

Notice of Decisions Made

Decision Maker: **Councillor Russell Holland, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance**

Subject Development of Housing at Highworth Golf Club

Decision(s): -

- (1) That the Director of Finance allocates a budget (up to the amount identified in the report) to this project within the Council's Capital Programme, funded from an allocation previously agreed by Cabinet for small-scale housing developments on Council-owned land.
- (2) That the Director of Law and Democratic Services, in consultation with the Head of Property Assets, agree terms for the transfer of the site, referred to in the report, at a time in the future which he considers to be appropriate.

Consultation:

Commercial Investment Strategy CMAG

Councillor Emma Faramarzi – No comments received

Councillor Stan Pajak – Supports proposal subject to local support

Councillor Kevin Small – That having checked out the financial arrangements for this scheme and been given the assurances that SBC has the capacity to loan this money without effecting our short to medium term cash flow, I am happy for it to proceed as it is an appropriate use of the land and a good investment opportunity for the Housing Company and SBC.

Ward members:

Councillor Alan Bishop – no comments received.

Councillor Maureen Penny – The development sits outside the settlement boundary for Highworth. The development does not accord with the Highworth neighbourhood Plan. The development may impact upon the proposed skate park development. The Parish would prefer to see affordable units.

Councillor Steve Weisinger – no comments received.

Opposition Spokesperson

Councillor Emma Bushell: Endorsed Councillor Small's comments (above)

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Decision Maker: Councillor Dale Heenan, Cabinet Member for the Town Centre

Subject Delivery of Town Centre Regeneration

Decision(s): -

- (1) That the Chief Executive be authorised to implement the TUPE due diligence and consultation process with FSL employees and carry out the transfer of staff into Swindon Borough Council.
- (2) That the Board of Directors of Forward Swindon Ltd in consultation with the Director of Law and Democratic Services be authorised to apply to the Companies House for the company to be struck off the register of the Companies House, ensure that all existing contractual obligations of the company are met, and any outstanding contracts are novated to the Council and to dissolve the company by end March 2019.
- (3) That the Chief Executive make any and all appropriate arrangements to indemnify the Directors of the company against any future claims through relevant insurances.

Consultation: Opposition spokesperson for Town Centre Regeneration, Heritage and Culture Councillor Jane Milner-Barry commented 'It has always been Labour Group policy that FSL could operate more effectively as a part of SBC and I am happy to see FSL staff integrated into the Town Centre Development Team'

Leader of the Liberal Democrats Councillor Stan Pajak commented 'The bringing of FSL to an in-house element of the Council marks a long overdue consensus of the political parties in the Council. I am happy with the recommendation'

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Decision Maker: Councillor Cathy Martyn, Cabinet Member for Housing and Public Safety

Subject Affordable Housing Developments

Decision(s): - That the Council enters into an agreement with Homes England in relation to Homes England 2016-21 Shared Ownership and Affordable Housing Programme (SOAHP) funding for successful bids in order to meet Pledge (6f) as set out in paragraph 1.2 of the Decision Notice.

Consultation: The following Opposition Spokespersons have been consulted on the recommendations of the report and their responses are summarised below:

Councillor Emma Bushell - responded via e-mail (dated 30th October 2018) and stated "While we support the council seeking external funding sources to build new housing, the Labour Group believe HRA land should be used to build social/affordable housing for rent that will remain within the HRA stock".

Note that with respect to the Queens Drive Re-development land, it is proposed to demolish a significant number of social-rent council houses for rent onsite and convert an unspecified number of social-rent council properties to affordable-rent properties elsewhere. Therefore the number of shared ownership homes should be minimal and the majority of homes built should be social housing for rent and retained as Housing Revenue Account stock, to ensure that there is no decrease in the number of social -rent properties resulting from the new development.

Councillor Pajak stated "Very happy to support our seeking grant support for this important scheme to create homes".

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Decision Maker:	Councillor David Renard, the Leader of the Council, Councillor Russell Holland, Cabinet Member for Finance, Councillor Dale Heenan, Cabinet Member for the Town Centre and Councillor Oliver Donachie, Cabinet Member for Economic Prosperity
Subject	Kimmerfields – Office Purchase Opportunity
Decision(s): -	<p>(1) That the Leader and Cabinet Members authorise the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Director of Finance and the Head of Property Assets, to purchase the office building to be constructed and occupied by Zurich at Kimmerfields, reflecting the purchase price and commercial rate of return as detailed in paragraphs 3.6 and 6.2 in the main body of the Note.</p> <p>(2) That the Head of Property Assets, in consultation with the Interim Director of Law and the Head of Town Centre Development, agree detailed terms of any relevant legal documentation required to support the purchase and simultaneous lease back of the offices to Zurich, on such terms as necessary to protect the Council's interests.</p>
Consultation:	The following Opposition Spokespersons / Ward Members have been consulted on the recommendations of the report.

The responses received from Councillors Bob Wright and Kevin Small reference exempt information and can only be inspected as set out in the Decision note, available on the intranet or on request from the Committee and member Services Manager.

Councillor Bob Wright (see above)

Councillor Julie Wright - No comment received

Councillor Junab Ali – No comment received

Councillor Jim Grant – No comment received

Councillor Jane Milner-Barry – No comment received

Councillor Kevin Small (*see above*).

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