

**Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet Member (Business Enterprise and Employment)
held at 10am on 24th June 2013**

Present:

Cabinet Members: Councillor Kelly

Other Members: Councillors Taylor (Shadow Cabinet Member)

Employees (by Directorate):

City Services & Development: R. Moon, G. Stephens

Community Services: A. Maqsood

Customer & Workforce Services: M. Rossi

Finance & Legal Services: J. Sprayson

Public business

1. **Apologies**

There were no apologies for absence.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

3. **Minutes**

The minutes of the Cabinet Member (City Development) meeting held on 24th April 2013 were agreed and signed as a true record. There were no matters arising.

4. **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

RESOLVED that, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the items of business referred to in Minute 9 and 10 below relating to “The Freehold Disposal of Land at Adelaide Street to Whitefriars Housing Ltd” and “Site at Aldermans Green Industrial Estate” on the grounds that these items involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of that Act.

5. **The Freehold Disposal of Land at Adelaide Street to Whitefriars Housing Ltd**

The Cabinet Member considered a report of the Director of City Services and Development which sought approval to the freehold disposal of a piece of land on Adelaide Street, Coventry to Whitefriars Housing Ltd.

Whitefriars had approached the Council to acquire the land at Adelaide Street for a Homelessness Centre in conjunction with adjoining industrial land (in private ownership).

The site at Castle Street/Adelaide Street was granted planning permission for a 63 unit homelessness centre. Planning Reference FUL/2012/2295 on the 7th February 2013 (Minute 112/12 refers).

A petition was submitted requesting that the Cabinet Member for City Development refuses to sell the land at Castle St/Adelaide St/Harnell Lane East to Whitefriars. A joint Cabinet Member meeting between the portfolio holders for City Development & Neighbourhood Action, Housing, Leisure and Culture to consider a response to the petition was held on the 21st March 2013 (Minute 3/12 refers). The Cabinet Members noted the petitioner's request however officers were requested to continue to work with Whitefriars to negotiate the terms for disposal of the Council's interest in part of the land making up the site.

RESOLVED, that after due consideration of the report and the matters raised at the meeting, the Cabinet Member:-

- 1. Authorised the disposal of the Council site to Whitefriars.**
- 2. Delegated to the Assistant Director of City Centre and City Development Services following consultation with the Cabinet Member, any subsequent variation in terms**
- 3. Delegated to the Director of Finance and Legal Services to complete the necessary legal documentation in this matter.**

6. Site at Aldermans Green Industrial Estate

The Cabinet Member considered a report of the Director of City Services and Development which sought approval to the disposal of a long leasehold interest in land at Aldermans Green Industrial Estate.

The proposed purchaser was looking to expand its business in Coventry and the site would make it possible for the company to develop for its own use and occupation or for sub-letting.

The provisionally agreed terms were on the basis that the lease premium would be payable immediately upon the grant of the lease and subject to the prospective purchaser having satisfied itself as to the load bearing capacity of the site.

RESOLVED, that after due consideration of the report and the matters raised at the meeting, the Cabinet Member approved the grant of the long leasehold interest to the prospective purchaser in consideration of the lease premium on the terms set out in the report.

7. Outstanding Issues

There were no outstanding issues

8. **Any Other Public Business**

There were no other items of public business.

Private Business

9. **The Freehold Disposal of Land at Adelaide Street to Whitefriars Housing Ltd**

Further to Minute 5 above, relating to the public aspects of this matter, the Cabinet Member considered a private report of the Director of City Services and Development relating to the freehold disposal of land at Adelaide Street to Whitefriars Housing Ltd.

RESOLVED, that after due consideration of the report and the matters raised at the meeting, the Cabinet Member:-

1. **Authorised the disposal of the Council site to Whitefriars.**
2. **Delegated to the Assistant Director of City Centre and City Development Services following consultation with the Cabinet Member, any subsequent variation in terms.**
3. **Delegated to the Director of Finance and Legal Services to complete the necessary legal documentation in this matter.**

10. **Site at Aldermans Green Industrial Estate**

Further to Minute 6 above, relating to the public aspects of this matter, the Cabinet Member considered a private report of the Director of City Services and Development relating to the disposal of a long leasehold interest in land at Aldermans Green Industrial Estate.

RESOLVED, that after due consideration of the report and the matters raised at the meeting, the Cabinet Member approved the grant of the long leasehold interest to the prospective purchaser in consideration of the lease premium on the terms set out in the report.

11. **Any Other Private Business**

There were no other items of private business.

(Meeting closed at: 10.05am)