

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON

17 November 2022

8.00 - 8.50pm

PRESENT

COUNCILLORS

Andrew Johnson (Chair)
Sue Livings (Vice-Chair)

David Carter	Eddie Johnson
Simon Carter	James Leppard
Joel Charles	Stephen Lemay
Nick Churchill	Colleen Morrison
Jean Clark	Kay Morrison
Bob Davis	Russell Perrin
Jodi Dunne	Nicky Purse
Tony Durcan	Matthew Saggars
Tony Edwards	Stacy Seales
Michael Garnett	Clive Souter
James Griggs	Dan Swords
Alastair Gunn	Chris Vince
Michael Hardware	Mark Wilkinson

OFFICERS

Rob Tinlin, Interim Chief Executive
Hannah Marriott, Governance Support Officer
Andrew Bramidge, Director of Strategic Growth and Regeneration
Simon Freeman, Deputy to the Chief Executive and Director of Finance
Jane Greer, Director of Communities and Environment
Simon Hill, Director of Governance and Corporate Services

57. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Ash Malik, Daniella Pritchard, Lanie Shears, John Strachan and Nancy Watson.

58. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

59. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

RESOLVED that the following item be taken in private session on the grounds that it is likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as specified under Paragraph 3 of Part One of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, if and so long as in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Paragraph 3 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

60. **REFERENCES FROM CABINET AND COMMITTEES**

- a) Referral from Cabinet - Potential Acquisition of Town Centre Property

Full Council received a referral from Cabinet on the potential acquisition of a town centre property.

Proposed by Councillor Dan Swords (seconded by Councillor Chris Vince) it was:

RESOLVED that:

- A** The acquisition of the property referred to in the report be approved for not more than the maximum amount shown in section 6 of the report on an unconditional basis to facilitate the Council's regeneration strategy for Harlow town centre.
- B** The procurement of legal, property, surveyor, valuation and specialist advisers to support full due diligence on the acquisition, and the associated fees payable as set out in the report, be approved.
- C** The procurement, via the Crown Commercial Services framework, of Savills (as Property Manager) and Montagu Evans (as Asset Manager) be approved, conditional upon the acquisition of the property, for an initial period of two years. The costs associated with the management services have been factored into the financial appraisal.
- D** Authority is delegated to the Chief Executive to complete the purchase of the property.
- E** The financing for the purchase and associated costs as set out in the report is approved and that the Capital Programme, Capital Strategy and associated documents are amended to reflect this capital acquisition.
- F** Authority is delegated to the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Finance to make the final arrangements for the borrowing associated with the purchase.

61. **MATTERS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

None.

CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL