

WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE – 1 NOVEMBER 2011

SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL MEETING – 13 DECEMBER 2011

(To be read in conjunction with the Agenda for the Meeting)

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| * Cllr Robert Knowles (Chairman) | Cllr Stephen O’Grady   |
| Cllr Mike Band (Vice-Chairman)   | * Cllr Stefan Reynolds |
| * Cllr Carole King               | Cllr Roger Steel       |
| * Cllr Bryn Morgan               | Cllr Adam Taylor-Smith |
| * Cllr David Munro               | * Cllr Keith Webster   |
- \* Present

Cllr Peter Isherwood was also in attendance

Cllr Diane James attended and spoke on Agenda Items 7, 8, 9 and 10 (minute Nos. 87,88,89 and 90 relate)

Cllr Elliot Nichols attended and spoke on Agenda Item 7 (Minute No. 87 refers)

83. MINUTES (Agenda Item 2)

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive held on 4 October 2011 were confirmed and signed.

84. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 3)

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mike Band, Stephen O’Grady, Roger Steel and Adam Taylor-Smith. The Executive sent their best wishes for a speedy recovery to Cllr Steel who had been taken ill in the last week and welcomed back Brian Long who was recovering after being unwell.

85. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS (Agenda Item 4)

There were no interests raised under this heading.

85. QUESTIONS (Agenda Item 5)

The Executive received the following questions in accordance with Procedure Rule 10:-

i. from Mr David Wylde of Farnham

"May I congratulate the council on its principled and far-sighted opposition to the main recommendations of the National Planning Policy Framework, and ask if, in view of the fact that 17 national arts organisations wrote to the Sunday Times a fortnight ago, advocating the inclusion of culture in the NPPF, and in view of the economic and human benefits to town and community of such activities as art, theatre and music, if the council would consider offering similar advocacy in its continuing response to the proposed framework".

The Leader of the Council responded as follows:-

“Thank you very much for your kind words of congratulations. Unfortunately the response period closed two weeks ago and that is why we brought forward the date of our Council meeting so that we could meet the deadline. There is no ongoing response to the consultation, however, your comments will be passed to the Planning Policy team and the Arts Development officers for future reference”.

ii. from Mrs Anne Cooper of Farnham

“What progress is there on the acquisition by the Council of the land required for the Crest Nicholson East Street development?”

iii. from Mrs Celia Sandars of Farnham

“With the conditional contract for the East Street Development due to expire at the end of this year, please would the Chairman, as a matter of courtesy to the Farnham public, tell us what progress has been made, to date, on fulfilling each of the requirements in that contract, in order for the scheme to be declared viable and, in particular, the position on the requirement for financial viability, and also whether any deficit in viability, in any instance, can be remedied before December and how this might be achieved?”

The Leader responded to questions 2 and 3 together, as follows:-

“Negotiations between the parties are ongoing and the Executive will be updated in due course. It remains open to Waverley to use our CPO powers if the owners are unwilling to conclude terms.

With regard to the progress against the pre-conditions in the development agreement, planning consent has been achieved and the footpath condition has been achieved. I should point out though that reference has been made to the conditional contract for the East Street development ending at the end of this year. The conditional contract does end but that does not mean the contract ends. That would only happen if either party decides to pull out. On the viability, this is expected to be achieved but will be demonstrated as part of the CPO process that is open to Waverley. Land acquisition and financing are the only remaining issues and clearly with the economic situation in Europe and these being difficult times, these will be subject to a further report to the Executive.”

### **Part I - Recommendations to the Council**

### **Part II – Matters Reported in Detail for the Information of the Council**

There were no matters falling within these categories.

**Part III – Brief Summaries of Other Matters Dealt With**

86. EXECUTIVE FORWARD PROGRAMME (Agenda Item 6; Appendix A)

RESOLVED that the forward programme of key decisions for Waverley Borough Council be adopted.

87. BUDGET MONITORING – SEPTEMBER 2011 (Agenda Item 7; Appendix B)

The Executive noted the position as at 30 September 2011 and

RESOLVED that

1. no immediate action was required at this stage; and
2. the Budget continue to be monitored closely during the remainder of 2011-12.

88. TREASURY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE 2011/12 (Agenda Item 8; Appendix C)

RESOLVED that the Treasury Management Performance for 2011/12 be noted and the approach to Treasury Management activity be endorsed.

89. A PROGRAMME FOR UNDERTAKING CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISALS (Agenda Item 9; Appendix D)

RESOLVED that

1. the methodology employed to prioritise the Conservation Areas in need of Conservation Area Appraisals be agreed;
2. Wheeler Street, Witley be used as a pilot study to set out, test and review the methodology for undertaking CAA; and
3. the initial five year rolling programme for undertaking CAAs be agreed.

90. PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT EXCEPTION REPORT, QUARTER 1 (APRIL – JUNE) 2011-12 (Agenda Item 10; Appendix E)

RESOLVED that

1. the performance figures for Quarter 1, as set out in Annexe 1 to the report, be noted;
2. the Overview and Scrutiny Committees be thanked for their observations regarding the Quarter 1 performance, as detailed in the report and in Annexe 1; and
3. the recommendations to amend targets and remove indicators be approved, as detailed in paragraph 3 of the report.

91. FARNHAM PARK GOLF CLUB LEASE (Agenda Item 11; Appendix F)

*[This item contains exempt information by virtue of which the public is likely to be excluded during the item to which the report relates, as specified in Paragraph 3 of the revised Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, namely;-*

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

RESOLVED that a 10 year lease be offered to Farnham Park Golf Course (Surrey) Ltd on terms and conditions set out in the (Exempt) Annexe, and with other terms and conditions to be negotiated by the Countryside Manager and the Estates and Valuation Manager in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Leisure.

92. KINGS ROAD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, HASLEMERE – SALE OF FREEHOLD  
(Agenda Item 12; Appendix G)

*[This item contains exempt information by virtue of which the public is likely to be excluded during the item to which the report relates, as specified in Paragraph 3 of the revised Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, namely;-*

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

RESOLVED that the highest bid received for the freehold of the Kings Road Industrial Estate, Haslemere be accepted, as set out in (Exempt) Annexe 2 to the report.

93. PROPERTY MATTERS (Agenda Item 13; Appendix H)

*[This item contains exempt information by virtue of which the public is likely to be excluded during the item to which the report relates, as specified in Paragraph 3 of the revised Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, namely;-*

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

RESOLVED that

1. land in the ownership of the Council at Cornerways, The Long Road, Farnham be sold to the owners of Cornerways on the terms and conditions set out in the (Exempt) Annexe;
2. in respect of Village Way Car Park, approval be given to
  - i. a licence to cover use of the car park for the duration of the building works;

- ii. a licence for the works that will involve Waverley's land in connection with the laying of the Health Centre's surface water sewer; and
- iii. an easement for the sewer once it is laid.

Items i. and ii. will be with the developer and iii. with the PCT and all are to be subject to the proposed terms and conditions set out in the (Exempt) Annexe to the report, with other terms and conditions to be negotiated by the Estates and Valuation Manager.

94. JOINT NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE (JNC) – VACANCY (Agenda Item 14)

RESOLVED that Cllr Gillian Beel be appointed to the vacancy on the Joint Negotiating Committee (JNC) so that the complete membership is as follows:-

Cllr Mike Band	Cllr David Munro
Cllr Peter Isherwood	Cllr Simon Thornton
Cllr Robert Knowles	Cllr Gillian Beel

95. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE (Agenda Item 15)

RESOLVED that a Community Overview and Scrutiny Grants Sub-Committee be established to undertake detailed consideration of the provisional grant allocations for 2012-13.

The meeting commenced at 6.45 p.m. and concluded at 7.24 p.m.

Chairman