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# **CONFIDENTIAL PART II MINUTES**

Council 5 April 2018

#### **MINUTES**

### OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE

#### COUNCIL

held on 5 April 2018 Present:

> Cllr G S Cundy (Chairman) Cllr W P Forster (Vice-Chair)

Cllr Mrs H J Addison Cllr D E Hughes Cllr A Azad Cllr Mrs B A Hunwicks Cllr T Aziz Cllr S Hussain Cllr A-M Barker Cllr C S Kemp Cllr D J Bittleston Cllr J Kinasbury Cllr J E Bond Cllr R Mohammed Cllr A J Boote Cllr L M N Morales Cllr A C L Bowes Cllr A E Murray Cllr G G Chrystie Cllr M Pengelly Cllr K M Davis Cllr M I Raja Cllr I Eastwood Cllr C Rana Cllr D Harlow Cllr M A Whitehand Cllr K Howard

Absent: Councillors M Ali, M A Bridgeman and I Johnson.

# 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Bridgeman and Councillor Johnson.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

In accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct, Councillor I Eastwood declared an interest in Agenda Item 4 – Land Management arising from his position as Shareholder and Member of the Cards Trust of Woking Football Club. The interest was such that speaking was permissible.

In accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct, Councillor A C L Bowes declared an interest in Agenda Item 4 – Land Management – Westfield Avenue arising from a member of his family owning a property within the area of the development. The interest was such that Councillor Bowes left the Chamber during the determination of the item.

In accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct, Councillor J Kingsbury declared an interest in Agenda Item 4 – Land Management arising from his position as a Season Ticket Holder of Woking Football Club. The interest was such that speaking and voting were permissible.

In accordance with the Officer procedure rules, Peter Bryant declared an interest in Agenda Item 4 – Land Management arising from his positions as a Season Ticket Holder and Member of the Cards Trust of Woking Football Club. Furthermore, Mr Bryant provided occasional

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assistance to the Club, typically as presiding officer at the AGM. The interest was such that speaking was permissible.

# 3. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC.

The Mayor moved and Councillor Forster seconded that the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item.

### RESOLVED

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Agenda Item 4 – Land Management – in view of the nature of the proceedings that, if members of the press and public were present during this item, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A, to the Local Government Act 1972.

Paragraph 3 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

# 4. LAND MANAGEMENT

Councillor D J Bittleston moved and Councillor A Azad seconded the reception and adoption of the report and recommendations of the meeting of the Executive held on 22 March 2018 in respect of land at Westfield Avenue.

The Council had before it a report that dealt with two land management proposals, namely proposals for Woking Football Club and Councillor Bittleston introduced the proposals for Woking Football Club following which the Members were given the opportunity to debate the matter. A number of concerns over the proposals were discussed and it was moved by Councillor Whitehand and seconded by Councillor Chrystie that the feasibility study should be brought to the meeting of Council in July 2018 rather than the Executive in June, as recommended by the Executive. The amendment was agreed nem con.

Councillor Bittleston responded to the points raised during the debate, including issues around infrastructure, parking and the height of the proposed development. It was noted that the feasibility study would address a number of the points raised during the debate. The recommendations, as amended, were put to a vote and, in accordance with Standing Order 10.8, the names of Members voting for and against the recommendations were recorded.

In favour:

Councillors Mrs H J Addison, A Azad, D J Bittleston, G G Chrystie, K M Davis, I Eastwood, D Harlow, K Howard, Mrs B A Hunwicks, S Hussain, C S Kemp, J Kingsbury, R Mohammed, A E Murray,

M Pengelly, C Rana and M A Whitehand.

TOTAL in favour - 17

Against:

Councillors A-M Barker, J E Bond, A J Boote, W P Forster,

D E Hughes and L M N Morales.

TOTAL against – 6

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The amendment was therefore carried by 17 votes to 6 votes. Councillors T Aziz and M I Raja. TOTAL present and not voting - 2 That (i) a Development Agency be entered into with GOLDEV to secure the ambition outlined in the Heads of Terms attached to Report EXE18-018. Development Agreement to include provision for a detailed joint feasibility study to ensure that the proposal is financially viable to be reported to Council in July 2018 for approval before the Development Agreement goes unconditional: and (ii) if the Council determines not to proceed with the development, the Council will finance 50% of the costs of the financial viability assessment up to £100,000. Attention was drawn to the recommendations before the Council in respect of the proposal for a development agreement for Councillor Bittleston reported that the proposal was no longer supported by the Executive and advised the Council to reject the recommendations before it.

**RESOLVED** 

Present not voting:

**RESOLVED** 

| That the proposals in respect of t | be rejected. |
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The meeting commenced at 6.00 pm and ended at 6.42 pm

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