

Cabinet Commercial Sub-Committee – Meeting held on Monday, 16th December, 2019.

Present:- Councillors Swindlehurst, Anderson and Nazir

Apologies for Absence:- Councillor Akram

PART 1

8. Declarations of Interest

None were declared.

9. Minutes of the Meeting held on 1st October 2019

On the interest declared by Councillor Swindlehurst at the meeting on 1st October 2019 he asked that it be noted for clarity that he had been a guest on a tabled hosted by a director Bharani Enterprises at a charity dinner and that he had met him in relation to the Chalvey Extra Care Scheme.

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 1st October 2019 be approved, subject to clarification above.

10. Housing Development Programme Update

The Service Lead Housing Development & Contracts introduced a report that updated the Sub-Committee on the work undertaken to deliver the Housing Development Strategy, which had been agreed at the previous meeting on 1st October 2019.

Monthly updates were being provided to the Lead Member for Housing & Community Safety and the quarterly update was set out fully in Appendix A to the report. Members noted that the creation of the framework for developers and construction contractors to work with the Council to deliver new homes would take circa 6-9 months. The Sub-Committee was asked to approve the tender and procurement of a number of identified sites for the development of new affordable homes. The proposal was to agree the option to transfer the sites to the DISH RP which was the Council's subsidiary company.

The progress made on various sites was discussed including the Quantock Close garage site, Turton Way and Newport Road, which was due for completion in January 2020. In response to a query it was clarified that the 546 Bath Road site was in the programme. At the conclusion of the discussion the recommendations were agreed.

Resolved –

- (a) That the progress of delivering the ‘Housing Development Strategy’ and supporting development program update in Appendix A of the report be noted.
- (b) That delegated authority be approved to the Director of Finance and Resources following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and Community Safety the option to consent to the transfer of the following assets and conditional supporting loan to the relevant council housing company and approved ‘DISH-RP’ that can best develop the particular sites for affordable housing. The sites identified, subject to consent for potential transfer, were;

- (i) *Weekes Drive*
- (ii) *Quantock Close Garage Site*
- (iii) *The Mallards*
- (iv) *Broom House Garage Site*
- (v) *546 Bath Road*
- (vi) *150-160 Bath Road*
- (vii) *Maria Cowland Hall site*
- (viii) *Hawkshill*
- (ix) *Monksfield Way*
- (x) *The Cherries*
- (xi) *Paget Road*
- (xii) *101 – 135 Minster Way*
- (xiii) *35 – 48 Maryside*
- (xiv) *33 – 36 Borderside*
- (xv) *10 – 21 Hampden Road*
- (xvi) *266 – 281 Stile Road*

- (c) That the key decisions be approved that, for the delivery of housing to; tender, procure for construction, in compliance with design standards, planning and building control requirements the following sites:

- a. *The Mallards*
- b. *Broom House Garage Site*
- c. *546 Bath Road*
- d. *150-160 Bath Road*
- e. *Maria Cowland Hall site*
- f. *Greenside*
- g. *Hawkshill*
- h. *Monksfield Way*
- i. *The Cherries*
- j. *Paget Road*
- k. *101 – 135 Minster Way*
- l. *35 – 48 Maryside*
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11. Exclusion of Press and Public

Resolved – That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the items in Part II of the agenda as they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information relating to the financial and business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 the Schedule 12A the Local Government Act 1972.

Below is a summary of the matters considered during Part II of the agenda.

12. Part II Minutes - 1st October 2019

The Part II minutes of the meeting held on 1st October 2019 were approved.

13. Update regarding the establishment of a Registered Provider

It was agreed to establish a new company structure for DISH to manage and deliver additional housing in Slough. The Sub-Committee would make recommendations to Council regarding nominating Members to the boards. Delegated authority was given to Officers to progress various other matters such as the financial arrangements and options to transfer various sites into the DISH RPs.

14. Commercial Housing Initiatives and Joint Ventures

Delegated authority was given to the Service Lead Housing Development & Contracts to pursue dialogue with developers for the provision of commercial housing initiatives and joint members.

Chair

(Note: The Meeting opened at 5.39 pm and closed at 6.10 pm)