

**WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL
SPECIAL CABINET**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, WYRE FOREST HOUSE, FINEPOINT WAY, KIDDERMINSTER
10TH AUGUST 2016 (6.00PM)**

Present:

Councillors: M J Hart (Chairman), S J Chambers, N J Desmond, S E Fearn, I Hardiman and T L Onslow.

Observers:

Councillors: H E Dyke, S Miah and J A Shaw.

CAB.23 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

CAB.24 Declarations of Interests by Members

No declarations of interest were made.

CAB.25 Exclusion of Press and Public

Decision: "Under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of "exempt information" as defined in paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

CAB.26 Options Appraisal for Demolition of Glades Leisure Centre

A report was considered from the Director of Economic Prosperity and Place which set out the options appraisal for the demolition of the Glades Leisure Centre and asked Cabinet to agree whether or not to proceed with the demolition. If agreed the Cabinet were also asked to agree the process for deciding the model for evaluating the tender submissions to carry out the demolition work.

The Leader of the Council presented the confidential report and formally moved the recommendations. He advised that following approval of the Kidderminster Eastern Gateway (KEG) Development Framework by Cabinet at its meeting on 12th July 2016, the demolition of the redundant building by the Council would support the early delivery of the first parcel of land, and give a clear message that the land was ready and available for development.

The Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration welcomed the professional advice from Savills, who had undertaken soft market testing of the site, and seconded the recommendations, adding that the process for marketing and redeveloping the site could begin.

The Cabinet Member for Resources spoke in support of the recommendations. He stated that demolishing the building would have clear financial benefits to the Council in that revenue costs would be reduced and having an empty building that was no longer fit for purpose would only act as a magnet for anti-social behaviour.

The Cabinet Member for Operational Services stated that the Council must do whatever was necessary to kick-start the regeneration of the site and supported the recommendations. The Cabinet Member for Health, Well-being and Housing fully agreed with the proposals and was looking forward to the work getting underway.

Decision:

- 1. The demolition of the Glades former Leisure Centre be undertaken by the Council.**
- 2. Delegation of the procurement evaluation model and award of the contract be granted to the Director of Economic Prosperity & Place in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning & Economic Regeneration, as set out at 2.2 in the exempt report to Cabinet.**
- 3. Take the other consequential steps identified in paragraphs 2.3 and 2.4 of the confidential report to Cabinet.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.22pm.