

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION SHEET

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

17 MARCH 2020

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Due to the Covid-19 situation the meeting was cancelled and therefore no apologies for absence were received.

2 MINUTES - 21 JANUARY 2020

Due to the Covid-19 situation the meeting was cancelled and therefore the Minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 21 January 2020 will be approved at the next formal meeting of the Committee.

3 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business notified.

4 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to the Covid-19 situation the meeting was cancelled and therefore there were no Chair's announcements.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Due to the Covid-19 situation the meeting was cancelled and therefore there was no public participation.

6 URGENT AND GENERAL EXCEPTION ITEMS

Due to the Covid-19 situation the meeting was cancelled and therefore no Urgent or General Exception Items were considered.

7 CALLED-IN ITEMS

Since the last meeting, no decisions had been called-in by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

8 RESOLUTIONS OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Due to the Covid-19 situation the meeting was cancelled and therefore the report entitled Resolutions of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee was not considered.

9 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

Due to the Covid-19 situation the meeting was cancelled and therefore the report entitled Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme was not considered.

10 DISTRICT WIDE SURVEY 2019 - KEY FINDINGS

Due to the Covid-19 situation the meeting was cancelled therefore the report entitled District Wide Survey 2019 – Key Findings would be considered at the next formal meeting of the Committee.

11 APPROVAL OF A NEW DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE JOHN BARKER PLACE AREA OF HITCHIN

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee due to be held on 17 March 2020 was cancelled.

Members of the Committee were consulted via email and were asked to advise whether they would vote for, against or abstain regarding the recommendations in the published report.

They were also asked for any comments that they would wish Cabinet to take into account when considering the report.

Five Members responded and all were in favour of the recommendations contained in the report as follows:

- 2.1. That notice is served on settle to terminate the Development Agreement that was signed in 2013, with immediate effect.
- 2.2. That the newly proposed Development Agreement, at Appendix B, be approved.
- 2.3. That authority is delegated to the Executive Member for Housing and Environmental Health, in conjunction with the Director of Regulatory Services, to agree minor changes to the new Development Agreement.
- 2.4. That a lease on the identified Council owned land at Swinburne Avenue, Hitchin, is granted to settle on the lease heads of terms attached to this report (please see Appendix C).

The following comments were received:

Councillor Carol Stanier

Because of the increased amount of affordable homes (though council owned would be better) and because it is clear that Settle are by and large in favour of redrafting the agreement, I have no problems with this proposal.

CABINET IS THEREFORE REQUESTED:

- (1) That notice is served on settle to terminate the Development Agreement that was signed in 2013, with immediate effect.
- (2) That the newly proposed Development Agreement, at Appendix B, be approved.
- (3) That authority is delegated to the Executive Member for Housing and Environmental Health, in conjunction with the Director of Regulatory Services, to agree minor changes to the new Development Agreement.
- (4) That a lease on the identified Council owned land at Swinburne Avenue, Hitchin, is granted to settle on the lease heads of terms attached to this report (please see Appendix C).

12 GREENSPACE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2021-2026

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Members of the Committee were consulted via email and were asked to advise whether they would vote for, against or abstain regarding the recommendations in the published report.

They were also asked for any comments that they would wish Cabinet to take into account when considering the report.

Five Members responded and all were in favour of the recommendations contained in the report as follows:

- 2.1 Cabinet notes that Officers are commencing a process of review, to develop the next Greenspace Management Strategy from 2021 to 2026
- 2.2 To consider and approve the scoping document as attached at Appendix A

No comments were received.

CABINET IS THEREFORE REQUESTED:

- (1) Cabinet notes that Officers are commencing a process of review, to develop the next Greenspace Management Strategy from 2021 to 2026.
- (2) To consider and approve the scoping document as attached at Appendix A.

13 NEW YEAR PERFORMANCE INDICATORS TO BE MONITORED 2021

Due to the Covid-19 situation the meeting was cancelled and therefore the report entitled New Year Performance Indicators to be Monitored 20/21 was not considered.

14 NEW YEAR PROJECTS SUPPORTING THE COUNCIL PLAN 2020-25

Due to the Covid-19 situation the meeting was cancelled and therefore the report entitled New Year Projects Supporting the Council Plan 2020-23 was not considered.

15 Q3 PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT

Due to the Covid-19 situation the meeting was cancelled and therefore the report entitled Q3 Performance Monitoring Report was not considered.

16 Q3 UPDATE ON PROJECTS SUPPORTING THE CORPORATE PLAN

Due to the Covid-19 situation the meeting was cancelled and therefore the report entitled Q3 Update on Projects Supporting the Council Plan was not considered.

17 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

No questions had been submitted by Members.