

WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE - 2 MARCH 2021

SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL MEETING – 20 APRIL 2021

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

Present

Cllr John Ward (Chairman)	Cllr Mark Merryweather
Cllr Paul Follows (Vice Chairman)	Cllr Nick Palmer
Cllr Peter Clark	Cllr Anne-Marie Rosoman
Cllr Andy MacLeod	Cllr Liz Townsend
Cllr Michaela Martin	Cllr Steve Williams

Also Present

Councillor Julia Potts, Councillor Kevin Deanus and Councillor Jerry Hyman

EXE 77/20 MINUTES (Agenda item 2)

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 February 2021 were confirmed as a correct record.

EXE 78/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS (Agenda item 3)

There were no declarations of interest raised under this heading.

EXE 79/20 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (Agenda item 4)

There were none.

EXE 80/20 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL (Agenda item 5)

There were none.

EXE 81/20 LEADER'S AND PORTFOLIO HOLDERS' UPDATES (Agenda item 6)

81.1 The Leader and Portfolio Holders gave brief updates on current issues not reported elsewhere on the agenda:

- The government had now published guidance on how election canvassing could be carried out safely in the run-up to the May elections, including leafletting and knocking on doors from 8 March.
- A letter signed by all the Group Leaders at Waverley had been sent to the Rt Hon Robert Jenrick, MP on business rates and the future of council funding. The letter would be published on Waverley's website.
- Following the resolutions passed at the recent Council meeting, the Leader would be writing to Waverley's MPs encouraging them to support the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill; and, to the Surrey Fire and Rescue Service regarding changes to emergency cover in Waverley.

- Following approval at Full Council, the Council Size proposal would be submitted to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England shortly.
- The council's annual business meeting would be taking place on 3 March, at which Cathy Slack, CEO of the EM3 LEP, would be the main speaker, supported by Cllr Merryweather and the Head of Finance & Property.
- An appeal had been lodged by UK Oil & Gas against the refusal by Surrey County Council of their planning application to undertake exploratory drilling activity near Dunsfold. Waverley would be working with the Protect Dunsfold residents' group, and Dunsfold and Alfold parish councils to participate at the appeal as a Rule 6 party. The appeal was scheduled to begin on 27 July 2021, and last approximately 9 days.

PART I - RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

There were no matters falling within this category.

PART II - MATTERS OF REPORT

EXE 82/20 PROPERTY MATTER - LAND AT LOXWOOD ROAD, ALFOLD - ACCESS RIGHTS (Agenda item 7)

- 82.1 Cllr Merryweather, Portfolio Holder for Finance, Assets and Commercial Services, presented the proposal to grant access rights over a strip of Common land at Loxwood Road, Alfold to Catesby Estates plc (Catesby) to permit access to a residential development on the adjoining land. The council had engaged specialist external advisors and valuers to get maximum value for the council in return, which would raise much needed capital to reinvest in council services and facilities.
- 82.2 Speaking as the Ward Member for Alfold, Cllr Deanus noted the value of the access rights to the council, but asked that the route of the proposed footpath take account of and respect the privacy of the residents living in the properties adjacent to the land, and be designed in such a way so as to prevent overlooking, or use of the path by motorbikes.
- 82.3 The Executive RESOLVED to agree the pedestrian/cycle link into Chilton Close, and authorised the Strategic Director to approve the terms of the agreement.

The meeting commenced at 6.00 pm and concluded at 6.15 pm

Chairman