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Minutes of a meeting of the Executive of the Bolsover District Council held in the Council Chamber, The Arc, Clowne on Monday, 5 September 2022 at 10:00 hours.

PRESENT:-

Members:-

Councillor Steve Fritchley in the Chair

Councillors Duncan McGregor (Vice-Chair), David Downes, Clive Moesby, Sandra Peake and Deborah Watson.

Officers:- Karen Hanson (Joint Director of Environment and Enforcement), Theresa Fletcher (Assistant Director of Finance and Resources & Section 151 Officer), Chris Fridlington (Assistant Director of Development and Planning), Pam Brown (Assistant Director of Leader's Executive), Jim Fieldsend (Interim Monitoring Officer), Andy Clarke (Operational Repairs Manager) and Natalie Etches (Business Growth Manager) and Hannah Douthwaite (Governance and Civic Officer).

EX35-22/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Mary Dooley and Liz Smyth.

EX36-22/23 URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

There were no urgent items of business to consider.

EX37-22/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

As Town Councillors for Shirebrook, Councillors Steve Fritchley, David Downes and Sandra Peake, declared a non pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 9 – Shirebrook Crematorium Joint Venture, and would leave the meeting at the relevant time.

EX38-22/23 MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Duncan McGregor and seconded by Councillor Sandra Peake
RESOLVED that the minutes of an Executive meeting held on 8th August 2022 be approved as a correct record.

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EX39-22/23 ANNUAL LETTER FROM THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SOCIAL CARE OMBUDSMAN 2021/22

Executive considered the 2021/22 annual letter from the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman presented by the Executive Director of Resources.

The letter contained a summary of statistics on complaints made against the Council for the financial year ending 31st March 2022. It was noted that the LGSCO's data did not always align with that held by the Council as the LGSCO's data also included enquiries that were redirected back to the Council but had not always been pursued further by the complainant.

The LGSCO received 10 enquiries and complaints during 2021/22, none of which were subject to a detailed investigation, and the Council had complied fully with recommendations made previously.

Moved by Councillor Duncan McGregor and seconded by Councillor Steve Fritchley
RESOLVED that the Annual Letter from the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman be noted.

KEY DECISIONS

EX40-22/23 PURCHASE OF SECTION 106 PROPERTIES FROM MEADOW VIEW HOMES LIMITED - GLAPWELL NURSERIES, GLAPWELL

Executive considered a report presented by the Portfolio Holder for Housing relating to the purchase of 6 Section 106 properties from Meadow View Homes Limited on the site at Glapwell Nurseries.

The report gave further details on the development and preliminary discussions with the Planning department. Appendix 2 to the report provided financial details relating to purchase price and financial viability.

Subject to Executive's approval of the recommendations as set out in the report, the proposal would be submitted to Council to approve the purchase with funds from the HRA.

A Member raised his concern that the purchase of the properties were not currently detailed in the HRA and this could lead to a strain on this account in the near future.

Another Member raised his concern regarding additional maintenance costs not detailed in the report. The Operational Repairs Manager advised Members that there would be little maintenance cost going forward as the properties were new build so should not require any work to be carried out.

Moved by Councillor Sandra Peake and seconded by Councillor Duncan McGregor
RESOLVED that (1) the purchase of 6 properties at Glapwell Nurseries, Glapwell from Meadow View Homes Limited for £696,000 subject to SDLT and 2% contingency

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to include fees, be approved,

(2) subject to Council approval of the financing, the Director of Development be given delegated powers to enter into contract with Meadow View Homes Limited for the purchase of the properties.

(Governance Manager/Director of Development)

Reasons for Recommendation

That this proposal offers value for money, meets local housing need and increases the councils housing stock. Therefore the council should proceed with this purchase.

Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

To not purchase the properties has been rejected as the properties will fulfil a housing need in the area. This housing mix best supports that identified housing need.

EX41-22/23 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Moved by Councillor Duncan McGregor and seconded by Councillor Steve Fritchley

RESOLVED that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the stated Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act and it is not in the public interest for that to be revealed. [The category of exempt information is stated after each Minute].

PART 2 - EXEMPT ITEMS

KEY DECISIONS

EX42-22/23 FUTURE SKILLS HUB

Executive considered a detailed report which informed Members of the options available in relation to a Future Skills Hub following the provisional award of D2N2 LEP funding.

The report detailed two proposals and outlined the benefits of each and also what the Future Skills Hub could offer going forward.

Members considered the various factors of each proposal such as the location, the level of risk involved, the cost and also the benefit of what could be offered to the District.

Proposal 2 was moved by Councillor Clive Moesby but did not receive a seconder.

Moved by Councillor Duncan McGregor and seconded by Councillor David Downes.

RESOLVED that (1) based on the two options as set out in the report, Proposal 1 was the

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preferred option,

(2) delegated authority be given to the Business Growth Manager and Assistant Director of Development and Planning, in consultation with the Executive Director of Strategy and Development and the Leader of the Council, to complete negotiations in relation to Proposal 1.

Reasons for Recommendation

As detailed in the report.

Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

As detailed in the report.

Having previously declared their non pecuniary interest in the following item of business, Councillors Steve Fritchley, David Downes and Sandra Peake left the meeting.

Councillor Duncan McGregor in the Chair

EX43-22/23 SHIREBROOK CREMATORIUM JOINT VENTURE

Executive considered a detailed report presented by the Business Growth Manager which informed Members of the progress made to date on the Shirebrook Crematorium scheme and the proposed programme for further stages.

A Planning application had now been submitted and would be considered by the Planning Committee on 28th September 2022.

Subject to Executive's approval of the recommendations as set out in the report, the joint venture would be governed by a Board which would comprise of Members and officers from the Council and Shirebrook Town Council, with certain reserved matters requiring a unanimous decision.

Moved by Councillor Duncan McGregor and seconded by Councillor Deborah Watson.

RESOLVED that (1) the establishment of a new Joint Venture for delivering the Shirebrook Crematorium scheme, and the partnership arrangement with Shirebrook Town Council with an equity share arrangement for revenue, be supported,

(2) delegated authority be given to the Executive Director of Strategy and Development to negotiate and finalise terms and agree and enter into the Joint Venture transaction between the Council and Shirebrook Town Council,

(3) delegated authority be given to the Assistant Director of Development to procure and appoint the design team, the Principal Contractor, and any additional third parties necessary for the continuation of delivery of the scheme through the detailed design, construction and handover phases of the scheme.

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Reasons for Recommendation

As detailed in the report.

Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

As detailed in the report.

The meeting concluded at 10:39 hours.