Further, the Council urges the Cabinet to agree to apply retrospectively the same method of valuation (50% of restricted value) to the price Silverton room 4 u paid for the redundant toilet block in Silverton it acquired from the Council in 2017 and, if agreed, to use all reasonable endeavours to conclude the re-negotiation

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

1. AGENDA ITEM 7 – MOTION 543

Questions submitted by Councillor Mrs J Roach and the response of the Cabinet Member for Housing

What will be/were the terms and conditions including the type of valuation of the following including payback time.

1. Tiverton Town Hall - *sold at 50% of the freehold valuation (subject to special conditions) - £350k/2 = £175k – giving the purchaser 5 years to pay the total agreed price*
2. Crediton Town Hall - *subject to an ongoing marketing process – so clearly no terms currently agreed*
3. Silverton Toilet block - *sold at £30k (with conditions) based on a market valuation of £83k – so a discount of circa 64% - amount paid in full*
4. Hemyock car park - *sold at £2k (subject to conditions) based on a market valuation of £9k (less funding previously paid and a reduction in ongoing revenue costs of maintenance) – amount paid in full*

RESPONSE:

The responses are embedded within the questions for ease of reference.

All valuations are undertaken by an appropriate Chartered Surveyor

2. AGENDA ITEM 11 – SPECIAL URGENCY DECISIONS

Question submitted by Councillor Mrs J Roach and the response of the Cabinet Member for Housing

If any decisions have been made under this heading and if the decision concerned the purchase of property, was the sale by auction?

RESPONSE:

Yes, as indicated within the report on page 862 of your pack.

3. CABINET 4 JANUARY 2018 AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 12 FEBRUARY

MINUTES 104 AND 130

Question submitted by Councillor Mrs J Roach and the response of the Chief Executive

The forward plan shows that the Tiverton Town Centre masterplan will be overseen by Councillor Chesterton and he will be reporting to Cabinet on 1/3/18, indicating that it will go out for consultation after that meeting.

The same forward plan informs us that Councillor Stanley will be seeking approval to go out to tender on 1/3/18. A presentation will be held on that day of the proposals for improvements to Tiverton Town Centre.

How much of the four million pounds allocated for property acquisition in the next financial year is allocated to Councillor Stanley's project?

Why are the Council going to commit to expenditure on improvements to the Town Centre when the results of the Tiverton Town Centre masterplan are not known?

Why is the Council failing to look at the whole picture and give everyone the opportunity to comment on all the proposals.

Why would anyone have one set of proposals for improvements to the Town Centre and another project for master planning the Town Centre?

RESPONSE:

The Forward Plan has since been amended to show the decision being moved to 25th July. This is AFTER the Town Centre Masterplan report goes back to Cabinet (scheduled on Forward Plan for 7th June), precisely to allow for comments to be received before committing to any changes or investment. For the record, the Forward Plan was updated after the council papers were published, so Cllr Mrs Roach would have been unaware at the time her question came forward.

With reference to the question about how much of the £4million is allocated to this specific project; this will be a decision for the Cabinet in due course.