

**BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**MEETING OF THE CABINET**

**7TH OCTOBER 2015 AT 4.00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Councillors M. A. Sherrey (Leader), C. B. Taylor (Deputy Leader),  
G. N. Denaro, R. L. Dent and P. J. Whittaker

Observers: Councillor P. L. Thomas

Officers: Mr. K. Dicks, Ms S. Hanley, Ms. J. Pickering, Mrs. C Felton, Ms.  
J. Willis, Mrs. S. Sellers, Ms. A. Scarce and Ms. R. Cole

Invitees: Mr. J. Dillon, Ms. E. Deeley

39/15 **APOLOGIES**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor R. J. Laight.

40/15 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

41/15 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meetings of the Cabinet held on 2nd September 2015 and  
23rd September 2015 were submitted.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meetings of the Cabinet held on 2nd  
September 2015 and 23rd September 2015 be approved as a correct record  
in each case.

42/15 **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD**

The minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board held on 24th  
August 2015 were submitted.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny  
Board held on 24th August 2015 be noted.

43/15 **NEW HOMES BONUS - CONSIDERATION OF THE  
RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE NEW HOMES BONUS GRANTS  
PANEL**

The Cabinet considered a report which contained the recommendations of the  
New Homes Bonus Grants Panel in respect of the award of grants to a variety  
of organisations and projects throughout the District.

Members were reminded of the process which had been followed by the Grants Panel. This had included detailed application forms and interviews during which the applicants had been given the opportunity to make further representations to the Panel and Panel members had been able to seek any necessary clarification.

It was noted that the New Homes Bonus Panel had recommended that a total of £63,160 of the original sum available of £87,000 be allocated to the various applicants. It was noted that as well as informing the Parish Councils, the scheme had been well publicised including the use of public forums, press releases and the web site.

The Portfolio Holder for Finance suggested that it may be appropriate to reconsider the application process for any future rounds of grants with a view to simplifying the procedure. It was noted that in some cases, funding had been sought from alternative sources such as County Councillors Divisional funding.

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) that the recommendations of the New Homes Bonus Grants Panel as detailed in the Summary document (Appendix 1 to the report) be approved;
- (b) that the remaining balance of 23,840 from the original sum of £87,000 earmarked for the Grants Panel, be carried over and utilised in respect of the 2016/17 New Homes Bonus Grants process; and
- (c) that as part of the budget process, consideration be given to earmarking funds for the 2016/17 New Homes Bonus Community Grants Scheme with a view to a further round of New Homes Bonus Community Grants to take place in 2016.

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**WORCESTERSHIRE SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN'S BOARD CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN**

The Cabinet considered a report on the County wide Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Strategy 2015-2017 which set out the Worcestershire Children's Safeguarding Board's strategic commitment to tackle child sexual exploitation.

It was reported that the CSE Strategy incorporated a multi agency action plan which had been developed by the Worcestershire Children's Safeguarding Board.

The Head of Community Services explained some of the joint work which had been undertaken within the County. Members noted in particular section 3.12 of the report which set out how this Council would be fulfilling its duty to contribute towards the prevention of and response to CSE.

**RESOLVED** that the Worcestershire Child Sexual Exploitation Strategy 2015-2017, together with this Council's contribution towards meeting the Strategy as outlined in section 3.12 of the report be approved.

45/15     **DISPOSAL OF COUNCIL OWNED ASSETS AT HANOVER STREET/GEORGE HOUSE**

It was noted that whilst a version of the report on this matter had been published, full discussion and consideration of the proposals was an exempt matter and therefore there was no discussion in public on this occasion.

46/15     **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

That under Section 100 I of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the item of business the subject of the following minute on the grounds that it involves the disclosure of "Exempt Information" as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act, the relevant part being as set out below and that it is in the public interest to do so.

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47/15     **DISPOSAL OF COUNCIL OWNED ASSETS AT HANOVER STREET/GEORGE HOUSE**

The following resolutions/recommendation were included in the Public version of the Cabinet report and are therefore included here for the purposes of accuracy of the Minutes.

**RESOLVED:**

- 2.1     That Members note the contents of this report.
- 2.2     That Members confirm the approval of the freehold disposal of the Site to Hinton Properties as the preferred developer.
- 2.3     That subject to Council approving the inclusion of the phased capital receipt and consequential impact on the Medium Term Financial Plan, members approve the revised delivery programme proposed by Hinton Properties consisting of a two phased approach for the capital sum to be paid and for the land to be drawn down as set out in this report
- 2.4     That Members note that the revised delivery programme provides for the car park to be operated by the Council.
- 2.5     That Members agree to the Council taking on the operation of the car park and give approval to the Council entering into a lease back arrangement for the car park with the preferred developer ( or any successor body to which the preferred developer disposes their interest in the land)
- 2.6     That Cabinet recommend to Council that the capital receipt be approved for inclusion in the Medium Term Financial Plan on the phased basis as outlined in paragraph 3.1

- 2.7 That delegated authority be granted to the Executive Director for Finance and Resources to agree the final terms for the disposal of the Site, the lease back of the car park with the preferred developer and any resulting changes in fees and charges for car parking on this site
- 2.8 That delegated authority be granted to Head of Legal Equalities and Democratic Services to enter into the legal documents required for the purposes of implementing the recommendations 2.2 to 2.7
- 2.9 That Cabinet recommend to Council that the potential shortfall in car park income of approximately £16,000 be released from balances and that the future impact on income during the redevelopment be addressed as part of the Medium Term Financial Plan consideration for 2016/17.

The meeting closed at 4.45 p.m.

Chairman