

**Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet Member (Business Enterprise and Employment)
held at 10am on 9th September 2013**

Present:

Cabinet Members: Councillor Kelly

Other Members: Councillor Duggins (for minute 16 below)
Councillor Harvard (for minute 16 below)
Councillor Lepoidevin (for minute 15 below)
Councillor Taylor

Employees (by Directorate):

Place: N. Clews, M. Fothergill, C. Knight, A. Walimia,
M. Waters

Resources: C. Evans, M. Rossi

Public business

12. Apologies

There were no apologies for absence.

13. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

14. Minutes

The minutes of the Cabinet Member (Business, Enterprise and Employment) meeting held on 24th June 2013 were agreed and signed as a true record. There were no matters arising.

15. Petition – Alderminster Road Londis Shop Development

The Cabinet Member considered a report of the Executive Director Place, concerning a petition bearing 487 paper signatures and 49 e-signatures, which had been submitted by Councillor Lepoidevin, who was invited to the meeting and spoke on behalf of the petitioners.

The petitioners were concerned with the condition of the Londis shop development site on Alderminster Road and were urging the Council to write to the shop owners to make the property safe and presentable to public view. The petitioners reported that following the submission of the petition the site had improved and further requested that officers periodically inspect the site.

The Executive Director, Place clarified that following the submission of the petition, officers had written to the property owners and the area management of the Londis Company to make improvements to the site and confirmed that regular inspections would be undertaken.

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

1. **Note the content of the petition**
2. **Forward the petition to the property owners and the area management of the Londis Company, as per the petitioner's request.**

16. **Petition – Termination of Park and Ride North Services**

The Cabinet Member considered a report of the Executive Director Place, concerning a petition bearing 253 signatures, which had been submitted by Councillor McNicholas, who was invited to the meeting and spoke on behalf of the petitioners. Councillor Duggins, a Longford Ward Councillor also attended the meeting and spoke in support of the petition.

The petitioners were concerned with the lack of consultation from Centro with local residents and ward councillors. They were further concerned with the absence of the Park and Ride North service in a deprived area of the City and that the AT7 Centre would soon be opening with a swimming pool, which would bring more people to the area.

The Executive Director, Place confirmed that the decision to terminate the service was one made by Centro due to the low level of usage (2.8 average per trip). It was further noted that Centro would be encouraged to explore different public transport services when the swimming pool opens at the AT7 Centre.

RESOLVED, that after due consideration of the report and the matters raised at the meeting, the Cabinet Member approves that the petition objecting to the termination of Park and Ride North services is forwarded to Centro to provide a formal response direct to the petitioner.

17. **Disposal of Small Surplus Sites and Buildings**

The Cabinet Member considered a report of the Executive Director, Place concerning the disposal of 14 small surplus sites and buildings.

The sites were:

1. Land at 604-622 Stoney Stanton Road
2. Land adjacent 206 Bell Green Road
3. Fairlands Park, Cannon Park
4. Land at Ribble Road, Gosford Green
5. Land North East of the Butts, Spon End
6. Harry Rose Road, Wyken
7. Manor Farm House, Henley Road, Henley
8. Land off Newdigate Road, Paradise, Upper Stoke
9. Car Park, Cromwell Street, Paradise, Upper Stoke
10. Land at Honiley Way, Wood End
11. Binswood Close Flats, Wood End

12. Briscoe Road, Former Holbrooks Library
13. The Barley Lea, Former Offices, Lower Stoke
14. Priory Row Cottages, St Michaels

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

1. **The disposal of the sites identified in the report by auction or tender.**
2. **To prepare and submit an Outline Planning Application in respect of specific sites only.**
3. **To publish a car park closure notice on site number 9 and invite objections.**
4. **To Delegate Authority to the Executive Director, Resources to complete the necessary legal documentation and collect the consideration for the sale.**

18. **Outstanding Issues**

There were no outstanding issues

19. **Any Other Public Business**

There were no other items of public business.

(Meeting closed at: 10.25am)