

**URGENT BUSINESS AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**Council**

**16 June 2014**

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# Agenda Item 5

## Cherwell District Council

### Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA, on 29 May 2014 at 6.30 pm

Present: Councillor Lawrie Stratford (Chairman)  
Councillor Kieron Mallon (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Ken Atack  
Councillor Andrew Beere  
Councillor Claire Bell  
Councillor Fred Blackwell  
Councillor Norman Bolster  
Councillor Ann Bonner  
Councillor Mark Cherry  
Councillor Surinder Dhesi  
Councillor John Donaldson  
Councillor Diana Edwards  
Councillor Michael Gibbard  
Councillor Timothy Hallchurch MBE  
Councillor Simon Holland  
Councillor Alastair Milne Home  
Councillor Chris Heath  
Councillor David Hughes  
Councillor Russell Hurle  
Councillor Tony Ilott  
Councillor Ray Jelf  
Councillor Matt Johnstone  
Councillor Mike Kerford-Byrnes  
Councillor James Macnamara  
Councillor Melanie Magee  
Councillor Nigel Morris  
Councillor D M Pickford  
Councillor Lynn Pratt  
Councillor Nigel Randall  
Councillor G A Reynolds  
Councillor Alaric Rose  
Councillor Les Sibley  
Councillor Rose Stratford  
Councillor Lynda Thirzie Smart  
Councillor Douglas Webb  
Councillor Bryn Williams  
Councillor Douglas Williamson  
Councillor Barry Wood

Apologies  
for  
absence: Councillor Maurice Billington  
Councillor Colin Clarke  
Councillor Andrew Fulljames  
Councillor Carmen Griffiths  
Councillor Nicholas Mawer

Councillor Jon O'Neill  
Councillor Neil Prestidge  
Councillor Barry Richards  
Councillor Daniel Sames  
Councillor Trevor Stevens  
Councillor Nicholas Turner  
Councillor Sean Woodcock

Officers: Sue Smith, Chief Executive  
Karen Curtin, Director (Bicester)  
Ian Davies, Director of Community and Environment  
Martin Henry, Director of Resources / Section 151 Officer  
Richard Hawtin, Team Leader Property & Contracts  
Dave Parry, Democratic and Elections Officer

84 **Declarations of Interest**

Members declared interests in the following agenda items:

**4. Build! Housing Development Programme.**

Councillor Nigel Randall, Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, as Custodian Trustee Cherwell Community Land Trust and would withdraw from the Council Chamber and take no part in the discussions or voting on this item.

85 **Communications**

**Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed all newly elected and re-elected Members and advised Council that this was a special meeting called due to the need for a decision relating to the Build! Programme before 31 May 2014 and this was the only item of business on the agenda. All matters relating to the appointment of Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Committees will be dealt with at the scheduled Annual Council meeting on Monday 16 June 2014.

**Post**

The Chairman reminded Members to collect any post from pigeon holes.

86 **Build! Housing Development Programme**

The Head of Regeneration and Housing submitted a report which sought support and approval to the delivery of the Build! Programme as set out in the report (annex to the minutes as set out in the minute book) at an additional capital cost to the Council of £9.5m.

The report informed Council that the Build! Programme must be completed to the relevant qualifying standard for each property subject to grant by no later than 31 March 2015 to ensure the allocated Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) grant was paid. The grant element under particular scrutiny was

identified in the exempt appendix 2 within the summary Build! Programme chart under the affordable Housing Programme.

The report further informed Council that one element of grant relating to specialist housing totalling £880K could be claimed up to 31 March 2016. This grant funding came from a different HCA grant source given the specialist nature of the housing to be provided.

Members were supportive of the proposals, acknowledging the numerous benefits accruing from the redevelopment and regeneration of the various sites identified. The successful delivery of the programme would establish the Council as leaders in this innovative field, and demonstrate a track record which would benefit the Council when bidding for future grant monies from the Homes and Communities Agency.

**Resolved:**

- (1) That the financial due diligence report at exempt Appendix 1 (exempt annex to the minutes as set out in the minute book) be noted.
- (2) That the full delivery of the Build! Programme as identified under the Build! Housing Summary Chart in exempt Appendix 2 (exempt annex to the minutes as set out in the minute book) be supported.
- (3) That the necessary capital resources of £9.5m, to be funded from the Council's own capital reserves to enable the delivery of the schemes identified be approved
- (4) That officers be requested to submit a further report to the Council at the completion of the development programme to further identify and conclude the financial position.

(The motion was passed unanimously).

87 **Exclusion of the Public and Press**

**Resolved**

That, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business, on the grounds that they could involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of that Act.

88 **Build! Housing Development Programme - Exempt Appendices**

Council considered the exempt appendices to the Build! Housing Development Programme. The Lead Member for Financial Management, Councillor Atack, confirmed he was happy with the consideration given by Officers to the financial implications, and subsequently responded to a number of questions from Members on financial aspects.

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The meeting ended at 7.06 pm

Chairman:

Date: