

CABINET

THURSDAY, 7 MAY 2020

PRESENT:- Councillors David Renard (Chair), Oliver Donachie, Brian Ford, Dale Heenan, Russell Holland, Mary Martin, Cathy Martyn, Maureen Penny, Gary Sumner and Keith Williams

85. Declarations of Interest.

The Chair reminded Members of the need to declare known interests in any matters to be considered at the meeting.

86. Public Question Time.

The Chair informed the meeting that a question had been received from Mr Gee concerning Wellington Street and that Councillor Penny would provide a written response within ten working days.

87. Minutes.

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd April 2020 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

88. Exempt Items - Exclusion of Press and Public.

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 the item listed below, on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in the respective paragraph 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.

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89. Kimmerfields Office Purchase

The Leader of the Council along with the Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance, Education and Skills, the Cabinet Member for Economy and Growth and the Cabinet Member introduced the joint report.

Councillor Holland invited Members to note the reasons why the item was urgent and required as set out in the body of the report. The Leader, along with Councillors Oliver Donachie and Dale Heenan spoke in favour of the proposal. Councillor Brian Ford and Mary Martin asked questions about the potential impact of this proposal on the Council's other services and other financial effects, to which Councillor Holland and the Head of Property Assets responded at the meeting.

Resolved – (1) That it be agreed that the report and its recommendations are urgent

in accordance with the relevant legislation for the reasons set out in the body of the report.

(2) That the Corporate Director of Finance and Assets in consultation with the Head of Property Assets be authorised to vary the purchase price cap of the office building to be constructed and occupied by an existing local employer, as set out in Para 3.4 in the main body of the report.

(3) That the Head of Property Assets, in consultation with the Chief Legal Officer, be authorised to agree detailed terms of any relevant legal documentation required to reflect the increased purchase price and the change covered in Para 3.9 in the main body of the report.

The reasons for the decision and alternative options are as set out in the report to the meeting.