

Cherwell District Council

Special Council

Minutes of a special meeting of the Council held at Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA, on 8 November 2016 at 6.30 pm

Present: Councillor Maurice Billington (Vice-Chairman, in the Chair)

Councillor David Anderson
Councillor Ken Attack
Councillor Hannah Banfield
Councillor Andrew Beere
Councillor Claire Bell
Councillor Mike Bishop
Councillor Mark Cherry
Councillor Ian Corkin
Councillor Nick Cotter
Councillor Surinder Dhesi
Councillor John Donaldson
Councillor Sean Gaul
Councillor Carmen Griffiths
Councillor David Hughes
Councillor Shaida Hussain
Councillor Tony Ilott
Councillor Jolanta Lis
Councillor Nicholas Mawer
Councillor Andrew McHugh
Councillor Alastair Milne-Home
Councillor Nigel Morris
Councillor Richard Mould
Councillor D M Pickford
Councillor Lynn Pratt
Councillor Neil Prestidge
Councillor G A Reynolds
Councillor Barry Richards
Councillor Les Sibley
Councillor Nigel Simpson
Councillor Jason Slaymaker
Councillor Nicholas Turner
Councillor Tom Wallis
Councillor Douglas Webb
Councillor Bryn Williams
Councillor Barry Wood
Councillor Sean Woodcock

Apologies
for
absence: Councillor Chris Heath
Councillor Hugo Brown
Councillor Colin Clarke
Councillor Timothy Hallchurch MBE
Councillor Simon Holland

Councillor Mike Kerford-Byrnes
Councillor Alan MacKenzie-Wintle
Councillor James Macnamara
Councillor Kieron Mallon
Councillor Sandra Rhodes
Councillor Dan Sames

Officers: Sue Smith, Chief Executive
Paul Sutton, Chief Finance Officer / Section 151 Officer
Kevin Lane, Head of Law and Governance / Monitoring Officer
Natasha Clark, Interim Democratic and Elections Manager

57 **Declarations of Interest**

Members declared interests in the following agenda items:

5. Remuneration for Councillors Appointed as Non-Executive Directors on Graven Hill Companies.

Councillor David Hughes, Declaration, as a Non Executive Director on Graven Hill Village Holding Company Limited and would leave the meeting for the duration of the item.

Councillor Ian Corkin, Declaration, as a Non Executive Director on Graven Hill Village Development Company Limited and would leave the meeting for the duration of the item.

Councillor Nigel Morris, Declaration, as a Non Executive Director on Graven Hill Village Holding Company Limited and on Graven Hill Village Development Company Limited and would leave the meeting for the duration of the item.

58 **Communications**

At the request of the Chairman, the Leader made the following announcements:

Silverstone Heritage Centre

The Leader advised that the report had been published as a supplement to the main agenda and amended recommendations had been tabled.

The report was public but the appendices were exempt. Therefore if any Member had questions on the appendices, the meeting would move into private session but would vote in public.

Members' Allowances Annual Review

The Leader reported that Members who hadn't yet returned the Members' Allowances Annual Review questionnaire had one on their seats and they were requested to complete and put in the tray by the door when they left.

Post

The Leader reminded Members to collect any post from their pigeon holes.

59 **Urgent Business**

There were no items of urgent business.

60 **Remuneration for Councillors Appointed as Non-Executive Directors on Graven Hill Companies**

The Head of Law and Governance submitted a report to determine the levels of the allowances to be paid to elected Members who are Non-Executive Directors of Graven Hill Companies for the remainder of the 2016/2017 financial year following the submission of the report of the Council's Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) and to approve a mechanism to ensure the legality of any remuneration that might be paid, in future, to councillor directors on council owned companies.

The report also sought consideration of the size of the Independent Remuneration Panel and the remuneration the Panel members should receive.

Resolved

- (1) That, having given due consideration, the allowances proposed by the Independent Remuneration Panel (annex to the Minutes as set out in the Minute Book) be adopted without modification.
- (2) That the Head of Law and Governance be authorised to prepare an amended allowance scheme, for Councillors appointed as Non-Executive Directors in accordance with the decisions of the Council for implementation
- (3) That the Head of Law and Governance be authorised to take all necessary action to publicise the Scheme pursuant to The Local Authorities (Members's Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 (as amended).
- (4) That the Independent Remuneration Panel be thanked and it be agreed to increase the size of the Panel to seven members and to introduce a revised fee for IRP members of £300 for each consultation, capped at a maximum of £1200 per annum.

(Having declared interests, Councillors Corkin, Hughes and Morris left the meeting for the duration of this item)

61 **Silverstone Heritage Centre**

The Chief Finance Officer submitted a report to consider the provision of a £1m loan facility to Silverstone Heritage Limited as part match-funding for

their Lottery grant application to deliver the Silverstone Heritage Experience project.

In presenting the report, the Leader of the Council, Councillor Barry Wood, referred to the revised recommendations which had been tabled and sought to grant delegated authority to the Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the Head of Law and Governance and the Lead Member for Financial Management to negotiate a loan agreement of up to £1m with Silverstone Heritage Limited subject to suitable, state aid compliant terms, satisfaction of conditions and conditions being agreed by the supporting Councils and the necessary commitment to the scheme being given by each of them and subject to the future approval of Full Council.

Resolved

- (1) That the Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the Head of Law and Governance and the Lead Member for Financial Management, be given delegated authority to negotiate a loan agreement up to £1m with Silverstone Heritage Limited subject to suitable, state aid compliant terms, satisfaction of the conditions set out below and conditions being agreed by the supporting Councils and the necessary commitment to the scheme being given by each of them and subject to the future approval of Full Council.

Conditions:

1. The Council should be recognised formally as a partner and its support acknowledged when marketing and publicising.
2. If the Heritage Experience outperforms its net revenue expectations, Silverstone Heritage Limited should repay the loan more quickly.

62 **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

There being no questions on the exempt appendices, it was not necessary to exclude the press and public.

63 **Silverstone Heritage Centre - Exempt appendices**

Resolved

- (1) That the exempt appendices be noted.

The meeting ended at 7.20 pm

Chairman:

Date: