

EXTRAORDINARY POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Of a meeting held in the Penn Chamber, Three Rivers House, Rickmansworth, on 16 May 2017
between 6.30pm and 7.01pm

Councillors present:

Sara Bedford (Chairman)

Phil Brading (Vice-Chairman) (Public
Services)

Stephen Cox

David Major (substitute for Stephen Giles-
Medhurst)

Paula Hiscocks

Alex Hayward

Ty Harris

Matthew Bedford (Resources and Shared
Services)

Chris Lloyd (Leisure, Community and
Wellbeing)

David Sansom

Chris Whately-Smith (substitute for Alison
Scarth)

Roger Seabourne (Community Safety)

Martin Trevett (Planning, Transport and
Strategic Schemes)

Officers Present:

Steven Halls, Chief Executive

Geof Muggerridge, Director of Community and Environmental Services

Joanne Wagstaffe, Director of Finance

Bob Watson, Head of Finance

Alan Head, Head of Major Projects

Anne Morgan, Solicitor to the Council

James Baldwin, Principal Solicitor

Sarah Haythorpe, Principal Committee Manager

PR128/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologises for absence received from Councillors Stephen Giles-Medhurst and Alison Scarth. Councillor David Major and Councillor Chris Whately-Smith had been appointed as substitute Members.

PR129/16 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None received.

PR130/16 NOTICE OF OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman ruled that the following item, which had not been available for five clear days before the meeting was of sufficient urgency to be considered by the Committee for the reason indicated:

Report on Exemption from Procurement Procedure Rules – to enable the Committee to note the action taken.

PR131/16 EXEMPTION FROM PROCUREMENT RULES

The report advised Members that an exemption to the Procurement process was required to purchase ultrasound units for use at the Aquadrome to prevent blue-green algal bloom.

In response to Member questions on the procurement of the units, the Committee noted that the supplier of the units was known to Officers before they were directly approached.

RESOLVED:

That the action taken be noted.

PR132/16 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

If the Committee wishes to consider the remaining item in private, it will be appropriate for a resolution to be passed in the following terms:-

“that under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined under paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act. It has been decided by the Council that in all the circumstances, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.”

(Note: If other confidential business is approved under item 3, it will also be necessary to specify the class of exempt or confidential information in the additional items.)

PR133/16 PROPERTY BUSINESS PLANS AND CASES

With reference to Members’ questions regarding providing details of the organisation in the form of a diagram/organisation chart the Head of Property and Major Projects advised that he would circulate details to Members.

Councillor Sara Bedford moved, duly seconded, an amendment to the recommendations to add the following recommendation which the Lawyers had requested be included:

“To authorise the Chief Executive to provide any necessary shareholder consents to Three Rivers Homes Limited and Three Rivers Commercial Services Limited necessary to allow for the business cases and/or any consequent business plans to be adopted.”

On being put to the Committee the motion the amendment was declared CARRIED by the Chairman the voting being 9 For, 3 Against and 1 Abstention.

RESOLVED:

(1) That the business plans and cases for Three Rivers Homes Ltd, Three Rivers Developments LLP and Three Rivers Commercial Services Ltd be approved.

- (2) To authorise the Chief Executive to provide any necessary shareholder consents to Three Rivers Homes Limited and Three Rivers Commercial Services Limited necessary to allow for the business cases and/or any consequent business plans to be adopted.
- 3) That public access to the report be denied.
- 4) That Public access to the decision be Immediate.

CHAIRMAN