

Joint meeting of the Finance & Audit and Overview & Scrutiny Committees

Minutes of a joint meeting of the Finance and Audit and Overview & Scrutiny Committees held on Tuesday 19 April 2016, at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 6.00pm.

Present: Councillors Barrott, Boad, Bromley, Butler, D'Arcy, Davison, Edgington, Gifford, Miss Grainger, Harrington, Heath, Illingworth, Mann, Margrave, Naimo, Parkins, Quinney, Mrs Redford, Rhead, Mrs Stevens and Thompson.

Also present observing: Councillors Cross, Gill, Phillips and Whiting.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mrs Cain.

11. **Appointment of Chairman**

It was proposed and duly seconded that Councillor Barrott be appointed as Chairman for the meeting.

Resolved that Councillor Barrott be appointed as Chairman for the meeting.

12. **Substitutes**

Councillor Mrs Stevens substituted for Councillor Day.

13. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

14. **Executive Agenda (Non Confidential Items and Reports) – Wednesday 20 April 2016**

The Committees considered the following non-confidential item which would be discussed at the meeting of the Executive on Wednesday 20 April 2016.

Item 2 – Council HQ Relocation and replacement Covent Garden Car Park Project – Part A

The Committees considered a report from the Deputy Chief Executive (BH), resulting from a directive from Executive in September 2015 that its preferred site to relocate the Council's HQ was to the current site of the Council's Covent Garden car parks.

Following the Chairman's casting vote in favour, after a vote of nine votes all, on a proposal made by Councillor Boad and seconded by Councillor Gifford, it was

Recommended to the Executive that we maximise the amount of affordable housing up to 40% before any disbursement of profit to the two partners.

The Committees also voted to support all of the recommendations in the report.

(Councillor Boad left the meeting immediately following the vote on his motion.)

15. **Public and Press**

Resolved that under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item by reason of the likely disclosure of exempt information within the paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

16. **Executive Agenda (Confidential Items and Reports) – Wednesday 20 April 2016**

Item 4 – Council HQ Relocation and new Covent Garden Car Park Project – Part B

The Committees considered the following confidential item which would be discussed at the meeting of the Executive on Wednesday 20 April 2016.

The report for the Council HQ relocation was split into a public (Part A) section, and a Part B section which contained legally privileged or commercially sensitive financial information.

Members noted that in the Risk Register set out as Appendix 4 to the Part A report; any risks that were commercially sensitive had been omitted. It was agreed that these would be listed in a separate report under Part B ahead of the Executive meeting.

The Committees voted to support the recommendations in the report.

(The meeting ended at 7.52 pm)