

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Urgency Committee

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8 JULY 2015

Present: Councillors D Burton, Mrs Gooch, Sargeant and Mrs Wilson

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs Blackmore.

2. NOTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

It was noted that Councillor Burton was substituting for Councillor Mrs Blackmore.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That Councillor Mrs Blackmore be elected Chairman of the Committee for the Municipal Year 2015/16.

4. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That Councillor Mrs Gooch be elected Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the Municipal Year 2015/16.

In the absence of the Chairman at the meeting, Councillor Mrs Gooch chaired the meeting.

5. URGENT ITEMS

Members agreed to accept the exempt report of the Director of Regeneration and Communities related to Commercial Property Acquisition as an urgent item.

6. NOTIFICATION OF VISITING MEMBERS

There were no visiting Members.

7. DISCLOSURES BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

There were no disclosures by Members and Officers.

8. DISCLOSURES OF LOBBYING

There were no disclosures of lobbying.

9. EXEMPT ITEMS

RESOLVED: That the items in Part I of the agenda be taken in public as proposed.

10. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC FROM THE MEETING

RESOLVED: That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business because of the likely disclosure of exempt information for the reason specified having applied the Public Interest Test:

**Head of Schedule 12A and
Brief Description**

Exempt Report of the Director of
Regeneration and Communities –
Commercial Property Acquisition

3 – Information re Financial or
Business Affairs

11. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF REGENERATION AND COMMUNITIES -
COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION

The Committee considered the exempt report of the Director of Regeneration and Communities which related to a joint acquisition of a site in Maidstone.

Members were advised that should the Council's bid be successful then a partnership agreement would be entered into with the organisation as detailed in the exempt report.

The proposed short term use and longer term regeneration options for the development of the site were discussed.

RESOLVED: That the recommendations set out in the exempt report be approved subject to some minor amendments.