

Meeting      FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Date          24 March 2014 (commencing at 10.30 am)

**Membership**

Persons absent are marked with an 'A'

**COUNCILLORS**

Councillor David Kirkham (Chair)  
Councillor Darren Langton (Vice-Chair)

Reg Adair	Diana Meale
Nicki Brooks	Liz Plant
Richard Butler	Darrell Pulk
Kay Cutts MBE	Ken Rigby
Stephen Garner	

A      Ex-Officio: Alan Rhodes

**OTHER COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE**

Councillor Ian Campbell  
Councillor Liz Yates

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Michael Barnett, Team Manager – Major Projects and Improvements  
Paul Davies, Democratic Services Officer  
Tim Gregory, Corporate Director, Environment and Resources  
Jas Hundal, Service Director, Transport, Property and Environment  
Paul Simpson, Service Director, Finance and Procurement  
Andrew Stevens, Group Manager, Property Strategy and Compliance  
Nigel Stevenson, Group Manager, Corporate Accounting

**MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2014 were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Darrell Pulk declared a private, non-pecuniary interest in the urgent item about Gedling Access Road, because he is Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Development at Gedling Borough Council.

Councillor Nicki Brooks declared a private, non-pecuniary interest in the same item because she is a member of Gedling Borough Council.

## **AGENDA ORDER**

The Chair indicated that the following item would be considered next, because members of the public had attended for this item.

## **SALE OF LAND BETWEEN WEST CARR ROAD AND ORDSALL ROAD, RETFORD**

Councillor Ian Campbell, the local member, expressed his views against the recommendations.

### **RESOLVED: 2014/023**

- (1) That approval be given to the sale of land between West Carr Road and Ordsall Road, Retford, subject to contract and planning, as set out in the exempt appendix to the report.
- (2) That the above approval be subject to a two month delay to provide an opportunity to explore options for resolving car parking associated with the sale as outlined in the report.

## **FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT: PERIOD 10, 2013/14**

### **RESOLVED: 2014/024**

- (1) That the current position regarding the monitoring of revenue expenditure be noted.
- (2) That the contingency requests in section 4 of the report be approved.
- (3) That the current position regarding the monitoring of capital expenditure be noted.
- (4) That the capital programme variations outlined in section 5 of the report be approved.
- (5) That the Balance Sheet update and future developments be noted.

## **SOUTHWELL LIBRARY CAR PARK MANAGEMENT**

### **RESOLVED: 2014/025**

- (1) That approval be given to Southwell Library car parking management and charging to be implemented in partnership with Newark and Sherwood District Council as outlined in the report.
- (2) That approval be given to the Group Manager, Property Strategy and Compliance and the Group Manager, Legal and Democratic Services, to agree the details of the agreement with Newark and Sherwood District Council.

### **URGENT ITEM**

The Chair had agreed to the following item being considered as urgent, because it was necessary to conclude funding agreements with the Homes and Communities Agency by 31 March 2014.

### **GEDLING ACCESS ROAD: SCHEME DEVELOPMENT AND FUNDING AGREEMENTS**

During discussion, concerns were expressed that the urgent nature of the item had not given the public the usual notice to consider it or comment on it. A further recommendation was therefore agreed so that entering the funding agreements would be delayed for five days, to give the public the opportunity to comment.

### **RESOLVED: 2014/026**

- (1) That approval be given for the County Council to enter into a funding agreement with the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) by 31 March 2014 to secure funding for roundabout works at Arnold Lane, Gedling, with delegated authority to the Corporate Director, Environment and Resources in consultation with the Chair (or Vice-Chair) of Finance and Property Committee and the Chair (or Vice-Chair) of Transport and Highways Committee to approve the final terms of the agreement as necessary once these have been agreed with the HCA.
- (2) That approval be given for the County Council to enter into a funding agreement with the HCA by 31 March 2014 to secure funding for land and property acquisition required to construct the Gedling Access Road with delegated authority to the Corporate Director, Environment and Resources in consultation with both the Chair (or Vice-Chair) of Finance and Property Committee and the Chair (or Vice-Chair) of Transport and Highways Committee to approve the final terms of the funding agreement once agreed with the HCA.
- (3) That entering the above agreements be delayed for five days from the date of the committee, to give the public the opportunity to comment on the proposals.
- (4) That approval be given for the County Council to enter into negotiation with relevant landowners (or their agents) to acquire relevant land and property and

if required to use Compulsory Purchase powers to complete the acquisitions. Progress on land acquisition will be reported to Committee through update reports as required.

### **WORK PROGRAMME**

#### **RESOLVED: 2014/027**

That the Committee's work programme be noted.

### **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

#### **RESOLVED: 2014/028**

That the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that discussions are likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information described in paragraph 3 of the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

### **SALE OF LAND BETWEEN WEST CARR ROAD AND ORDSALL ROAD, RETFORD**

#### **RESOLVED: 2014/029**

That the information contained in the exempt appendix to the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 11.30 am.

**CHAIR**