

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE  
HELD AS AN ONLINE MEETING ON  
MONDAY 14 DECEMBER 2020, AT 5.45 PM

PRESENT: Councillor G Williamson (Chairman)  
Councillors A Alder, K Crofton,  
I Devonshire, H Drake, M Goldspink,  
A Huggins, C Redfern and A Ward-Booth

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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| Geoff Hayden   | - Corporate<br>Property Service<br>Manager     |
| Peter Mannings | - Democratic<br>Services Officer               |
| William Troop  | - Democratic<br>Services Officer               |
| Steven Linnett | - Head of Strategic<br>Finance and<br>Property |

288 APOLOGY

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Stowe.

289 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman welcomed Members, Officers and the public to the meeting. He said the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel

Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 came into force on Saturday 4 April 2020 to enable councils to hold remote committee meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic period. This was to ensure local authorities could conduct business during this current public health emergency. This meeting of the Financial Sustainability Committee was being held remotely under these regulations, via the Zoom application and was being recorded and live streamed on YouTube.

The Chairman asked Members to use the 'blue hand' function on Zoom should they wish to speak and said he would make further announcements following the exclusion of the press and public.

290 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

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The Chairman said that Councillor Ward-Booth was not listed as being present at the previous meeting, although he had attended. This was noted by the Democratic Services Officer.

It was moved by Councillor Devonshire and seconded by Councillor Huggins, that the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 4 August 2020 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to the inclusion of Councillor Ward-Booth in the list of Committee Members present at the meeting. After being put to the meeting and a vote taken, this motion was declared CARRIED.

**RESOLVED** – that the Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 4 August 2020 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to the inclusion of Councillor Ward-Booth in the list of Committee Members present at the meeting.

292 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Councillor Williamson proposed and Councillor Goldspink seconded, a motion that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of the next item, on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, in that disclosure could compromise information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information).

On being put to the meeting, and a vote taken, the motion was declared CARRIED.

**RESOLVED** – that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of the next item, on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, in that disclosure could compromise information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information).

293 ACQUISITION OF A PROPERTY

The Corporate Property Services Manager presented a report setting out the context for a request that Members agree to the acquisition of a property.

Members asked a number of detailed questions on the report. The Manager answered the questions asked by Members in respect of the report submitted.

Councillor Huggins proposed and Councillor Alder seconded, a motion that the recommendation be approved for the property acquisition as detailed in the report submitted. On being put to the meeting and a vote taken, this motion was declared CARRIED.

**RESOLVED** – that the recommendation be approved for the property acquisition as detailed in the report submitted.

Members had a general discussion on a number of other matters following a number of points raised by the Chairman.

The meeting closed at 6.36 pm

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