

**BOROUGH COUNCIL OF KING'S LYNN AND WEST NORFOLK**

**CABINET**

**Minutes from the Meeting of the Special Cabinet held on  
Tuesday, 17 July 2012 at 5.30 pm in the Committee Suite, King's Court,  
Chapel Street, King's Lynn**

**PRESENT:** Councillor N J Daubney (Chairman)  
Councillors A Beales, A Lawrence, B Long Mrs E Nockolds  
and D Pope.

Under Standing Order 34 Councillor T Wright attended for CAB50.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lord Howard  
and Mrs V Spikings

**CAB45: URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business.

**CAB46: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Chairman, Councillor N J Daubney declared a personal interest in the item on the agenda as a member of the College Corporation Board. He left the meeting during its consideration.

**CAB47: CHAIRMAN'S CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**CAB48: MATTERS REFERRED TO CABINET FROM COUNCIL BODIES**

None.

**CAB49: EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED:** "That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act."

**CAB50: PURCHASE OF LAND AND PROPERTY – PLAXTOLE HOUSE**

Cabinet considered a report presented by the Deputy Chief Executive which set out a proposal for the Borough Council to acquire from the College of West Anglia and subsequently lease to Freebridge Community Housing (FCH), Plaxtole House, and the surrounding site, primarily as an investment. The proposal also had additional benefits

in terms of enabling a valuable learning facility for young people with physical and learning disabilities to continue to function and to facilitate the provision of enhanced residential accommodation for both the College of West Anglia students and other young people for whom accommodation would also be suitable. The Deputy Chief Executive explained the financial terms on which the sale would be made and the arrangement with FCH subsequent to the sale.

Under Standing Order 34, Councillor T Wright asked why the College was not moving to the NORA site as previously planned. The Chief Executive explained the situation with regard to the College's earlier aspirations to move to the site which had fallen due to the failure of the Learning and Skills Council which had folded part way through their funding programme. The College was now refurbishing its current site.

In supporting the recommendations, Councillor Beales, Cabinet Member for Regeneration reminded Members that the proposal delivered 2 objectives, delivering the important asset for the community and protecting the Council's funding streams.

**RECOMMENDED:** 1) That the Property Services Manager in consultation with the Regeneration Portfolio Holder be authorised to conclude negotiations for the purchase of Plaxtole House for the sum of up to £500,000 plus costs of purchase including stamp duty and legal costs.

2) That the Property Services Manager, in consultation with the Regeneration Portfolio Holder be authorised to conclude negotiations for the lease of Plaxtole House to Freebridge Community Housing

3) That the Legal Services Manager be granted authority to progress the necessary legal documentation related to both transactions through to completion.

**The Meeting closed at 5.42 pm**