

**MINUTES
CABINET**

Thursday 5 October 2023

Councillor John Clarke (Chair)

Councillor David Ellis	Councillor Marje Paling
Councillor Kathryn Fox	Councillor Lynda Pearson
Councillor Jenny Hollingsworth	Councillor Henry Wheeler
Councillor Viv McCrossen	

Absent: Councillor Michael Payne

Officers in Attendance: M Hill, C McCleary and F Whyley

32 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Payne due to a conflict of interest on agenda item 6.

33 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 SEPTEMBER 2023

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the above meeting, having been circulated, be approved as a correct record.

34 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Paling declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 6 due to her membership of Arnold Parochial Charities and Friends of Hobbucks. Councillor Wheeler also declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 6 due to his close association with Friends of Hobbucks.

35 FORWARD PLAN

Consideration was given to a report of the Democratic Services Manager, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, detailing the Executive's draft Forward Plan for the next six month period.

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

ANNUAL EQUALITIES UPDATE REPORT

The Interim Corporate Director introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, updating members on the progress made across the Council on the Equality and Diversity Framework and action plan as well as other work undertaken in relation to improving equality and diversity in the provision of Council services since the adoption of the Equality and Diversity policy in 2021.

RESOLVED:

To note the work undertaken on the Equality and Diversity Framework and Action Plan and the wider work undertaken by officers and members to strengthen the Council's approach to equality and diversity in the performance of its functions.

PROPOSED SALE OF LAND AT KILLISICK LANE

The Property Services Manager introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, seeking approval for the disposal of land at Killisick Lane via the open market and delegating authority to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council to agree the final sale price in line with market value and the Council's Rules for dealing with land and buildings. The report also sought approval in principle, to sell the Council's land jointly with a neighbouring landowner in order to secure best value and a comprehensive development on site, delegating authority to the Chief Executive in consultation with Legal Services to prepare a collaboration agreement to facilitate the joint sale.

RESOLVED to:

- 1) Approve the disposal of Land at Killisick Lane (as shown outlined in red on Appendix 1 to the report) through private treaty on the open market as detailed in the report;
- 2) Delegate authority to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council to accept the best offer for the land;
- 3) Approve in principle, the joint sale of the Council's land with the Arnold Parochial Charities adjoining land, subject to a collaboration agreement being agreed by both parties;
- 4) Delegate authority to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Legal Services Manager to prepare and complete a collaboration agreement with Arnold Parochial Charities to facilitate the joint sale of land; and

- 5) Delegate authority to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Legal Services Manager to agree Heads of Terms and Conditions of sale for the disposal.

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ANY OTHER ITEMS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT

None.

The meeting finished at 2.30 pm

Signed by Chair:

Date: