

## **CABINET**

**WEDNESDAY, 1 FEBRUARY 2017**

**PRESENT:-** Councillors David Renard (Chair), Russell Holland, Oliver Donachie, Toby Elliott and Fionuala Foley.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Brian Ford, Mary Martin, Garry Perkins and Keith Williams.

Mr Mike Bawden, the Chair of the Board of Thamesdown Transport Limited, Mr Paul Jenkins, the Managing Director of Thamesdown Transport Limited, and Councillor Steve Allsopp, a Council Representative on the Board of Thamesdown Transport Limited, were in attendance and were invited to remain in the meeting during Cabinet's consideration of Agenda Item No. 5 "Thamesdown Transport Limited – Update".

### **78. Declarations of Interest.**

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

### **79. Public Question Time.**

There were no public questions.

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

Resolved – (1) 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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(2) That Mr Mike Bawden, the Chair of the Board of Thamesdown Transport Limited, and Mr Paul Jenkins, the Managing Director of Thamesdown Transport Limited, be invited to remain in the meeting for consideration of Agenda Item No. 5 "Thamesdown Transport Limited – Update".

### **81. Thamesdown Transport Limited - Update**

The Leader of the Council, the Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Services, the Interim Director, Resources, the Head of Property Services and the Director of Law and Democratic Services submitted a

joint report providing an update on the options for the future operation of Thamesdown Transport Ltd, which company is a private limited company formed in 1986 under the Transport Act 1985 to take over the bus operations of the former Thamesdown Borough Council (now Swindon Borough Council) and is wholly owned by the Council.

The Leader of the Council advised the meeting that there would be an embargo on Cabinet's decision in respect of the matter under consideration until at least 8.30 a.m. on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, or later if such requirement proved necessary.

Resolved – That the recommendations set out in paragraphs 2.1 to 2.15 of the report, including the amendment to paragraph 2.2 proposed at the meeting, be accepted.