

Minutes of the Property Sub-Committee Meeting held on 2 January 2020

Present: Philip Atkins, OBE (Chair)

Alan White (Vice-Chairman)

Philip White

Also in attendance: Mike Sutherland

Apologies: Mark Deaville and Mark Winnington

PART ONE

214. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.

215. Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 December 2019

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 4 December 2019 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

216. Review of the Property Sub-Committee Terms of Reference and Schedule of Decision-making Levels

The Director for Corporate Services reported that a recent audit of governance arrangements for property related matters had called for biennial reviews of the Sub-Committee's Terms of Reference and associated Schedule of Decision-Making levels to ensure that they remained fit for purpose. In submitting both documents he commented on their use and the consequent improvements to transparency of decision making and referred to his intention to carry out a review in 2020 of the Authority's wider governance arrangements.

RESOLVED – That the Property Sub-Committee Terms of Reference be amended to better define the Quorum for meetings; no changes to be made to the Schedule of Decision-Making levels at this time.

217. Land at Amington, Tamworth - Proposed Transfer of Site/Subsequent Lease to Academy

The Sub-Committee considered proposals to transfer land at Amington, Tamworth from Redrow Homes Limited to Staffordshire County Council in accordance with the Terms of a Section 106 Agreement to provide a Primary School and to subsequently grant a 125 year Lease of the site following construction of the School to the Academy Trust.

Members were informed that Mr Little, Local member for the area, had submitted representations in favour of the proposal and calling for the development to provide community facilities. Brief discussion took place on the extent to which the Authority could request land from a Developer and on how the process for selecting an Academy Sponsor included consideration of commitment to the community.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the completion of the transfer of the site from Redrow Homes Limited to Staffordshire County Council in accordance with the Terms of the Section 106 Agreement as varied, and to the grant of a 125 year lease of the site following the construction of the primary school; such transfer being in compliance with Department of Education expectations for Academies.

218. Exclusion of the Public

RESOLVED – That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business which involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972 indicated.

219. Walton Hall School -Grant of Licence of Land (exemption paragraph 3)

The Sub-Committee considered proposals to grant a licence for part of the garden area to Walton Hall School to the adjacent property owner on Terms which would allow it's return to the local authority for potential redevelopment in the future.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the grant of a Licence to Mr M Amos on the Terms indicated in the report now submitted.

220. Victoria Community School Nursery Unit Annex- Proposed Transfer of Land (exemption paragraph 3)

The Sub-Committee considered proposals to transfer an area of surplus land at the Victoria Community School Nursery Unit Annex, Burton upon Trent to the Trustees of the adjacent Mosque for use for car parking purposes.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the transfer of the land to the Trustees of the Jamait Ahl-e-Hadith Mosque on the Terms indicated in the report now submitted; final decisions on which to be made by the Head of Commercial and Assets.

221. County Farm Holding No. 35 Haughton House- Proposed Letting (exemption paragraph 3)

Approval was sought to the letting of County Farm Holding No. 35, Haughton House Estate, Stafford as a Progression Tenancy.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the letting of Holding No. 35 Haughton House Estate as a Progression Tenancy to Mr M. J. Trayte on the Terms indicated in the report now submitted.

222. County Farm Holding No. 5 Manor Farm - Proposed Letting (exemption paragraph 3)

Approval was sought to the letting of County Farm Holding No. 5, Manor Farm Estate, Stafford as a Progression Tenancy.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the letting of Holding No. 5 Manor Farm Estate as a Progression Tenancy to Mr J.R. Brooks on the Terms indicated in the report now submitted.

Chairman