

## **EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the consultative meeting of Cabinet held at Online via Zoom on 1 September 2021**

#### **Attendance list at end of document**

The meeting started at 6.00 pm and ended at 6.45 pm

#### **54 Public speaking**

Cllr Steve Gazzard asked when EDDC would be reopening Community Centres and in particular Exmouth Town Hall. He has heard from residents from Exmouth who wished to access certain council services from the Town Hall, had been told that they would need to go to the offices in Honiton.

The Chair responded to Cllr Gazzard saying he would receive a written reply to this situation, as this was a serious situation which needed looking into thoroughly.

#### **55 Declarations of interest**

Min 58. Purchase of land at Boardsdown and Holyford, Pratts Hill, Colyford.  
Councillor Dan Ledger, Personal, Lives 100m from Holyford Woods.

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Councillor Geoff Pook, Personal, Walks in this area.

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Councillor Paul Arnott, Personal, Is a Parish Councillor for Colyton and Ward Member for Coly Valley.

#### **56 Matters of urgency**

None

#### **57 Confidential/exempt item(s)**

None

#### **58 Purchase of land at Boardsdown and Holyford, Pratts Hill, Colyford**

##### **CABINET RECOMMEND:**

The purchase of land at Boarsdown & Holyford, Pratt's Hill, Colyton (as described in the report) on the basis of submitting a bid at a sum no more than the external valuation advice received as part of the due diligence and 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.

##### **CABINET RECOMMEND 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.

**REASON:**

To acquire land to implement a programme of tree planting, nature recovery, re-wilding as envisaged in the Climate Change Strategy and consistent with the health & wellbeing ambitions, Green Space plan.

**Attendance List**

**Present:**

**Portfolio Holders**

M Armstrong	Portfolio Holder Sustainable Homes and Communities
P Arnott	Leader
P Hayward	Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder Economy and Assets
G Jung	Portfolio Holder Coast, Country and Environment
D Ledger	Portfolio Holder Strategic Planning
M Rixson	Portfolio Holder Climate Action and Emergency Response
J Rowland	Portfolio Holder Finance
J Loudoun	Portfolio Holder Council and Corporate Co-ordination
S Jackson	Portfolio Holder Democracy, Transparency and Communications

**Also present (for some or all the meeting)**

Councillor Kevin Blakey  
Councillor Jake Bonetta  
Councillor Colin Brown  
Councillor Maddy Chapman  
Councillor Bruce De Saram  
Councillor Peter Faithfull  
Councillor Steve Gazzard  
Councillor Marcus Hartnell  
Councillor Dawn Manley  
Councillor Paul Millar  
Councillor Helen Parr  
Councillor Geoff Pook  
Councillor Eileen Wragg

**Also present:**

**Officers:**

Tim Child, Service Lead - Place, Assets & Commercialisation  
Amanda Coombes, Democratic Services Officer  
Simon Davey, Strategic Lead Finance  
John Golding, Strategic Lead Housing, Health and Environment  
Henry Gordon Lennox, Strategic Lead Governance and Licensing (and Monitoring Officer)  
Debbie Meakin, Democratic Services Officer  
Charles Plowden, Service Lead Countryside and Leisure  
Anita Williams, Principal Solicitor (and Deputy Monitoring Officer)  
Mark Williams, Chief Executive

Chair .....

Date: .....