

## **SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**TUESDAY, 12 MAY 2020**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Robert Wright (Chair), Emma Faramarzi (Vice-Chair), Steve Allsopp, Matthew Courtliff, Jim Grant, Steve Heyes, Jenny Jefferies, Barbara Parry, James Robbins, Carol Shelley, Kevin Small, Roger Smith and Timothy Swinyard.

Also in attendance were: Councillors David Renard (Leader of the Council), Russell Holland (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Education and Skills), Oliver Donachie (Cabinet Member for Economy and Place), Brian Ford (Cabinet Member for Adults and Health), Dale Heenan (Cabinet Member for the Town Centre), Mary Martin (Cabinet Member for Children's Services), Cathy Martyn (Cabinet Member for Housing and Public Safety), Maureen Penny (Cabinet Member for Transport and the Environment), Gary Sumner (Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning) and Keith Williams (Cabinet Member for Corporate Services and Operational Excellence).

Apologies for absence were received from: Councillors Emma Bushell, Brian Mattock and Vera Tomlinson.

### **73. Declarations of Interest**

The Chair reminded Members of the need to declare any known interests in any matters to be considered at the meeting. No declarations of interest were made.

### **74. Public Question Time**

There were no questions submitted under this item.

### **75. Exempt Items - Exclusion of Press and Public**

The Chair advised the Committee that Agenda Item 5 (Consideration of Cabinet Decisions) was expected to include the consideration of exempt information.

Resolved - That, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded during the discussion of the matters referred to in Agenda Item 5, on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

### **76. Consideration of Cabinet Decisions**

The Committee moved in to exempt session and considered a report introducing decisions arising from the Cabinet meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

#### *Minute 89. Kimmerfields Office Purchase*

Councillors Russell Holland (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Education and Skills), Oliver Donachie (Cabinet Member for Economy and Place), Dale Heenan (Cabinet Member for the Town Centre), with assistance from the

Corporate Director of Finance and Assets (Section 151 Officer) and the Head of Property Assets, responded to questions put by Councillors Steve Allsopp, Jim Grant, Jenny Jefferies, James Robbins, Kevin Small and the Chair on matters pertaining to information set out in the private and confidential report considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

Resolved – That Minute 89 of the Cabinet be noted.