

COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Council on Wednesday, 3 February 2016 in the Council Chamber, Runcorn Town Hall

Present: Councillors E. Cargill, S. Baker, M. Bradshaw, J. Bradshaw, D. Cargill, Cassidy, Cole, Dennett, Edge, Fry, Gilligan, Harris, P. Hignett, R. Hignett, S. Hill, V. Hill, Horabin, Howard, Jones, C. Loftus, K. Loftus, A. Lowe, J. Lowe, MacManus, McDermott, A. McInerney, T. McInerney, Morley, Nelson, Nolan, Osborne, Parker, Philbin, Polhill, C. Plumpton Walsh, N. Plumpton Walsh, Joe Roberts, June Roberts, Sinnott, G. Stockton, J. Stockton, Thompson, Wainwright, Wall, Wallace, Wharton, Woolfall, Wright and Zygadlo

Apologies for Absence: Councillors C. Gerrard, J. Gerrard, Lea, M. Lloyd Jones, P. Lloyd Jones, Logan and Rowe

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: D. Parr, I. Leivesley, M. Reaney, A. Scott and W. Rourke

Also in attendance: None

Action

COU57 COUNCIL MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of Council held on 9 December 2015, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

COU58 THE MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor made the following announcements:-

- Tickets were available for the themed Easter Bingo fundraising event for the Mayor's Charities on Friday 11 March 2016; and
- Reminded Members about the Civic Ball on Friday 12 February 2016.

COU59 LEADER'S REPORT

The Leader advised that he had circulated his Portfolio briefing.

COU60 MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Council considered the minutes of the Executive

Board meetings on 10 December 2015 and 14 January 2016.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be received.

COU61 MINUTES OF THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

The Council considered the minutes of the Health and Wellbeing Board meeting on 13 January 2016.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be received.

COU62 QUESTIONS ASKED UNDER STANDING ORDER 8

It was noted that no questions had been submitted under Standing Order No. 8.

(N.B. Councillor Jones declared a Disclosable Other Interest in the following item of business, as he was a Governor at Fairfield Primary School)

COU63 CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2016/17 - KEY DECISION (MINUTE EXB 79 REFERS)

Executive Board had considered the report of the Strategic Director, People and Economy, on the Capital Programme 2017/17.

RESOLVED: That the Capital Programme for 2016/17 be approved.

Strategic Director
- People and
Economy

COU64 MARKETS CAPITAL PROGRAMME (MINUTE EXB 84 REFERS)

Executive Board had considered the report of the Strategic Director, People and Economy, on the Markets Capital Programme.

RESOLVED: That £1.43m be included in the Capital Programme for 2016/17, in respect of the Markets.

Strategic Director
- People and
Economy

COU65 MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND PERFORMANCE BOARDS

The Council considered the reports of the following Boards in the period since the meeting of Council on 9 December 2015:-

- Children, Young People and Families;
- Employment, Learning and Skills and Community;

- Health;
- Safer;
- Environment and Urban Renewal; and
- Corporate.

COU66 COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Council considered the reports of the following Committees in the period since the meeting of Council on 9 December 2015:-

- Development Control; and
- Regulatory.

COU67 RUNCORN AND RUNCORN TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION - KEY DECISION (EXB 86 REFERS)

Executive Board had considered the report of the Strategic Director, People and Economy, on the Runcorn and Runcorn Town Centre Regeneration.

RESOLVED: That the amendment to the Capital Programme to provide an additional £2.3m to gap fund the development at the former Crosville site, Runcorn, subject to planning permission and lease with pub operator, be approved.

Strategic Director
- People and
Economy

COU68 SCHEDULE 12A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

Council considered:

- 1) whether Members of the press and public should be excluded from the meeting of Council during consideration of the following item of business in accordance with Sub-Section 4 of Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 because it was likely that, in view of the nature of the business to be considered, exempt information would be disclosed, being information defined in Section 100 (1) and paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972; and
- 2) whether the disclosure of information was in the public interest, whether any relevant exemptions were applicable and whether, when applying the public interest test and

exemptions, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed that in disclosing the information.

RESOLVED: That as, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information, members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business in accordance with Sub-Section 4 of Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 because it was likely that, in view of the nature of the business, exempt information would be disclosed, being information defined in Section 100 (1) and paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

COU69 RUNCORN AND RUNCORN TOWN CENTRE
REGENERATION KEY DECISION (EXB 88 REFERS)

Executive Board had considered the report of the Strategic Director, People and Economy, on the Runcorn and Runcorn Town Centre Regeneration.

RESOLVED: That the appendices be noted.

Meeting ended at 6.45 p.m.