

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Mid Sussex District Council Cabinet
held on 4 June 2018
from 4.00 p.m. to 4.17 p.m.**

Present: Councillors: Jonathan Ash-Edwards, Judy Llewellyn-Burke, Andrew MacNaughton, Gary Marsh, Garry Wall (Leader), Mandy Thomas-Atkin and Norman Webster.

Also present: Councillors: Rod Clarke.

Officers: Kathryn Hall Chief Executive, Judy Holmes Assistant Chief Executive, Peter Stuart Head of Corporate Resources, Simon Hughes head of Digital and Customer Services, Clare McGough Business Unit Leader for Legal and Solicitor, Thuso Selelo Business Unit Leader for Corporate Estates and Facilities, Terry Stanley Business Unit Leader for Democratic Services, Alison Hammond Democratic Services Officer (Designate) and Hamish Evans Democratic Services Officer.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

2. APOLOGIES

None.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 May 2018 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Leader.

4. URGENT BUSINESS

None.

5. DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS COUNCIL LAND AT BOLNORE ROAD DEPOT.

The Head of Corporate Resources, introduced the report which informed Members of the outcome of investigations into the development potential of a parcel of Council land at Bolnore Road, Haywards Heath, which until recently was used as a Council depot. He informed Members that the Site was identified for development in the Haywards Heath Neighbourhood Plan and drew their attention to the site plan at page 4 of the report. He also highlighted the pressing need for more affordable housing in the Haywards Heath area as evidenced within the report.

The Site is surplus to existing operational requirements. He asked the Cabinet for the authority to dispose of the Site to Bidder A on the terms set out in the exempt Appendix 2 to this report in order to generate a capital receipt for the Council and homes in a sustainable location with 50% of those being affordable homes to meet the high level of need in Haywards Heath.

The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Economic Growth noted that this was one Site of several that were considered as surplus in March 2018 and which was in need of regeneration. He was pleased to see the Site brought forward for

development and the opportunity to deliver 50% affordable housing which is beyond policy requirement and should be supported.

The Cabinet Member for Community noted his support of the proposal and that due to the Council's strong financial position they were able to prioritise affordable housing. He also wanted to thank Officers for bringing this report to Cabinet.

The Cabinet Member for Service Delivery noted the delivery of 50% affordable housing should be fully supported.

The Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning commented that although it was not a large site it was reinforcing the Council's commitment to deliver affordable housing. He also hoped that it could encourage other developers to go above the policy compliance when delivering affordable housing.

The Leader said that the Site was identified for development in the Haywards Heath Neighbourhood Plan and that it would help support those who need affordable housing. He was in full support of the recommendation.

6. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS.

The Leader proposed that the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the exempt appendix on the agenda and this was agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED

That the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item in accordance with Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the said Act.

7. Disposal of Surplus Council Land at Bolnore Road Depot – Exempt Appendix 2.

The Leader brought the meeting back into open session on completion of consideration of the exempt appendix and moved to the recommendations included in item 5 which were agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED

Cabinet resolved to:

- (a) Declare the parcel of Council land at Bolnore Road, Haywards Heath shown edged in red on the plan at Appendix I to the report ("the Site") surplus to existing operational requirements and needs;
- (b) Approve the disposal of the Site to Bidder A for residential development, subject to the grant of satisfactory planning permission, in accordance with the terms set out in the Exempt Appendix 2; and
- (c) Authorise the Head of Corporate Resources and the Head of Regulatory Services to enter into a contract, conditional upon the grant of satisfactory full planning permission for residential development of fifty per cent affordable homes and fifty per cent commercial homes, for the disposal of the Council's freehold interest in the site to Bidder A on the main terms and conditions set out in the Exempt Appendix 2; and on such other terms and conditions as the

Head of Regulatory Services recommends to protect the Council's position.

Chairman.