

NORTH DEVON COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE held at the Civic Centre, Barnstaple on Thursday 4th December 2014 at 2.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Members representing North Devon Council:

Councillor Biederman (Chairman)

Councillors Chesters, Clark, Luggar, Moores and Tucker.

Officers:

Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer, Acting Head of Financial Services and Section 151 Officer (JT), Senior Projects Officer, Community Development Officer (HH) and Democratic Services Officer (JG).

49 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Gurney, Haywood, Hockin, Lane and White.

50 MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting held on 13th November 2014 (circulated previously) be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to Councillor Haywood being included in the list of those present at the meeting.

51 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest announced.

52 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS AND RESTRICTION OF DOCUMENTS

RESOLVED:

- (a) That under the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 (as amended), as made under the Local Government Act 2000, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item on the grounds that the item contained information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) as described in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

- (b) That all documents and reports relating to the item be confirmed as "Not for Publication".

53 CIVIC CENTRE RELOCATION

The Committee received a joint presentation by the Acting Head of Financial Services and Senior Projects Officer in respect of the budget and progression of various projects within the 21:21 programme.

The Committee discussed the following: -

- Location of various services following exit from Civic Centre
- Necessity of a Members Room and requirement for a work station(s) only with access to facilities
- Civic Centre maintenance arrangements
- Capital programme
- Appointment of independent valuer to value the Civic Centre asset
- Planning application stage for a two storey modular building at Brynsworthy Environment Centre
- Possible venues to hold Committee meetings following exit from Civic Centre
- Member parking arrangements
- Executive decision not to serve notice on Devon County Council

Councillor Luggar expressed concern that the relocation and exit from the Civic Centre was a high risk option and requested that his views be noted in the minutes.

The Committee thanked officers for their presentation.

RESOLVED, that a further update be provided to the Committee in February 2015.

54 RE-ADMITTANCE OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED, that the public and press be readmitted to the meeting for the remaining items to be transacted.

55 PERFORMANCE REPORT FORMAT

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer (circulated previously) in respect of a suggested format of performance reporting.

RESOLVED, that the suggested draft of a quarterly performance report format be approved.

56 **WORK PROGRAMME/FORWARD PLAN**

The Committee considered the work programme (circulated previously).

RESOLVED, that the work programme be noted.

Chairman

The meeting ended at 3.00 p.m.

NOTE: These minutes will be confirmed as a correct record at the next meeting of the Committee.