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Executive Committee

17th September 2013

MINUTES

Present:

Councillor Bill Hartnett (Chair), Councillor Greg Chance (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Rebecca Blake, Juliet Brunner, Brandon Clayton, John Fisher, Phil Mould and Mark Shurmer

Officers:

C Flanagan, S Hanley, L Jones, T Kristunas and S Morgan

Committee Services Officer:

I Westmore

47. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor Debbie Taylor.

48. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

49. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements from the Leader.

50. MINUTES

RESOLVED that

the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 2nd September 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

51. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND CAPITAL OUTTURN - FINANCIAL YEAR 2012/13

The report detailing the Council's budgetary position at the end of the 2012/13 financial year was received by the Committee.

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Officers reported that £74K had been used from balances leaving just over £1M remaining. Of the projected savings of £654K a considerable proportion had been made although the money received through the acquisition of the lease of Threadneedle House had contributed to the overall position.

A series of questions on specific points within the outturn report were raised by Members and Officers undertook to provide answers to these following the meeting.

RESOLVED that

the report be noted.

52. OPTIONS FOR 54 SOUTH STREET (PREVIOUS REDI CENTRE)

The Committee considered a report which detailed the options available to the Council for 54 South Street, the former REDI Centre building.

Officers reported that the Council had not received any significant levels of interest in the building to date and there had been no approaches to register the building as an Asset of Community Value. Disposal was considered the most appropriate course of action. The former Youth House was adjacent to the former REDI Centre building but there was considered to be little advantage to be gained from marketing the two properties jointly.

The length of time it had taken for the property to be declared surplus and disposed of was discussed. In part this was put down to the desire to see this and other properties considered as a wider review of the Council's property holdings. However, given that there was a cost associated with the building remaining empty Members were keen that disposal now be pursued. There was a desire to see the building taken on by a community group who might use the property as a community asset. The recent failure to achieve a similar outcome for the former Youth House was a source of disappointment to some Members. The Committee were also very much aware of the context within which this decision was being taken, with a significant strain on public finances.

RECOMMENDED that

- 1) the property be marketed for disposal; and**
- 2) the Head of Finance and Resources agree the final details of any sale, following the receipt of any bids/expressions of interest, following consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Management.**

**53. FINANCE MONITORING REPORT 2013/14 - APRIL - JUNE
(QUARTER 1)**

Officers reported on the financial performance of the authority during the first quarter of the current financial year. The Committee was informed that of the £550K savings required for the year, £107K had been made thus far.

There was considerable discussion as to the implications of holding a number of vacant posts and the processes used by officers to determine whether the vacant posts were considered business critical. Members were reassured that there were measures in place by which such determinations could be made and that Trades Unions were amongst those involved in the dialogue over vacant posts. It was further explained that the authority had for some considerable time had incorporated into each year's budget revenue savings to be achieved through vacancy management.

RESOLVED that

- 1) **the current financial position on Revenue be noted, as detailed in the report; and**

RECOMMENDED that

- 2) **£48K of currently available S106 funds be included in the 2013/4 capital programme to fund the improvements to the play area at Glover Street.**

54. MAKING EXPERIENCES COUNT - QUARTERLY CUSTOMER SERVICES REPORT - QUARTER 1, 2013/14

The Committee received the latest quarterly Customer Services monitoring report. It was noted that the trends represented with regard to complaints and compliments were broadly in line with what had been experienced the previous year.

Members were content that the numbers of compliments exceeded the numbers of complaints and suggested that diagrams in future reports be rendered in such a manner that they might be more easily understood when printed in black and white.

RESOLVED that

the contents of the report be noted.

Executive Committee

17th September 2013

55. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The Committee received and considered the minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 13th August 2013.

RESOLVED that

the minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 13th August 2013 be received and noted.

56. MINUTES / REFERRALS - OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE, EXECUTIVE PANELS ETC.

There were no minutes or referrals under this item.

57. ADVISORY PANELS - UPDATE REPORT

The latest update on the activity of the Council's Advisory Panels and similar bodies was considered by the Committee.

RESOLVED that

the report be noted.

58. ACTION MONITORING

The latest version of the Committee's Action Monitoring report was received by the Committee.

RESOLVED that

the Action Monitoring report be noted.

The Meeting commenced at 7.00 pm
and closed at 7.54 pm

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Chair



Planning Committee

28th August 2013

MINUTES

Present:

Councillor Andrew Fry (Chair), Councillor Alan Mason (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Joe Baker, Roger Bennett, Brenda Quinney, David Bush (substituting for Councillor Roger Smith), Brandon Clayton (substituting for Councillor Mike Chalk), Bill Hartnett (substituting for Councillor Wanda King) and Pat Witherspoon (substituting for Yvonne Smith)

Also Present:

Councillor Mark Shurmer

Officers:

A Rutt and C Flanagan

Democratic Services Officer:

J Bayley

29. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Michael Chalk, Roger Hill, Wanda King and Yvonne Smith.

30. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

31. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED that

the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 31st July 2013 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

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Chair

Planning Committee

**32. PLANNING APPLICATION 2013/145/FUL –
LAND AT WIRE HILL DRIVE, LODGE PARK**

Erection of twelve new detached dwellings with garages.

Applicant: JMH 10 Ltd

The following people addressed the Committee under the Council's public speaking rules.

Mr J Crow – resident – objecting
Mr Blewitt – resident – objecting
Councillor Andrew Fry (Ward Councillor and Objector)
Councillor Mark Shurmer (Ward Councillor and Objector)

RESOLVED that

a decision on this matter be DEFERRED for Members to undertake a site visit to Wirehill Drive to view the two proposed access points for the development, the topography of the area and the layout of the road.

(Further to having advised at the start of the meeting of his intentions to withdraw from the Committee to the public gallery for this item, in order to speak to the Application in his capacity as a local Ward Member, the Chair, Councillor Andrew Fry, withdrew from the meeting following the Officer's presentation and conclusion of public speaking on the item in accordance with the Council's public speaking rules, and was not present for the Committee's debate and decision on the matter,

The Committee's Vice-Chair, Councillor Alan Mason was in the Chair for this matter.

Councillor Mark Shurmer, in attendance in the public gallery and also registered to speak on the item as a Ward Councillor, also withdrew from the meeting following the Officers presentation and conclusion of public speaking in accordance with the Council's public speaking rules.)

**33. PLANNING APPLICATION 2013/174/COU –
19-20 LAKESIDE INDUSTRIAL PARK, NEW MEADOW ROAD,
LODGE PARK**

Change of use to Class D2 gymnasium (Class D.2)

Applicant: Mr Paul Summers

Mr Summers, the Applicant, addressed the Committee under the

Council's public speaking rules.

RESOLVED that

having regard to the Development Plan and to all other material considerations, Planning Permission be GRANTED.

(Having considered the Application and its merits, Members were of the view that, as other similar change of use applications had been allowed in the vicinity of the application site, together with the close proximity of the Arrow Valley Park, an established leisure facility, the proposed use was acceptable).

The Meeting commenced at 7.00 pm
and closed at 8.24 pm

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CHAIR



Planning Committee

25th September 2013

MINUTES

Present:

Councillor Andrew Fry (Chair), Councillor Alan Mason (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Roger Bennett, Michael Chalk, Roger Hill, Wanda King, Brenda Quinney and Yvonne Smith

Officers:

S Edden, A Hussain and A Rutt

Committee Services Officer:

J Smyth

34. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Councillor Joe Baker.

35. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Alan Mason declared an Other Disclosable Interest in Item 9 (Planning Application 2013/205/COU – Unit 1A Millsborough House, Millsborough Road) as detailed at Minute 42 below.

36. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED that

the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 28th August 2013 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

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Chair

**37. PLANNING APPLICATION 2013/130/RC3 –
GRASSED AREA NEXT TO REDDITCH TOWN HALL,
WALTER STRANZ SQUARE, REDDITCH**

Public art piece to celebrate the
Redditch Springs and Wireform industry.

Applicant: Redditch Borough Council

The following people addressed the Committee under the Council's public speaking rules:

Mr M Hall – Arts Council (supporting)
Mr M Davies – Davies Springs (supporting)
Mr H Nuttall – Wild Springs (supporting)
Mr J Cochrane – on behalf of the Applicant
Mr T Tolkien – on behalf of the Applicant

RESOLVED that

having regard to the Development and to all other material considerations, Planning Permission be GRANTED, subject to the conditions and informatives set out or referred to in the main report.

**38. PLANNING APPLICATION 2013/145/FUL –
LAND AT WIRE HILL DRIVE, LODGE PARK, REDDITCH**

Erection of 12 new detached dwellings with garages.

Applicant: JMH 10 Ltd

The following people addressed the Committee under the Council's public speaking rules:

Mr J Crow – local resident and objector
Mr P Bird – local resident and objector
Councillor Andrew Fry – Ward Councillor

RESOLVED that

having regard to the Development Plan and to all other material considerations, Planning Permission be REFUSED for the following reasons:

- 1. The site is designated as an area of Primarily Open Space in the Borough of Redditch Local Plan. The Council considers that the need for this development**

does not outweigh the current value of the land as an open area. The proposal would therefore be contrary to Policy R.1 of the Borough of Redditch Local Plan No. 3 which states that proposals which would lead to the total or partial loss of a Primarily Open Space will not normally be granted planning permission unless it can be demonstrated that the need for the development outweighs the value of the land as an open area.

- 2. The proposed development would lead to the creation of two accesses on a stretch of classified highway (a district distributor) which carries significant traffic movements. Vehicular movements associated with the use of the proposed accesses would lead to traffic conflict and detriment to highway safety, contrary to the provisions of the National Planning Policy Framework.**

(Having noted and considered the speaker representations, Officers report and Update, which had provided details in respect of an amendment to the site layout plan, Members raised concerns about highway safety issues in relation to Wire Hill Drive and the loss of open space to the local community.

In view of these issues, the Committee refused the Application for the reasons stated in the resolution above.)

Further to having advised at the start of the meeting of his intentions to withdraw from the Committee to the public gallery for this item in order to speak to the Application in his capacity as a local Ward Member, the Chair, Councillor Andrew Fry, withdrew from the meeting following the Officer's presentation and conclusion of public speaking on the item in accordance with the Council's public speaking rules, and was not present for the Committee's debate and decision on the matter,

The Committee's Vice-Chair, Councillor Alan Mason was in the Chair for this matter.)

**39. PLANNING APPLICATION 2013/157/FUL –
FIELDHOUSE, FECKENHAM ROAD,
HUNT END, REDDITCH B97 5QP**

New dwelling and garage in the garden

Applicant: Mr and Mrs R Pearse

The following people addressed the Committee under the Council's public speaking rules:

Mrs S Oddy – local resident and objector
Councillor B Clayton – Ward Councillor
Mr R Pearse - Applicant

RESOLVED that

having regard to the Development Plan and to all other material considerations, Planning Permission be GRANTED, subject to conditions and informatives as summarised in the main report.

(The Committee received an Update on the item in relation to the submission of an amended Location Plan and Site Plan and an amendment to the Design and Access Statement.)

**40. PLANNING APPLICATION 2013/167/FUL –
WINSLOW CLOSE, WINYATES EAST,
REDDITCH B98 0NQ**

Installation of refuse and recycling bin storage

Applicant: Redditch Borough Council

RESOLVED that

having regard to the Development Plan and to all other material considerations, authority be delegated to the Head of Planning and Regeneration Services to GRANT Planning Permission, subject to: the expiry of the consultation period on 27th September 2013 and there being no new material considerations raised, and the Conditions and Informatives summarised in the main report.

(The Committee noted an Update on the application in regard to presentations received from the Highways Authority and the correction of an error in the report in relation to Ward information.)

**41. PLANNING APPLICATION 2013/193/ADV –
NEW PETROL FILLING STATION,
LAND AT TEARDROP SITE, BORDESLEY LANE,
REDDITCH B97 6RR**

Three internally illuminated fascia signs,
one internally illuminated totem sign,
four non-illuminated 'Fill Up Either Side' signs,
eight non-illuminated pump flag signs and
one non-illuminated brand wall sign

Applicant: Sainsbury's Supermarkets Ltd

RESOLVED that

having regard to the Development Plan and to all other material considerations, Advertisement Consent be GRANTED, subject to the Conditions and Informatives summarised in the main report.

**42. PLANNING APPLICATION 2013/205/COU –
UNIT 1A, MILLSBOROUGH HOUSE,
MILLSBOROUGH ROAD, REDDITCH**

Change of use from Class A1 (Retail) to Class D2 (Assembly and Leisure)

Applicant: Mr Russell Vincent

RESOLVED that

having regard to the Development Plan and to all other material considerations, authority be delegated to the Head of Planning and Regeneration to GRANT Planning Permission, subject to: the expiry of the consultation period on 1st October 2013 and there being no new material considerations having been raised; and the conditions and informatives summarised in the main report.

(Prior to consideration of this item, Councillor Alan Mason declared an other disclosable interest in view of the fact that he had previously worked for and was personally acquainted with, the Applicant. Councillor Mason withdrew from the meeting and took no part in its consideration or voting thereon.)

**43. PLANNING APPLICATION 2013/206/ADV –
TRAFFIC ISLAND A4023, ALDERS DRIVE, REDDITCH**

Four Advertisement sign panels

Applicant: Redditch Borough Council

RESOLVED that

having regard to the Development Plan and to all other material considerations, Advertisement Consent be GRANTED, subject to the Conditions and Informatives summarised in the main report.

**44. PLANNING APPLICATION 2013/207/ADV –
WOODROW DRIVE AND ROUGH HILL DRIVE
ROUNDAABOUT**

Four Advertisement sign panels

Applicant: Redditch Borough Council

RESOLVED that

having regard to the Development Plan and to all other material considerations, Advertisement Consent be GRANTED, subject to the Conditions and Informatives summarised in the main report.

**45. PLANNING APPLICATION 2013/208/ADV –
BUTLERS HILL LANE AND BROCKHILL DRIVE
ROUNDAABOUT**

Four Advertisement sign panels

Applicant: Redditch Borough Council

RESOLVED that

having regard to the Development Plan and to all other material considerations, Advertisement Consent be GRANTED, subject to the Conditions and Informatives summarised in the main report.

**46. PLANNING APPLICATION 2013/209/ADV –
HEWELL LANE, BROCKHILL DRIVE AND
BIRCHFIELD ROAD ROUNDAABOUT**

Three Advertisement sign panels

Applicant: Redditch Borough Council

RESOLVED that

having regard to the Development Plan and to all other material considerations, Advertisement Consent be GRANTED, subject to the Conditions and Informatives summarised in the main report.

**47. PLANNING APPLICATION 2013/210/ADV –
WARWICK HIGHWAY AND ALDERS DRIVE
ROUNDAABOUT**

Four Advertisement sign panels

Applicant: Redditch Borough Council

RESOLVED that

having regard to the Development Plan and to all other material considerations, Advertisement Consent be GRANTED, subject to the Conditions and Informatives summarised in the main report.

(The Committee noted two corrections detailed in the Update to the report relating to Ward information and the location address for the application.)

The Meeting commenced at 7.00 pm
and closed at 9.05 pm

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CHAIR

