

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON

15 May 2025

8.30 - 8.50 pm

PRESENT

COUNCILLORS

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

Danielle Brown	Maggie Hulcoop
David Carter	Paul Jago
Joel Charles	James Leppard
Linda Clark	Kay Morrison
Jodi Dunne	Russell Perrin
Tony Durcan	Daniella Pritchard
Tony Edwards	Nicky Purse
Hannah Ellis	Matthew Saggars
Michael Garnett	Stacy Seales
Emma Ghaffari	Lanie Shears
James Griggs	Jake Shepherd
Alastair Gunn	Clive Souter
Michael Hardware	Dan Swords
Luke Howard	Nancy Watson

OFFICERS

James Gardner, Managing
Director
Giles Clarke, Executive
Director
Daniel Dickinson, Assistant
Director - Legal and
Democratic Services (Interim)
Julie Ellis, Executive Director
Paul Keen, Communications
Officer
Adam Rees, Senior
Governance Support Officer
Jacqui Van Mellaerts,
Assistant Director - Finance

16. WEBCAST INTRODUCTION

The Chair said the meeting was being webcast live and would be available for repeated viewing after the meeting has ended. By continuing to attend the meeting, you were consenting to being filmed and to appearing in the webcast.

17. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Michael, Houlihan, Mark Ingall and Stefan Mullard-Toal.

18. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

19. TOWN CENTRE STRATEGY

Full Council received a report on the Town Centre Strategy.

During the debate, Full Council agreed to discuss confidential appendices to the report. Therefore, it was:

RESOLVED that further consideration of the 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).

Proposed by Councillor Dan Swords (seconded by Councillor James Leppard) it was:

RESOLVED that for the reasons set out in the Cabinet Paper dated 16 June 2022, titled 'Market House Site Acquisition', Full Council amended the council's 2025/26 Capital Programme to include a sum of £8 million to enable the acquisition of Market House, and to provide an allowance for immediate essential maintenance and health and safety works, SDLT, and associated professional fees.

20. **MATTERS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

None.

CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL