

## **EXECUTIVE**

### **5 DECEMBER 2023**

#### **Present:**

Councillors Goodman-Bradbury, Nutley, Nuttall, G Taylor, Wrigley (Leader) and Palethorpe

#### **Members in Attendance:**

Councillors Bradford, Clarence, Daws, P Parker, Parrott, Radford, Sanders, J Taylor and Dawson

#### **Apologies:**

Councillors H Cox, Keeling and Hook

#### **Officers in Attendance:**

Sarah Selway, Democratic Services Team Leader & Deputy Monitoring Officer  
Neil Blaney, Head of Place & Commercial Services  
Phil Shears, Managing Director  
Chris Bouchard, Estates Manager  
Christopher Morgan, Trainee Democratic Services Officer  
Tom Phillips, Assets Manager  
Estelle Skinner, Green Infrastructure Officer,  
Chris Smith, Estates Surveyor  
Martin Flitcroft, Chief Finance Officer & Head of Corporate Services

These decisions will take effect from 10.00 a.m. on 12 December 2023 unless called-in or identified as urgent in the minute

## **82. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 31 October 2023 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

## **83. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Daws declared an interest in respect of Alexandra Theatre as he was a Director of the Community Benefit Society that had shown an interest in the theatre hosting live entertainment.

## **84. EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN**

**RESOLVED** that the Forward Plan be noted.

**85. TRAGEDY ON THE DAWLISH SEA WALL**

A Local Ward Member outlined the tragedy that happened on the Dawlish Sea Wall in March this year.

Executive called for dialogue with Network Rail to install handrails along the sea wall and stated that it was their responsibility to ensure that the sea wall was safe. Action should be taken to prevent another tragedy from happening.

**RESOLVED** to arrange to meet with Network Rail on site at the Dawlish Sea Wall to discuss safety matters with them and to write to the Coroner and Network Rail to ask for improved safety to prevent such a tragedy happening again.

*The South Devon Alliance Group Leader gave his groups support to the actions that the Executive was proposing to take.*

**86. UPDATE ON FUTURE HIGH STREET FUND**

The Leader presented the update on the Future High Street Fund report.

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

The vote was unanimous.

**87. DAWLISH – FOOTBALL CLUB AND GROUND, SANDY LANE**

The Executive Member for Estates, Assets & Parking presented the report which sought authority to grant a new lease to Dawlish United Youth & Mini Soccer Football Club with an option to renew for a further 10-year term.

**RESOLVED** to approve the granting of new 10-year lease to the Dawlish United Youth & Mini Soccer Football Club with an option to renew for a further 10-year period.

The vote was unanimous.

**88. NOTICE OF MOTION - ALEXANDRA THEATRE**

Cllr Daws presented his Notice of Motion on the Alexandra Theatre he stated that it was important the Council worked with the current tenants Scott's Cinema to explore the potential model of Scott's continuing the operation of a cinema offer at the Alexandra, alongside other extended live entertainment usage. The aim being to protect the provision of a cinema offer to the town and extend the offer of live entertainment within the district in an already fully functioning theatre.

Non-Executive Members spoke on this item in support of Cllr Daws Notice of Motion.

The Leader thanked Cllr Daws for bringing this matter to the attention of the Executive.

**RESOLVED** that should the opportunity arise to take the matters raised by Cllr Daws forward Executive would consider them along with other options for the Alexandra Theatre as appropriate. Executive would also need to take into account any contractual obligations.

The vote was unanimous.

**89. NOTICE OF MOTION - QUEEN STREET FUTURE HIGH STREET FUND 'TRAFFIC REDUCTION AND PEDESTRIANISATION' PLANS**

Cllr Daws presented his Notice of Motion on the Queen Street traffic reduction and pedestrianisation plans. He stated that given the huge concerns expressed by Queen Street retailers over the plans for the pedestrianisation the project plans should be parked as a matter of urgency. Teignbridge District Council should enter into full and meaningful 'face to face' consultation involving meeting, listening to and acting on the concerns of all retailers and residents directly affected by the proposed plans.

Non-Executive Members spoke in support of Cllr Daws Notice of Motion.

**RESOLVED** that the scheme progress and the Council continue discussions to resolve issues raised where it could with modifications as required.

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

**RESOLVED** that under Section 100(A)(4) 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 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

**91. FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR TEIGNMOUTH PUBLIC TOILETS**

The Executive Member for Estates, Assets and Parking presented the report regarding the funding arrangements for Teignmouth Public Toilets.

**RESOLVED:-**

- (1) to continue to pay Teignmouth Town Council a grant of £71,000 per annum until 30 June 2025 instead of funding the enabling works at the Den as resolved by the Executive on 03 October 2023;

- (2) to continue to hire the temporary toilets on the Den in Teignmouth until 31 March 2025;
- (3) that the Council funds the provision of two storage containers on the Lower Point Car Park; and
- (4) that the land on the Den to be leased to the Town Council is as shown on the plan attached as Appendix 2 to this report.

The vote was unanimous.

## **92. FOR INFORMATION - INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISIONS**

Noted.

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 11.20 am.

Chair