

**Minutes of a meeting of Cabinet  
held on Monday, 14th October, 2019  
from 4.00 pm - 4.21 pm**

**Present:** J Ash-Edwards (Chair)  
J Llewellyn-Burke (Vice-Chair)

J Belsey  
R de Mierre

S Hillier  
A MacNaughton

N Webster

**Also Present:** Councillors P Chapman, R Clarke and I Gibson  
Kathryn Hall, Chief Executive; Judy Holmes, Assistant Chief  
Executive; Tom Clark, Head of Regulatory Services; Peter  
Stuart, Head of Corporate Resources; Simon Hughes, Head of  
Digital and HR; Terry Stanley, Business Unit Leader for  
Democratic Services and Alison Hammond, Democratic  
Services Officer.

**1. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS IN RESPECT OF ANY MATTER ON THE AGENDA.**

None.

**2. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

None as all Members were present.

**3. TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 SEPTEMBER 2019.**

The Minutes of Meeting of the Cabinet held on 16 September 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**4. TO CONSIDER ANY ITEMS THAT THE LEADER AGREES TO TAKE AS URGENT BUSINESS.**

None.

**5. LAND AT HURST FARM, HURSTWOOD LANE, HAYWARDS HEATH**

Peter Stuart, Head of Corporate Resources introduced the report and advised Cabinet that Hurst Farm had been bought by the Council in the 1990s. He noted that Haywards Heath has grown and the Council have been working to market the land for residential developments as it forms part of the Council's five year housing land supply. The report before Cabinet is to recommend that the land is sold to a developer for a residential development which is detailed in the Exempt report as the information is highly commercially confidential.

Tom Clark, Head of Regulatory Services highlighted that the land had been advertised as open space land and no objections had been received.

The Leader noted that the Cabinet were sitting as the land owner.

The Cabinet Member for Community noted that the report highlighted the longer term strategic aims of the Council. The land had been purchased by the Council and was included in the Neighbourhood Plan. He confirmed that receiving no objections to the advertisement was significant.

The Cabinet Member for Economic Growth agreed with the comments made by Cabinet Member for Community and asked for assurance that the development would be carried out in professional way and to a high standard which would benefit the town.

The Head of Corporate Resources confirmed that this was a planning matter and they had done as much as possible to secure the best outcome for the Council.

The Leader confirmed that this was a good example of partnership working with the Town and County Council as the development would have many public benefits, including a school, cemetery, park, allotments and open space.

The Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning noted that the development would provide a development with public access to open space which will be a benefit to the community.

The Head of Regulatory Services advised that the Section 106 agreement will be a standard agreement and will comply with policy requirements and regulations.

The Cabinet Member for Customer Services noted that the sale of the land would safeguard the financial future of the Council for the benefit of the residents of Mid Sussex.

**6. TO CONSIDER WHETHER TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC 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.**

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 seconded by The Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning and unanimously agreed.

**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.

## **LAND AT HURST FARM, HURSTWOOD LANE, HAYWARDS HEATH**

The Leader returned to the open session of the meeting and proposed the motion which was seconded by the Cabinet Member for Housing Planning and unanimously agreed.

### **RESOLVED**

Cabinet recommended to:

(a) note that there were no responses to the statutory advertisements placed in the Mid Sussex Times on 29th August and 5th September 2019 giving notice of the Council's intention to dispose of the Development Land edged in red on the plan attached at Appendix D; and

(b) authorise the Head of Corporate Resources and the Solicitor and Head of Regulatory Services to dispose of the Development Land to the Council's preferred developer on the basis set out in the Exempt Appendix E to this report, tabled at the meeting, and on such other terms as the Solicitor and Head of Regulatory Services recommends to protect the Council's interests.

### **7. EXEMPT REPORT**

### **8. QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 10 DUE NOTICE OF WHICH HAS BEEN GIVEN.**

None.

The meeting finished at 4.21 pm

Chairman