

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

COUNCIL CHAMBER, WYRE FOREST HOUSE, FINEPOINT WAY, KIDDERMINSTER

THURSDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 2021 (6PM)

Present:

Councillors: M J Hart (Chairman), S E N Rook (Vice-Chairman), S J Chambers, N J Desmond, P Dyke, C Edginton-White, S Griffiths, A L L'Huillier, S Miah and D R Sheppard.

Observers

Councillor: G W Ballinger.

OS.41 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor: T L Onslow.

OS.42 Appointment of Substitutes

No substitutes were appointed

OS.43 Declarations of Interests by Members

In respect of exempt agenda item 5 – Capital Portfolio Fund – Development Funding Proposal:

Councillor M Hart declared that he was a member of the Planning Committee. His comments on the item will be in respect of the proposed business case only and not on any future planning applications.

Councillor S Miah declared that he was the Chairman of a homelessness charity.

Councillor S Griffiths declared that she was responsible for fundraising for a homelessness charity.

Councillor C Edginton-White declared that she was a member of the Planning Committee. Her comments on the item will be in respect of the proposed business case only and not on any future planning applications.

OS.44 Exempt Information

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 2, 6 and 7 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act.

OS.45 Capital Portfolio Fund – Development Funding Proposal

The committee considered a draft of an exempt cabinet report from the Corporate Director: Economic Prosperity and Place to agree a business case to support the development of new temporary accommodation from the Capital Portfolio Fund (CPF), Evergreen Fund, Better Care Fund for adapted units and s106 funding.

The Head of Strategic Growth presented the report and gave a comprehensive and thorough explanation of the proposal. She reminded members that the council had agreed to use the CPF to acquire properties that assist the delivery of its economic objectives and to fund development of its own assets.

The Financial Services Manager gave a detailed summary of the financial implications of the proposal and drew members attention to the risks as set out in the report.

The committee fully scrutinised the report. They welcomed the proposal and upon a show of hands, the vote was carried unanimously.

Decision: The Overview and Scrutiny Committee support the cabinet recommendations as set out in the draft confidential report.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 6.42pm.