

Council
5 JULY 2017

Present: Councillors: Roger Clarke (Chairman), Peter Burgess (Vice-Chairman), John Bailey, Andrew Baldwin, John Blackall, Toni Bradnum, Alan Britten, Karen Burgess, Jonathan Chowen, Philip Circus, Paul Clarke, David Coldwell, Christine Costin, Leonard Crosbie, Ray Dawe, Brian Donnelly, Matthew French, Tony Hogben, David Jenkins, Nigel Jupp, Liz Kitchen, Christian Mitchell, Stuart Ritchie, Kate Rowbottom, Jim Sanson, David Skipp, Claire Vickers, Michael Willett and Tricia Youtan

Apologies: Councillors: John Chidlow, Roy Cornell, Jonathan Dancer, Billy Greening, Adrian Lee, Gordon Lindsay, Tim Lloyd, Paul Marshall, Mike Morgan, Josh Murphy, Godfrey Newman, Brian O'Connell, Connor Relleen, Ben Staines and Simon Torn

CO/21 **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

CO/22 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman:

- Welcomed Ann-Maria Brown, Interim Monitoring Officer to her first meeting of the Council
- Advised Members that he had sent congratulations to Mr David Sayers of Henfield who had been recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours List and made a Medallist of the Order of the British Empire for services to the community in Henfield.

The Cabinet Member for Community and Wellbeing reported that Horsham had gained dementia-friendly community status.

CO/23 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

RESOLVED

That, under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business, on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (*information relating to the financial and business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information)*), and in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

CO/24 **CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Leader reported that Cabinet, at its meeting on 29th June 2017, had approved the proposed acquisition of a commercial property in Horsham town centre for investment purposes subject to Council's approval of the required capital budget in the current year.

The Leader detailed the rationale for acquiring the property and outlined the expected impact of the proposed purchase on the Medium Term Financial Strategy.

It was moved and seconded that the required supplementary capital budget should be approved.

RESOLVED

That a supplementary capital budget of £15,000,000 be approved to enable the purchase to proceed.

REASON

To enable the Council to expand its commercial investment portfolio in order to continue to build a revenue stream to support the Council's general activities.

CO/25 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business to be transacted.

The meeting closed at 6.29 pm having commenced at 6.00 pm

CHAIRMAN