

CABINET

Date and Time: Thursday 6 August 2020 at 7.00 pm

Place: Council Chamber

Present:

Ambler, Bailey, Cockarill, Kinnell, Neighbour, Oliver, Quarterman and Radley

In attendance: Axam, Crookes and Forster

Officers: Hince, Hughes, Phillips, Sanders, Vincent and Wood

13 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of 4 June 2020 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies received.

15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Oliver declared that as a Member of Fleet Town Council, he had a non-pecuniary interest in the Harlington roof repairs.

16 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements.

17 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (ITEMS PERTAINING TO THE AGENDA)

None.

18 THE PAVILION, SOUTHAMPTON

In accordance with the delegated authority authorised by Cabinet in August 2018 it is confirmed to Cabinet that on 9 March 2020 the Council procured an investment asset comprising an office called The Pavilion at Hedge End in Eastleigh. The purchase price was £6m and will achieve an initial 3.91% net investment return. The purchase is currently being financed by internal borrowing. At a later stage a WPLB loan may be required. The process by which the asset was procured was review at Overview & Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 14 July 2020.

DECISION

Members noted the decision

19 THE SWAN PUBLIC HOUSE, NORTH WARNBOROUGH

It was confirmed that the District Council had now acquired the former Swan Public House by Compulsory Purchase Order and Cabinet were asked to agree the next steps. Members were informed this will be a temporary measure to save this listed building, make the area safe and allow time to look at the options for this site. In the meantime, it was confirmed that tidying works had already begun and the adjoining outbuilding had unavoidably collapsed.

The Chairman recommended that local councillors to the Parish should be kept informed of the progress.

DECISION

Cabinet agreed to make

- 1 £30k provision from General Fund Reserves for the Joint Chief Executive to authorise the commissioning of a structural survey of the building to assess its current condition and also to prepare an appraisal study which would look at options for the future viable and beneficial use of the land.
- 2 £19k provision from General Fund Reserves to fund urgent works to be carried out to include (but not necessarily limited only to) tidying the site, the erection of hoardings across the site frontage and to erect secure fencing to the exposed side boundary, and also continuing hire cost for the current scaffolding.

20 DELEGATION OF COMMUNITY PROTECTION NOTICE POWERS TO HOUSING ASSOCIATIONS

Approval to delegate Community Protection Notice (CPN) powers to the Registered Provider (Housing Association) 'Vivid Housing Limited' was sought.

Members were informed that this has been used by other Local Authorities for 2 years and this is seen as a very flexible tool to stop escalation of anti-social behaviour that can lead to people feeling unsafe in their homes.

Members sought reassurance about how this would be used and monitoring it to ensure Vivid use these powers efficiently. It was explained that Vivid already have existing powers within their legal responsibilities so this is an extra tool that can be withdrawn if required. Only two Officers within Vivid will have the delegated powers, and Hart District Council will approve those officers.

DECISION

Cabinet approve the formal delegation of powers held by Hart District Council to include Vivid Housing Limited as an authorised body for the service of Community Protection Notices under Sections 43 and 53 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014.

21 HARLINGTON ROOF REPAIRS

Cabinet were informed of an urgent decision taken to enable works to be carried out to the roof of the Harlington.

Members noted that the Cabinet Member should be changed on the report to Councillor Quarterman. Members discussed other items of work which are not urgent and that a decision will be made in due course to consider the lifetime future of the building.

DECISION

Members noted the report.

22 CIVIC CAMPUS REGENERATION WORKING GROUP

Members noted the minutes of the meeting of 9 June 2020. Apologies were made that the minutes of a meeting on 14th July had not been published before the meeting. Those minutes of a meeting on 14th July and subsequent meeting of 4th August would be posted under Cabinet in September.

DECISION

That the minutes of the meeting of 9 June 2020 be noted.

23 CABINET WORK PROGRAMME

The Cabinet Work Programme was considered and amended as follows for September:

- An update on the 5Councils' Contract.
- Fleet Road pedestrianisation project updates.
- Further civic campus regeneration reports, when decisions are to be taken.
- Remove LGA peer review as at present, there is no reasonably foreseeable date for the review to be carried out.

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm