

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE REMOTE MEETING OF MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON 30 SEPTEMBER 2020 ADJOURNED TO 5 OCTOBER 2020

Present: Councillor Mrs Ring (Mayor) and
5 October Councillors Adkinson, Mrs Blackmore, Brice, Brindle,
2020 D Burton, M Burton, Chappell-Tay, Clark, Cox,
Cuming, Daley, English, Eves, Fermor, Fissenden,
Fort, Garten, Mrs Gooch, Mrs Grigg, Harper, Harvey,
Harwood, Hastie, Hinder, Joy, Khadka, Kimmance,
Lewins, McKay, Mortimer, Munford, Naghi, Newton,
Parfitt-Reid, Perry, Powell, Purle, Mrs Robertson,
D Rose, Round, Spooner, Springett, Vizzard, Webb,
de Wiggondene-Sheppard, Wilby and Young

171. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

It was noted that apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Garland, M Rose, J Sams and T Sams.

Note: Councillor Brice joined the meeting during this item (6.37 p.m.).

172. DISCLOSURES BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Councillor Brice disclosed an Other Significant Interest in the report of the Head of Policy, Communications and Governance relating to the Call-In of Policy and Resources Committee Decisions on Property Acquisition 1 and Property Acquisition 2. She explained that until very recently a family member worked for one of the organisations involved in the acquisitions. As she would not be speaking or voting on the item, she would leave the meeting.

173. DISCLOSURES OF LOBBYING

Councillors Mrs Blackmore, Brice, Brindle, M Burton, Cox, Hastie, Kimmance, Perry and Round said that they had been lobbied on the report of the Head of Policy, Communications and Governance relating to the Call-In of Policy and Resources Committee decisions relating to Property Acquisition 1 and Property Acquisition 2 and the associated exempt Appendix.

174. EXEMPT ITEMS

RESOLVED: That if Members wish to discuss the information contained in the exempt Appendix to the report of the Head of Policy, Communications and Governance relating to the Call-In of Policy and Resources Committee Decisions on Property Acquisition 1 and Property Acquisition 2, it will be

necessary to exclude the public from the meeting because of the likely disclosure of exempt information having applied the Public Interest Test.

175. REPORT OF THE HEAD OF POLICY, COMMUNICATIONS AND GOVERNANCE - CALL-IN OF POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE DECISIONS ON PROPERTY ACQUISITION 1 AND PROPERTY ACQUISITION 2

It was moved by Councillor M Burton, seconded by Councillor Purle:

1. That the delegated authority granted to Officers under agenda items 15 and 16 of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting on 16 September 2020 be revoked.
2. That the Housing Regeneration and Investment Plan 2017 be referred back to the Policy and Resources Committee in order that it may review the strategy for building a private rental sector property portfolio.

When put to the vote, the motion was lost.

It was moved by Councillor Cox, seconded initially by Councillor Mortimer and then by Councillor Mrs Gooch due to connectivity issues, that the original decisions of the Policy and Resources Committee taken on 16 September 2020 in relation to Property Acquisition 1 and Property Acquisition 2, as set out in the report of the Head of Policy, Communications and Governance, be endorsed.

RESOLVED: That the original decisions of the Policy and Resources Committee taken on 16 September 2020 in relation to Property Acquisition 1 and Property Acquisition 2, as set out in the report of the Head of Policy, Communications and Governance, be endorsed.

Councillors Mrs Blackmore, M Burton, Garten, Newton and D Rose requested that their dissent be recorded.

Note:

Having disclosed an Other Significant Interest, Councillor Brice left the meeting prior to the introduction of this item by the Head of Policy, Communications and Governance.

Councillor Lewins joined the meeting during the discussion on this item.

Councillor Eves left the meeting during consideration of this item.

176. DURATION OF MEETING

6.30 p.m. to 8.12 p.m.