

NORTH DEVON COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of NORTH DEVON COUNCIL held at Pannier Market - Barnstaple on Monday, 14th June, 2021 at 6.15 pm

PRESENT: Members:

Councillor Hunt (Chair)

Councillors Biederman, Bulled, Bushell, Cann, Chesters, Crabb, Davis, Davies, Gubb, Henderson, Jenkins, Knight, Lane, Leaver, Lovering, Lofthouse, Ley, Luggar, Mack, Mackie, Orange, Patrinos, Phillips, Prowse, Roome, Topham, Topps, Tucker, Turton, Walker, Wilkinson, Worden, Yabsley and York

Officers:

Chief Executive, Head of Resources, Property Manager, Solicitor and Data Protection Officer and Regeneration Manager

11. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Barker, Fowler, Pearson, Saxby, D. Spear and L. Spear.

12. BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD BY OR WITH THE CONSENT OF THE CHAIR

There were no items of business brought forward by or with the consent of the Chair.

13. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest announced.

14. LEAD MEMBER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE - APPOINTMENT OF A REPLACEMENT

Council considered the appointment of a replacement Lead Member for Climate Change following the resignation of Councillor Leaver from the position.

It was moved by Councillor Worden and seconded by Councillor Leaver "that Councillor Lofthouse be appointed as Lead Member for Climate Change".

RESOLVED that Councillor Lofthouse be appointed as Lead Member for Climate Change.

15. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS AND RESTRICTION OF

DOCUMENTS

RESOLVED:

(a) That under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item as it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 Schedule 12A of the Act (as amended from time to time), namely information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information);

(b) That all documents and reports relating to the item be confirmed as “Not for Publication”.

16. PURCHASE OF STRATEGIC ASSET

Council considered a report by the Chief Executive (circulated previously) regarding the purchase of a strategic asset.

Council received a joint presentation by the Chief Executive and Head of Resources regarding the purchase of a strategic asset.

A question and answer session then followed.

Council noted the price offered for the purchase of the strategic asset.

It was moved by Councillor Worden and seconded by Councillor Prowse that the recommendations in the report be adopted.

It was moved by Councillor Henderson and duly seconded that the vote be taken by a recorded vote.

RESOLVED that the vote be taken by a recorded vote.

RESOLVED that:

(a) the purchase of the Strategic Asset as outlined in the report be approved;

(b) the Capital Programme be varied as outlined in section 5.3 of the report to be funded through external borrowing from Public Works Loan Board;

(c) an increase in the authorised borrowing limit for 2021/22 onwards to £37.5m be approved;

(d) Delegated authority be given to Chief Executive after consultation with Group Leaders and Lead Member to appoint managing agents.

Voting for the motion:

Councillors Biederman, Bushell, Cann, Chesters, Davies, Gubb, Hunt, Jenkins, Knight, Lane, Leaver, Ley, Lofthouse, Lovering, Luggar, Mack, Mackie, Orange, Patinos, Phillips, Prowse, Roome, Topham, Topps, Tucker, Walker, Wilkinson, Worden and York.

Voting against the motion:

Councillor Henderson

Abstained from voting:

Councillors Bulled, Crabb, Davis, Turton and Yabsley.

Totals: 29 For, 1 Against and 5 abstained.

Chair

The meeting ended at 8.22 pm

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