

**Minutes of the Meeting of Cabinet Member (Business Enterprise and Employment) held at 10.00 a.m. on 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2014**

Present:

Cabinet Member: Councillor Maton

Shadow Cabinet Member: Councillor Birdi

Other Members Present: Councillor O'Boyle (for item contained in Minute 10 below)

Employees (by Directorate):

Place: J. Newton, R Moon

Resources: S Bennett, J Gay

**Public Business**

**8. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

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

**RESOLVED** that approval be given to exclude the press and public under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 for consideration of the private report in Minute 14 below relating to "Freehold Disposal: Land at Woodway Lane Adjoining the Jolly Colliers Public House" on the grounds that that items involves the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act, as it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) and that in all circumstances of the cases, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

**10. Petition – To Urge the Owners of the Remaining Plots at Belgrade Plaza to Tidy Up the Land and Renovate the Fence**

The Cabinet Member considered a report of the Executive Director, Place, regarding a petition, bearing 229 signatures, urging the owners of the remaining plots at Belgrade Plaza to tidy up the land and renovate the fence. The petition was submitted by Councillor O'Boyle, a St Michael's Ward Councillor, who attended the meeting, along with the petition organiser, Ms. J. Skidmore and some of the petitioners, who spoke on behalf of the petitioners.

The wider Belgrade Plaza scheme has been a victim of the economic downturn, particularly with respect to the later phases. The fence was erected, as a temporary measure, to secure the site. Residents are able to see over

the fence from their properties onto the land, which had become overgrown with weeds.

At his last meeting, on 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2014, the Cabinet Member had approved the assignment of part of the ground lease of Belgrade Plaza currently held by Oakmoor Deeley Partnership (ODP) to the Downing Group to allow Phase 3 of the Belgrade Plaza scheme to be developed for student housing, conditional upon planning consent being granted (Minute 3/14 refers). Officers indicated that it was anticipated that work would shortly commence on the redevelopment of the site, which would facilitate the removal of the fence and growth.

**RESOLVED that, in light of the proposed development, the Cabinet Member (Business, Enterprise and Employment) notes the petition and requests that, if no progress is made towards the development of the site within three months, appropriate planning enforcement action be taken to require the removal of the fence and the levelling and seeding of the land.**

**11. Freehold Disposal: Land at Woodway Lane, adjoining the Jolly Colliers Public House**

The Cabinet Member considered a report of the Executive Director, Place, seeking agreement to the freehold disposal of a piece of land on Woodway Lane between the adopted highway and the site of the former Jolly Colliers Public House, shown red on a plan attached to the report, to facilitate the development of the site of the former public house.

A corresponding private report, detailing confidential financial matters was also submitted for consideration (Minute 14 below refers).

The Cabinet Member reported on correspondence he had received from the developers of the site in relation to this matter and indicated that an appropriate response had been sent from Legal Services in relation to this matter.

**RESOLVED that the Cabinet Member (Business, Enterprise and Employment):-**

- (1) Authorises the freehold disposal of the land to Dignus Healthcare in the terms as detailed in the private report (Minute 14 below refers)**
- (2) Delegates authority to the Assistant Director for City Centre and Development Services following consultation with the Cabinet Member (Business, Enterprise and Employment) for any subsequent variation in terms.**
- (3) Delegates authority to the Executive Director, Resources, and in particular officers within Legal Services, to complete the necessary legal documentation in this matter.**

## **12. Outstanding Issues**

There were no outstanding issues.

## **13. Any Other Public Business**

There were no other items of public business.

## **Private Business**

### **14. Freehold Disposal: Land at Woodway Lane, adjoining the Jolly Colliers Public House**

Further to Minute 11 above, the Cabinet Member considered a report of the Executive Director, Place which detailed confidential financial matters in relation to the freehold disposal of a piece of land on Woodway Lane between the adopted highway and the site of the former Jolly Colliers Public House, shown red on a plan attached to the report, to facilitate the development of the site of the former public house.

**RESOLVED that the Cabinet Member (Business, Enterprise and Employment):-**

- (1) Authorises the freehold disposal of the land to Dignus Healthcare in the terms as detailed in the report.**
- (2) Delegates authority to the Assistant Director for City Centre and Development Services following consultation with the Cabinet Member (Business, Enterprise and Employment) for any subsequent variation in terms.**
- (3) Delegates authority to the Executive Director, Resources, and in particular officers within Legal Services, to complete the necessary legal documentation in this matter.**

### **15. Any Other Private Business**

There were no other items of private business.

(Meeting closed at: 10.35am)