

FULL COUNCIL

25 JULY 2023

Present:

Councillors Atkins, Bradford, Bullivant, Buscombe, Clarence (Chair), D Cox (Vice-Chair), H Cox, Daws, Dawson, Farrand-Rogers, Foden, Gearon, Goodman-Bradbury, Hall, Hayes, Henderson, Hook, Jackman, James, Jeffries, Keeling, Lake, MacGregor, Morgan, Mullone, Nutley, Nuttall, Palethorpe, C Parker, P Parker, Parrott, Peart, Radford, Rogers, Rollason, Ryan, Sanders, Smith, Steemson, Swain, G Taylor, J Taylor, Webster, Williams and Wrigley

Apologies:

Councillors Purser and Thorne

Officers in Attendance:

Neil Blaney, Head of Place & Commercial Services

William Elliott, Climate Change Officer

Kay Fice, Scrutiny Officer

Martin Flitcroft, Chief Finance Officer & Head of Corporate Services

Claire Moran, Operations Co-ordinator Leisure

Christopher Morgan, Trainee Democratic Services Officer

Sarah Selway, Democratic Services Team Leader & Deputy Monitoring Officer

Phil Shears, Managing Director

Paul Woodhead, Head of Legal Services & Monitoring Officer to the Council

32. MINUTES

It was proposed by the Chair and seconded by the Leader that the minutes of the meeting of 23 May 2023 be approved.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of 23 May 2023 be approved and were signed as a correct record by the Chair.

33. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair advised of the civic events he had attended. He reminded Members the purpose of council meetings was to consider council business and when submitting questions they should have that in mind.

The Leader announced that last week at the South West Regional Flood and Coastal Committee the Environment Agency announced that they would not be removing the Geotubes and Dawlish Warren would remain defended. The Government had confirmed that the Future High Street Fund project had been

given an extension of the date by which the government funds must be spent to September 2025.

34. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Jeffries declared an interest in minute no.35 - Broadmeadow Sports Centre Refurbishment and Decarbonisation Project – as she had a business on the Broadmeadow Estate and would leave the room when the item was considered.

35. BROADMEADOW SPORTS CENTRE REFURBISHMENT AND DECARBONISATION PROJECT

Cllr Jeffries left the meeting during consideration of this item.

Cllr Gearon left before the vote was taken on this item.

The Executive Member for Climate Change, Coastal Protection, Flooding & Trees proposed the recommendation with an amendment to recommendation (2) as follows:-

Delegate authority to the Head of Place and Commercial Services in accordance with this report, Council policy and approved budget to proceed to:

- *Building upon existing concept designs to create a detailed design and tender specification*
- *Gaining statutory consents*

And to bring a report back to Executive for approval prior to proceeding to tender.

This was seconded by the Leader.

Cllr Macgregor proposed an amendment to defer the proposal to allow for a properly costed plan to be brought forward to the next Council meeting, this was seconded by Cllr Bullivant.

Recorded vote under Procedure Rule 4.13.5

For: Cllrs Atkins, Bradford, Bullivant, Daws, Hall, Lake, MacGregor, Mullone, P Parker, Peart, Radford, Rogers, Ryan, Smith, J Taylor, Webster Total 16

Against: Cllrs Buscombe, H Cox, Dawson, Foden, Goodman-Bradbury, Hayes, Hook, Jackman, James, Keeling, Morgan, Nutley, Nuttall, Palethorpe, C Parker, Parrott, Rollason, Sanders, Steemson, Swain, G Taylor, Williams, Wrigley, D, Cox Total 24

Abstain Cllrs Farrand-Rogers, Henderson, Clarence Total 3

Not Voted: Cllr Jeffries Total 1

Absent: Cllrs Gearon, Purser, Thorne Total 3

The amendment was lost.

The amendment recommendation as proposed by the Executive Member for Climate Change, Coastal Protection, Flooding & Trees and seconded by the Leader was put to the vote.

Recorded vote under Procedure Rule 4.13.5

For: Cllrs Buscombe, H Cox, Dawson, Foden, Goodman-Bradbury, Hayes, Henderson, Hook, Jackman, James, Keeling, Morgan, Nutley, Nuttall, Palethorpe, C Parker, Parrott, Rollason, Sanders, Steemson, Swain, G Taylor, Williams, Wrigley, D, Cox Total 25

Against: Cllrs Atkins, Bradford, Bullivant, Hall, Lake, Mullone, P Parker, Peart, Radford, Rogers, Ryan, Smith, J Taylor, Webster Total 14

Abstain Cllrs Daws, Farrand-Rogers, MacGregor, Clarence Total 4

Not Voted: Cllr Jeffries Total 1

Absent: Cllrs Gearon, Purser, Thorne Total 3

This was carried and became the substantive motion. It was then put to the vote and carried.

RESOLVED to:-

- (1) Approve the expenditure of £3,700,741 of funding contributions as set out in Table 1 contained within Section 4 of the report to support the delivery of the Broadmeadow Refurbishment and Decarbonisation project.
- (2) Delegate authority to the Head of Place and Commercial Services in accordance with this report, Council policy and approved budget to proceed to:
 - Building upon existing concept designs to create a detailed design and tender specification
 - Gaining statutory consentsAnd to bring a report back to Executive for approval prior to proceeding to tender.

Recorded vote under Procedure Rule 4.13.5

For: Cllrs Buscombe, H Cox, Dawson, Foden, Goodman-Bradbury, Hayes, Henderson, Hook, Jackman, James, Keeling, Morgan, Nutley, Nuttall, Palethorpe, C Parker, Parrott, Rollason, Sanders, Steemson, Swain, G Taylor, Williams, Wrigley, D, Cox Total 25

Against: Cllrs Atkins, Bradford, Bullivant, Hall, Lake, Mullone, P Parker, Peart, Radford, Rogers, Ryan, Smith, J Taylor, Webster Total 14

Abstain Cllrs Daws, Farrand-Rogers, MacGregor, Clarence Total 4

Not Voted: Cllr Jeffries Total 1

Absent: Cllrs Gearon, Purser, Thorne Total 3

36. REVISION OF THE APPENDIX OF THE COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS

The Monitoring Officer presented the report.

It was proposed by the Chair and seconded by the Deputy Chair that the recommendation be approved.

This was carried.

RESOLVED that the words 'any unpaid directorship' be removed from the second paragraph of the Members Code of Conduct appendix so that it shall read as follows:

"Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation": means any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.

37. OUTSIDE BODIES

The Leader presented the report and proposed the appointments to the outside bodies as circulated (attached to the minutes). This was seconded by the Executive Member for Corporate Services.

The proposal was carried.

RESOLVED to approve the appointments to the Outside Bodies.

38. COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS

Cllr Mullone left the meeting before consideration of this item.

Councillors questions and the responses are attached to the minutes.

39. NOTICES OF MOTION

Cllr James left before consideration of this item.

Motion 1

The Deputy Leader & Executive Member for Corporate Services presented the Notice of Motion on protection of Rail Ticket Offices. He proposed the recommendation and that the wording '*instruct the Managing Director*' be changed to '*request the Leader and the Chair*', this was seconded by the Leader.

Two-Thirds of the Council agreed that the item be debated at this meeting.

During discussion, Members asked that copy of the letters be send to the local Members of Parliament. This was agreed by the proposer and seconder of the recommendation

Cllr Bullivant proposed that the motion be put, this was seconded by Cllr MacGregor.

RESOLVED that the Council:-

- (1) request the Leader and the Chair to write to Mark Harper MP Secretary of State for Transport, and the Chief Executive of the Rail Delivery Group, expressing Council's opposition to the possible closure of staffed rail ticket offices – and in particular the offices across the Teignbridge District Council area (and copy in the Local Members of Parliament);
- (2) request the Leader and the Chair to write to the rail operator(s) running local ticket offices in Teignbridge expressing the Council's opposition to any plans to close the staffed ticket office in the district council (and copy in the Local Members of Parliament); and
- (3) Refer this issue to Scrutiny with the recommendation that representatives from the relevant rail operator(s) are invited to attend a Scrutiny Meeting at the earliest possible point to discuss future plans for ticket offices and staffing in Teignbridge.

The vote was unanimous.

Motion 2

Cllr Goodman-Bradbury left before the vote on this item.

The Leader presented and proposed the motion on the Future High Street Fund Delegation, this was seconded by the Executive Member for Corporate Services.

Two-Thirds of the Council agreed that the item be debated at this meeting.

The Head of Place and Commercial Services advised that the current delays had been predominantly because of the Councils decision to remove the Alexandra Cinema from the scheme. He outlined the concerns regarding what constitutes a 'key decision' and that costs were monitored with monthly reports to Executive. He advised that based on the Notice of Motion there would be the need for a significant number of reports that would add time to the project which

could result in the need to seek a further adjustment to the timeline with Government. Any delay could also result in increased costs due to inflation.

RESOLVED that the council rescind all delegation of authority for the Future High Street Fund projects excluding Queen St and the Cycle route improvements. This delegated authority is to be replaced with staged delegations based on the project plans. Milestones achieved or missed and permission to proceed to a next milestone to be overseen by the Executive Committee and reported back to full council.

(Milestones (or checkpoints) in a project are key decision points, such as interior design (outline or detailed), instructions or briefs to external parties, submission of planning requests, agreement with any external agency, Government or similar)

Recorded vote under Procedure Rule 4.13.5

For: Cllrs Buscombe, H Cox, Daws, Dawson, Farrand-Rogers, Foden, Goodman-Bradbury, Hayes, Henderson, Hook, Jackman, Keeling, Morgan, Nutley, Nuttall, Palethorpe, C Parker, P Parker, Parrott, Radford, Rollason, Sanders, Steemson, Swain, G Taylor, Williams, Wrigley, D Cox Total 28

Against: Cllrs Atkins, Bullivant, Hall, Lake, MacGregor, Peart, Webster Total 7

Abstain Cllr Bradford, Jeffries, Palethorpe, Rogers, J Taylor, Clarence Total 6

Absent: Gearon, Goodman-Bradbury, James, Mullone, Purser, Thorne Total 6

The Leader presented his Notice of Motion to move to a Single Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

This was referred to the Procedures Committee.

The meeting started at 10.03 am and finished at 2.13 pm.

Chair