

**HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**18 OCTOBER 2017**

Present: Councillors: Roger Clarke (Chairman), Peter Burgess (Vice-Chairman), John Bailey, Andrew Baldwin, Toni Bradnum, Karen Burgess, Jonathan Chowen, Philip Circus, David Coldwell, Roy Cornell, Leonard Crosbie, Brian Donnelly, Matthew French, Billy Greening, Tony Hogben, David Jenkins, Nigel Jupp, Liz Kitchen, Adrian Lee, Gordon Lindsay, Tim Lloyd, Paul Marshall, Christian Mitchell, Mike Morgan, Brian O'Connell, Kate Rowbottom, Jim Sanson, David Skipp, Ben Staines, Claire Vickers, Michael Willett and Tricia Youtan

Apologies: Councillors: John Blackall, Alan Britten, John Chidlow, Paul Clarke, Christine Costin, Jonathan Dancer, Ray Dawe, Josh Murphy, Godfrey Newman, Connor Relleen, Stuart Ritchie and Simon Torn

CO/35 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

CO/36 **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

CO/37 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman advised Members that an Extraordinary meeting of the Council would be held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017, immediately following the ordinary meeting, to confer the title of Honorary Alderman of Horsham District on four former members of the Council.

The Cabinet Member for Housing and Public Protection reported that there were currently only six families in bed and breakfast accommodation, compared with 20 in the previous month.

The Cabinet Member for Waste, Recycling and Cleansing reported on the recent opening of a 'repair café' in Horsham which sought to encourage and facilitate the repair and reuse of items that might otherwise be thrown away. He also advised that, although Horsham District had the best record in West Sussex for recycling, there were other local authority areas that were achieving much higher rates of recycling. It was hoped that the introduction of the new recycling and waste collection system in 2018 would result in further improvement in this respect.

CO/38 **YEAR OF CULTURE 2019**

The Cabinet Member for Leisure and Culture addressed Council on the aims of and aspirations for the Horsham District Year of Culture in 2019.

Councillor Peter Burgess also spoke about the inspirational launch event, which had been held at The Capitol on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

Members were then shown the short launch film for the Year of Culture 2019, "Culture Is", which celebrated culture throughout the District.

CO/39 **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

No questions relevant to the business of the meeting had been received.

CO/40 **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

No questions had been received.

CO/41 **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CABINET**

The Cabinet Member for Finance & Assets reported that Cabinet, at its meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017, had considered and approved a proposal for the demolition of Piries Place Car Park and its replacement with a new larger car park with improved usability and additional spaces.

As Piries Place Shopping Centre was being redeveloped to create a new restaurant, cinema and hotel destination, due for completion in January 2019, there was an opportunity to redevelop the car park within the same timescale, to achieve a coordinated opening with this major evening and leisure destination.

Plans had been prepared showing that, subject to planning approval, redevelopment of the car park could achieve from 113 to 230 additional spaces, including extra spaces for disabled drivers and parents with children.

The redevelopment of the car park would be procured through a Scape Group framework (Scape Group being a public sector owned organisation which operated OJEU compliant frameworks) in order to meet the time constraints of coordinating the project with the Piries Place development. To achieve the necessary timescales, design development would take place alongside the planning and Council approval process, which meant there was a risk of abortive fees being incurred by the Council if, for example, planning permission were refused.

It was estimated that the capital cost of the project would be between £6,250,000 and £7,250,000 depending upon the option finally chosen.

Appropriate sources of funding would be identified by the Director of Corporate Resources (S151 Officer).

Council was therefore requested to approve a supplementary capital budget to enable the project to proceed.

RESOLVED

That a supplementary capital budget of up to £7,250,000 be approved for the proposed redevelopment of Piries Place Car Park, phased across 2017/18 and 2018/19, provided that if the smaller scheme is approved the budget shall not exceed £6,250,000.

REASON

To replace an existing multi-storey car park, which has significant shortcomings, with a new larger facility which will meet modern standards and customer expectations.

CO/42 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business.

*The meeting closed at 6.32 pm having commenced at 6.00 pm*

CHAIRMAN