

CABINET25 SEPTEMBER 2015

Present:- Councillor G V Guglielmi (Asset Management and Corporate Services/Deputy Leader of the Council)!Councillor P B Honeywood (Housing)!Councillor T A Howard (Finance and Transformation)!Councillor L A McWilliams (Well-being and Partnerships)!Councillor M J D Skeels (Leisure)!Councillor N R Stock (Leader of the Council/Planning)!Councillor M J Talbot (Environment)!Councillor G F Watling (Regeneration)

Also Present:- Group Leaders Present by Invitation:

Councillors I J Henderson (Leader of the Labour Group) and M E Stephenson (Leader of the UKIP Group)

In Attendance:- Chief Executive (Ian Davidson), Corporate Director (Corporate Services) (Martyn Knappett), Legal Services Manager and Monitoring Officer (Lisa Hastings), Finance and Procurement Manager (Richard Barrett), Management and Members' Support Manager (Karen Neath), Assets Manager (Andy White), Democratic Services Manager (Colin Sweeney), Communications Manager (Nigel Brown), Charlotte Parker-Smith (Legal Associate) and Democratic Services Officer (Janey Nice)

(10.30 a.m. - 11.03 a.m.)

55. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors J A Broderick (Leader of Holland Residents' Group), M J Hughes (Portfolio Holder for Revenues and Benefits) and N W Turner (Portfolio Holder for Coastal Protection).

56. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2015

The minutes of the last meeting of the Cabinet, held on 4 September 2015, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to the following amendment:

That Councillor T A Howard (Portfolio Holder for Finance and Transformation) be recorded as having left the meeting following consideration of Agenda Item No.9 (Cabinet Members' Items) (A.8 - Determination of a Nomination to Register an Asset of Community Value – The Maybush Inn, Farm Road, Great Oakley, Essex, CO12 5AL) and having returned to the meeting at the commencement of the consideration of Agenda Item No.13 (Cabinet Members' Items) (B.1 – Application for Community Asset Transfer: Riverview Playing Fields at Lawford).

57. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made by Members.

58. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

The Leader of the Council made the following announcements:

- (i) Bid for Funding for Garden Cities

Councillor Stock said that whilst no decision had yet been taken, insofar as submitting an

expression of interest was concerned, he was still looking at the detail and was hoping to be in a position to support this once appropriate wording had been agreed.

(ii) Devolution

Councillor Stock said that, following an email he had sent to all Members earlier, which provided a public update, he had attended a meeting with all Essex Local Authorities' Council Leaders, at which, all Councils in Essex agreed, in principle, to the prospect of devolution for residents and the local economy if funding was to be handed down to the local level by the Government and Essex County Council.

Councillor Stock said that he would be leading on "Governance", being one of five work streams identified in driving the discussions and that an all Member Briefing was to be held on the matter, to which, a senior civil servant was due to attend and address Members.

Councillor Stock said that whilst he remained cautious, he was optimistic. It was, he said, probably the most exciting thing to happen to local government in a very long time and that he would work closely with local MPs, the Government and all Members in order to get the best deal for Tendring District Council's residents.

59. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY CABINET MEMBERS

There were none on this occasion.

60. ACQUISITION OF INVESTMENT PROPERTY - ITEM WITHDRAWN

The Chairman announced that this item had been WITHDRAWN.

At the request of the Leader of the Labour Group (Councillor I J Henderson) and the agreement of the Cabinet, it was hereby recorded that if an allocation of funding by the Cabinet in the amount detailed in the report, or more, was agreed at a future Meeting of the Cabinet, then it would be required to form the basis of a recommendation to Council thereafter.

61. FREEHOLD DISPOSAL OF THE WORKS AT SOUTH STRAND, LAWFORD

There was submitted a report by the Portfolio Holder for Asset Management and Corporate Services, which sought Cabinet's approval for the freehold disposal of The Works, situated at South Strand, Lawford.

It was reported that The Works had been let on a lease to a skip hire company for over 20 years and that the current tenant had asked to purchase the freehold. Since the initiation process of disposal of the site had not been carried out, Officers had incorporated the feasibility and initiation report into Report A.2 to this Agenda.

Cabinet was advised that the proposed terms for such a disposal were as detailed at Agenda Item B.1 to this Agenda.

Accordingly, it was moved by Councillor G V Guglielmi, seconded by Councillor G F Watling and RESOLVED that the freehold disposal, as set out in the report, be approved, in principle, subject to its decision on terms as detailed at Agenda Item B.1 to this Agenda.

62. GRANT OF LEASE OF THE ATLANTA BUILDING, LOWER PROMENADE, CLACTON-ON-SEA

There was submitted a report by the Portfolio Holder for Asset Management and Corporate Services, which sought Cabinet's approval of a new lease of the Atlanta Building in

Clacton-on-Sea.

It was reported that the premises were currently let on two licences with the first, of the Ground Floor only, to a café operator and the second, of the First Floor, to a pirate radio museum and retail offer.

Cabinet was advised that the site had been fully marketed and that this had included on-site and press publicity as well as contacting those parties who had expressed interest in the premises previously. It was further reported that a formal tender process, which had taken into account the proposed uses of the site, the visual impact of any changes to the site and the regeneration of the area, together with the proposed rental, had been carried out.

It was noted that a full tender-evaluation process had been conducted by a panel, which included Officers from the departments of Corporate Services and Public Experience and which resulted in one bidder being identified as the strongest in terms of use of the site, provision of jobs, regeneration and resultant financial gain.

Cabinet was advised that the proposal to grant a lease of the site to the interested party, the details of all tenders received and the process adopted to deal with these, were as detailed at Agenda Item B.2 to this Agenda.

Accordingly, it was moved by Councillor G V Guglielmi, seconded by Councillor G F Watling and RESOLVED that the principle of the granting of a new lease of the site to the successful bidder, be approved.

Chairman