

Wirral Council

101. Wirral Growth Company - Exempt Appendices

Exempt appendices to agenda item 4.

Minutes:

Having declared prejudicial interests, Councillors Tony Jones and Tom Usher left the room.

Resolved -

That further to Minute No 94 above the content of the exempt appendix circulated with the agenda be noted.

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Exeter City

RAMM Lift - Part 2

To consider the report of the Director (J-PH).

Minutes:

The Executive considered the report for additional funding for the Queen Street lift at Royal Albert Memorial Museum (RAMM), following a recent procurement process. The replacement of the lift would support residents with mobility issues and for pushchairs to gain access to the museum.

RECOMMENDED that Council approve the budget as indicated at the meeting for the project to be completed. The budget and associated work will be overseen by the Corporate Property Assets team.

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Bristol City

17. Bristol Energy Update

Decision:

Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

Cabinet was of the view that the decision to be implemented was urgent and therefore would not be subject to call-in.

East Devon

Sailor's Rest

This report seeks to update members on the purchase of 18A & 18B St Andrews Road, Exmouth.

Minutes:

The report updated Members on the purchase of 18A & 18B St Andrews Road, Exmouth and made members aware of additional expenditure that would be required after acquisition, to ensure the property was fully compliant with fire safety legislation and was fit for letting to tenants.

RESOLVED that

1. the position detailed in the report be noted and to proceed with the purchase of the Property at the revised purchase price as detailed in the report, and
2. funding from the void budget and Right to Buy receipts be used to undertake the necessary repair / improvement works to the Property.

REASON:

To add suitable properties to the Council's housing stock and help ensure the use of Right to Buy receipts.

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Exeter Science Park Ltd - Request for Shareholders decision and to note implications of key proposals

To progress further development and enabling activities for ESPL in concert with the other stakeholders: Devon County (DCC), Exeter City Council (ECC) and the University of Exeter (UoE). EDDC has a shareholding of 18.75% in Exeter Science Park Ltd (ESPL).

Minutes:

To progress further development and enabling activities for ESPL in concert with the other stakeholders: Devon County (DCC), Exeter City Council (ECC) and the University of Exeter (UoE). EDDC have a shareholding of 18.75% in Exeter Science Park Ltd (ESPL). ESPL was seeking to obtain approval on matters that falls outside the operational powers of the company as required under the Shareholder Agreement. Unlike the other shareholder authorities, EDDC did not have the same delegations in place, in that they have delegations in place which permit decisions to be taken on behalf of the authorities, hence the report coming to Cabinet.

RESOLVED that Cabinet agree;

1. to give Shareholder Consent to ESPL entering into the construction contract with Midas for the Open Innovation Centre on the basis set out in paragraph 3.1 of the report, and
2. to delegate authority for the giving of Shareholder Consent for any request made by ESPL under the Shareholder Agreement to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Deputy CEO, Strategic Leads for Finance and Governance & Licensing, Leader, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance (as the council's shareholder representative in ESPL) provided the giving of consent would not constitute a Key Decision and / or would not be contrary to the budget.

RECOMMENDED to Council;

3. to agree a rent guarantee of £31,875 year one and thereafter increased annually at 3% for the rental payment by Exeter Science Park Limited to University of Exeter for Grow on Building 2 for the rental term of 18 years with delegated authority to the Strategic Lead (Governance & Licensing) to agree the wording of the guarantee.

REASON

For Cabinet to understand the importance of these transactions to the future development of Science Park and enable an informed delegated decision-making arrangement to be put in place, to ensure that ESPL was not adversely impacted by unnecessary delays going forward and was able to progress the construction contract for the latest building on the Science Park. For the Council to act as rent guarantor for ESPL this required a Council decision.

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North Devon

Seven Brethren - Securing a Delivery Partner

Report by Regeneration Manager (attached).

Minutes:

The Committee considered a report by the Regeneration Manager (circulated previously) regarding securing a Delivery Partner for the Seven Brethren project.

The Regeneration Manager advised that the Land Release Fund was administered by the Local Government Association. She would ascertain whether a request could be made for the extension to the deadline for the Land Release Fund and would update Members accordingly.

RESOLVED that the Chief Executive be authorised to use an alternative method of bringing forward this site for development, should use of the Homes England 'delivery partner panel' prove unsuccessful.

Torbay

TDA Business Plan 2020-2025

To make recommendations to the Council on the final proposed TDA Business Plan 2020-2025 (Policy Framework document).

Additional documents:

Minutes:

Vince Flower, Chairman of the TDA Board joined the meeting for this item and outlined the reason and direction of travel of the TDA Business Plan 2020-2025.

(Note: during consideration of the item in Minute 101e, the press and public were formally excluded from the meeting on the grounds that exempt information (as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) was likely to be disclosed.)

CSW Group Ltd: Reforming Group Governance and Operations to Meet Future Need

To consider the submitted report on the above.

Additional documents:

Minutes:

(Note: Councillor Douglas-Dunbar arrived during discussion of this item.)

Somerset West and Taunton

Taunton Bus Station

This matter is the responsibility of Executive Councillor Marcus Kravis, Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Executive Councillor Ross Henley, Portfolio Holder for Corporate Resources.

Minutes:

Executive Councillor Kravis, Portfolio Holder for Economic Development introduced this confidential report.

RECOMMENDED to Council to agree the recommendations as written in the confidential report.

Taunton Business Improvement District Ballot

This matter is the responsibility of Executive Councillor Marcus Kravis, Portfolio Holder for Economic Development.

Minutes:

Executive Councillor Marcus Kravis, Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Asset Management introduced the confidential report.

RESOLVED to;

1. Consider the Council's position in relation to the ballot and recommended to Council a position from the available options.
2. Recommended to Council the approval of the three other confidential recommendations included within the report.