

FULL COUNCIL

23 NOVEMBER 2020

Present:

Cllrs Austen, Bradford, Bullivant, Clarence, Colclough, Connett, D Cox, H Cox, Daws, Dewhirst, Eden, Goodman-Bradbury, Gribble, Haines, Hocking, G Hook, J Hook, Jeffery, Keeling, Kerswell, MacGregor, Morgan, Mullone, Nutley, Nuttall, Orme, Parker-Khan, Parker (Vice-Chair), Patch, Peart, J Petherick (Chair), L Petherick, Phipps, Purser, Rollason, Russell, Swain, Taylor, Thorne and Wrigley

Apologies:

Cllrs Cook, Evans, Foden, Hayes, Jeffries, Jenks and Tume

Also in attendance

Planning Advisory Service representatives: Cllr Bryony Rudkin - Deputy Leader Ipswich Council;
Bridget Downton - Head of Business Insight & Corporate Communications, Dorset Council;
Richard Crawley - Planning Advisory Service;
Paul Clarke of Local Government Association;
Andrew Davies of Grant Thornton.

Officers in Attendance:

Neil Blaney, Head of Place & Commercial Services;
Martin Flitcroft, Chief Finance Officer & Head of Corporate Services;
Christopher Morgan, Trainee Democratic Services Officer;
Fergus Pate, Principal Delivery Officer;
Sarah Selway, Democratic Services Team Leader & Deputy Monitoring Officer;
Phil Shears, Managing Director;
Estelle Skinner, Green Infrastructure Officer;
Beth Tipton, Administrative Assistant;
Karen Trickey, Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer.

55. MINUTES

Cllr D Cox proposed that the minutes of the 30 September 2020 be signed as a correct record of the meeting, this was seconded by the Leader.

Cllr Daws proposed an amendment that that the minutes include his wording on his supplementary question in respect of minute no.49, this was seconded by Cllr Patch.

A roll call was taken on the amendment (see voting report). 19 member's voted for and 19 members against the amendment. On the Chair's casting vote against the amendment, the amendment was lost.

On a further role call (see the voting report), the minutes of the 30 September 2020 were approved as a correct record.

56. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair encouraged Members to attend the Leaders weekly Members' Briefings on the current COVID situation.

57. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Wrigley declared an interest as a committee member of the South East Devon Habitat Regulations Committee at minute no.65.

58. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS

Member's questions and responses are attached to minutes.

The relevant Executive Member responded to the supplementary questions arising therefrom. See the [live stream of this meeting](#).

In response to Cllr Daws supplementary question, the answer was provided by the Executive Member for Corporate Services in writing after the meeting [see below]:-

The Council's Executive made the decision on 30 November 2009 to purchase 9 acres of land at Decoy for £100,000. The price paid represented a fair market value for the land based on objective valuation.

The land was purchased using Growth Fund money 'to enable the delivery of new employment land in Teignbridge and to support related regeneration projects' and 'to provide clear evidence to funding agencies and partners that Teignbridge are delivering the regeneration and development goals of the Growth Point and funding agencies.'

The draft version of the Local Plan containing sites including NA3 was first published as the 'Preferred Options' stage in January 2012.

<https://www.teignbridge.gov.uk/planning/local-plans-and-policy/archive/preferred-options-january-2012/>

59. PLANNING ADVISORY SERVICE FINDINGS ON THE REVIEW OF THE PLANNING APPLICATION FOR LANGFORD BRIDGE, NEWTON ABBOT - PRESENTATION

Cllr Bryony Rudkin (Deputy Leader Ipswich Council) on behalf of the Planning Advisory Service (PAS) presented the findings of the review of the planning application for Langford Bridge, Newton Abbot and answered questions from Members (presentation attached to minutes).

The Leader thanked the representatives from PAS for their work on the review.

60. 2019/20 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS INCLUDING THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

The Executive Member for Corporate Resources thanked Grant Thornton, the External Auditors, and officers for their work on concluding the audit work.

The Chair of Audit Scrutiny Committee proposed the recommendation, this was seconded by the Executive Member for Corporate Resources.

The Grant Thornton Manager clarified that assessment of adequate for the management process was the highest assessment that a council could receive.

The Chief Finance Officer advised that to date there was no assurance that the New Homes Bonus funding would continue. The provisional grant settlement from Central Government was expected in mid-December.

A roll call was taken (see voting report).

RESOLVED that:-

- (1) The 2019/20 Statement of Accounts be approved including the Annual Governance Statement and letter of representation as recommended by the Audit Scrutiny Committee subject to any final adjustments agreed with the external auditors to be reported to Council; and
- (2) The Audit Findings Report from Grant Thornton be noted and the actions arising from the action plan be approved.

61. RECOMMENDATION FROM STANDARDS COMMITTEE

It was proposed by the Chair of Standards Committee and seconded by the Leader that the recommendation be approved.

The Leader, through the Chair, apologised to Cllr Daws and to the Council for the phrase that he used at the last meeting when replying to Cllr Daw's question, there having been no intention to upset Cllr Daws. Cllr Daws acknowledged this point from the Leader.

A roll call was taken (see voting report).

RESOLVED that the membership of the Standards Committee be limited to six elected councillors.

62. RECOMMENDATION FROM LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE - REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY

It was proposed by the Chair of Licensing and Regulatory Committee and seconded by the Executive Member for Sport, Recreation and Culture that the recommendation be approved.

The Licensing and Regulatory Committee on 4 November 2020 recommended that Full Council approve the policy.

Members thanked officers for the work undertaken to bring this review forward.

A roll call was taken (see voting report).

RESOLVED that the Statement of Licensing Policy be adopted.

63. NOTICE OF MOTION

Cllr Swain presented his Notice of Motion.

The Notice of Motion was referred, without discussion, to the Executive for consideration.

64. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985 - EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Chair of Council proposed, seconded by the Executive Member for Sports, Recreation and Culture that because of financial sensitivity the Council go into Part II session and exclude the press and public.

RESOLVED that under Section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 that press and public be excluded from the meeting of the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Para 3 Pt 1 Schedule 12A of the Act.

The meeting was adjourned for 10 minutes for a comfort break. Following which a roll call was taken.

65. LONG-TERM MAINTENANCE OF DAWLISH COUNTRYSIDE PARK

The Executive Member for Planning presented the report and proposed the recommendation, this was seconded by Cllr Bullivant.

A roll call was taken (see voting report).

RESOLVED that:-

- (1) Funding to secure the long term management of Dawlish Countryside Park Suitable Alternative Natural Green Space (SANGS) be approved;
- (2) The Council enter into a contract with Land Trust for use of an endowment to secure the long-term management of Dawlish Countryside Park; and
- (3) The Head of Place & Commercial Services be given delegated authority in conjunction with the Portfolio Holder for Planning, to complete agreements to facilitate the long term management of Dawlish Countryside Park.

Voting report

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 11.50 am.

Chair