

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 11 April 2017, at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 6.00pm.

Present: Councillors Bromley, G Cain, Mrs Cain, D'Arcy, Mrs Falp, Miss Grainger, Harrington, Illingworth, Margrave, Naimo, Noone, Parkins, Quinney, Rhead, and Thompson.

1. Appointment of Chairman

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

Resolved that Councillor Mrs Falp be appointed as Chairman for the meeting.

2. Apologies and Substitutes

(a) Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ashford, Barrott, Boad, Davison, Edgington, Gifford and Mrs Redford.

(b) There were no substitutes.

3. Declarations of Interest

Minute 4 - Executive Agenda (Non-Confidential Items & Reports – Wednesday 12 April 2017) – Item 4 and Council Agenda (Non-Confidential Items & Reports – Wednesday 12 April 2017) – Item 12 – Europa Way – Strategic Opportunity Proposal

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Councillor Mrs Falp declared an interest because her son was a shareholder and her grandson played for the football club's under 8s team.

Councillor Margrave declared an interest because his wife was a shareholder in the football club.

Councillor Thompson declared an interest because he was employed by Warwick University and while this recommendation was to be noted if this aspect was considered, he would leave the room.

Minute 6 - Executive Agenda (Confidential Items & Reports – Wednesday 12 April 2017) – Item 6 and Council Agenda (Non-Confidential Items & Reports – Wednesday 12 April 2017) – Item 15 – Europa Way – Strategic Opportunity Proposal

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4. **Executive Agenda (Non Confidential Items and Reports) – Wednesday 12 April 2017**

The Committees considered the following non-confidential item which would be discussed at the meeting of the Executive on Wednesday 12 April 2017.

Item 4 and Council Agenda (Non-Confidential Items & Reports – Wednesday 12 April 2017) – Item 12 – Europa Way – Strategic Opportunity Proposal

The Committees considered a report from the Chief Executive, which provided Members with an update on the progress to implement the decisions made at the March 2015 Council/Executive in respect of the Strategic Opportunity Proposal for land at Europa Way, Warwick.

The Committees noted the contents of the report.

5. **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.

6. **Executive Agenda (Confidential Items and Reports) – Wednesday 12 April 2017**

The Committees considered the following confidential items which would be discussed at the meeting of the Executive on Wednesday 12 April 2017.

Item 6 and Council Agenda (Non-Confidential Items & Reports – Wednesday 12 April 2017) – Item 15 – Europa Way – Strategic Opportunity Proposal

Having considered a report from the Chief Executive, which provided Members with an update on the progress to implement the decisions made at the March 2015 Council/Executive in respect of the Strategic Opportunity Proposal for land at Europa Way, Warwick (minute 4), the Committees considered the confidential appendices to this report.

The Committees noted the revised business plan from the football club and their commitment to it. The Committee recognised that the business plan would continue to be monitored by the Council as part of this project. It also noted that at an appropriate time, the business plan may be subject to a further independent assessment.

Item 7 – Note of Decision taken under Chief Executive’s Emergency Powers

The Committees considered a report from the Chief Executive on a decision taken by the Chief Executive in consultation with Group Leaders under the emergency powers of the Council’s constitution (CE (4)).

The Committee noted the contents of the report.

Councillor Mrs Falp explained to the Committee that she had excluded herself from the consultation by the Chief Executive on this decision because of a conflict of interest she had on the decision. The Chief Executive confirmed that this had been the case.

In addition, Councillors Mrs Falp and Margrave asked for it to be recorded that they were not in favour of the decision taken by the Chief Executive.

(The meeting ended at 6.43 pm)