EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary consultative virtual meeting of Council held online via the Zoom App on 7 September 2021

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The meeting started at 6.30 pm and ended at 7.55 pm

31 Public speaking

There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

32 **Declarations of interest**

33. Purchase of land at Boardsdown and Holyford.

Councillor Dan Ledger, Personal, Lives very close to the site involved in the proposal.

33. Purchase of land at Boardsdown and Holyford.

Councillor Geoff Pook, Personal, Knows the land well and walks it often.

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Councillor Helen Parr, Personal, Ward Member of Coly Valley.

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Councillor Paul Arnott, Personal, Ward Member of Coly Valley.

33 Matters of urgency

There were no matters of urgency.

34 Announcements from the Chairman and Leader

There were no announcements for the meeting.

35 Confidential/exempt item(s)

There is one item to follow which officers recommend should be dealt with after the public and press have been excluded, in accordance with local government legislation. Accordingly the public part of this meeting will end and the live stream to YouTube will be switched off.

The Chair thanked those who had been watching the meeting online.

36 Purchase of land at Boardsdown and Holyford

This item was subject to debate at an extraordinary consultative meeting of Cabinet on 1 September. Following debate, Cabinet were in favour of purchasing land at Boarsdown & Holyford, Colyton on the basis of submitting a bid at a sum no more than the external valuation advice received, and that authority be given to the Service Lead Place, Assets and Commercialisation to complete the purchase if the bid is successful, in consultation with the Strategic Leads Governance & Licencing and Finance.

Accordingly Cabinet have;

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL: To provide a budget for sums to purchase the land and the associated fees with those sums to be confirmed verbally to the Council meeting.

Following debate and a recorded vote on the matter, Members present supported the recommendation from Cabinet.

RECOMMENDED for approval: To provide a budget for sums to purchase the land and the associated fees, with those sums having been confirmed verbally to the Council meeting.

The Chair thanked those participating and closed the meeting at 7.55pm.

Attendance List

Councillors present:

V Ranger (Vice-Chair) D Ledger M Hartnell M Armstrong J Rowland M Howe P Jarvis J Loudoun B Ingham S Jackson D Bickley G Jung H Parr P Arnott J Bailey G Pook F Caygill P Hayward A Colman S Hawkins G Pratt P Millar D Kev M Rixson C Gardner R Lawrence B De Saram T Woodward D Manley B Taylor C Brown I Thomas (Chair) N Hookway C Wright M Chapman P Twiss O Davey I Chubb E Wragg J Whibley A Dent S Hughes T McCollum D Barrow V Johns P Faithfull

Officers in attendance:

Mark Williams, Chief Executive

Henry Gordon Lennox, Strategic Lead Governance and Licensing (and Monitoring Officer)

Susan Howl, Democratic Services Manager

Sarah Jenkins, Democratic Services Officer

Anita Williams, Principal Solicitor (and Deputy Monitoring Officer)

John Golding, Strategic Lead Housing, Health and Environment

Charles Plowden, Service Lead Countryside and Leisure

Tim Child, Service Lead - Place, Assets & Commercialisation

Simon Davey, Strategic Lead Finance

Andrew Hopkins, Communications and Events Consultant

Councillor apologies:

S Chamberlain

K Blakey

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Date:

K Bloxham		
A Moulding		
M Allen		
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P Skinner		
T Wright		
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Chairman