

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF KING'S LYNN & WEST NORFOLK

CABINET SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes from the Meeting of the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee held on Thursday, 18th June, 2015 at 6.00 pm in the Committee Suite, King's Court, Chapel Street, King's Lynn, Norfolk, PE30 1EX

PRESENT:

Councillors R Blunt, Mrs J Collingham, J Collop, P Gidney, I Gourlay, P Kunes, Mrs K Mellish and T Wing-Pentelow

CSC:13 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That Councillor J Collop be appointed as Chairman for the remainder of the Municipal Year.

CSC:14 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That Councillor I Gourlay be appointed as Vice-Chairman for the Municipal Year.

CSC:15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

CSC:16 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 April 2015 were agreed as a correct record.

CSC:17 URGENT BUSINESS UNDER STANDING ORDER 7

There was none.

CSC:18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declaration of interests.

CSC:19 MEMBERS PRESENT PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 34

There were no Members present pursuant to Standing Order 34.

CSC:20 CHAIRMAN'S CORRESPONDENCE

There was no Chairman's correspondence.

CSC:21 **RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

There were no previous Committee recommendations.

CSC:22 **MATTERS CALLED IN PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 12**

There were no matters called in pursuant to Standing Order 12.

CSC:23 **SCRUTINY OF CABINET/PORTFOLIO HOLDERS' DECISIONS**

(i) Review of Overview and Scrutiny

The Chairman explained that, in view of the timescales involved with the publication of the CSC agenda and the date of the Cabinet Meeting, he had asked for this item to be on the agenda. However, he was happy with the proposals to deal with scrutiny in a different way. He considered that it was important that all Members had the opportunity to be involved with the workshop and hoped that the whole process would be dealt with in an open manner.

The Leader understood the reason why the item had been placed on the agenda and added that he looked forward to the Task Group looking at different ways of dealing with scrutiny.

Councillor Gourlay echoed the comments made by Councillor Mrs Mellish at the Cabinet meeting and added that he was unsure as to how the sifting meetings would work, but understood that this would be considered by the Task Group.

Councillor Collop explained that the Leader had assured that a Task Group would be set up and would be proportional.

In relation to a question from Councillor Blunt regarding timescales, the Leader explained that it was hoped that the new structures would be in place by the New Year.

(ii) Exclusion of the press and public

RESOLVED: That, under Section 100(A) 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.

(iii) Acquisition of Morston Assets Sites at the Nar Ouse Regeneration Area

The Chairman explained that he had called this item to the Committee on the basis that the agenda had been issued before the Cabinet Meeting. He asked the Portfolio Holder to consider giving a presentation prior to full Council for all Councillors on the proposals. He also asked whether the Portfolio Holder would consider providing a site visit to the development site so that Members could be aware of the different parcels of land, particular for the new Councillors.

The Portfolio Holder stated that he was more than happy to arrange both of the Chairman's proposals.

The Portfolio Holder then went through the report and informed the committee of the different areas on the sites and the associated ownership. He considered that it would be in the public interest if the Council acquired the sites, much of which needed remediation which would be unlikely to be carried out by the private sector.

The Chairman thanked the Leader and Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Industrial Assets for attending the meeting

CSC:24 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting was scheduled for **Thursday 16 July 2015** at **6pm** in the **Committee Suite**, however it was noted that the Cabinet Meeting on 30 June 2015 has been cancelled

The meeting closed at 6.35 pm