CABINET

Minutes of a meeting of the Cabinet of South Norfolk District Council held at South Norfolk House, Long Stratton on Monday 16 July 2012 at 2.30 p.m.

Members Present:

Cabinet: Councillors J Fuller (Chairman)
Y Bendle, D Bills, K Kiddie, G Wheatley, M Wilby

Non-Appointed: Councillors T Blowfield, M Edney,
C Foulger, M Gray, L Hornby, N Legg, T Lewis,
J Mooney, B Riches, R Savage, B Spratt, N Ward,
K Weeks, G Wheatley,

Officers in Attendance: The Chief Executive, the Deputy Chief Executive, the Director of Development and Environment, the Head of Business and Improvement, the Head of Localism and Growth, the Conservation, Design and Landscape Manager, the Head of Internal Audit, the Revenues and Benefits Manager, the Corporate Asset Manager, the Financial Services Manager, the Economic Development and Tourism Manager and the Property Consultant.

Also in Attendance: 8 members of the public
Mr P Grant, Unison Branch Secretary

2092 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following members declared interests in the matter listed below:

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2093 CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) DISCOVER SOUTH NORFOLK DAY

The Chairman thanked both members and staff for the success of the Discover South Norfolk day, held 8 July 2012.

(b) IZZY PITMAN

The Chairman welcomed Izzy Pitman, a member of the South Norfolk Youth Parliament and pupil at Framingham Earl High School, to the meeting.

2094 MINUTES

Referring to minute 2085, the Chairman suggested that it made clear in the minutes, that having made his representations, Cllr J Herbert left the room and was not present for any of the debate.

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on Monday 11 June 2012 were then agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2095 WYMONDHAM AREA ACTION PLAN
PREFERRED OPTIONS FOR HOUSING AND EMPLOYMENT SITES

The Decision

Members considered the report of the Head of Localism and Growth, which recommended preferred sites for housing and employment, as apart of the Area Action Plan for Wymondham.

The Head of Localism and Growth explained that this was the first in a series of two reports, which would lead to a preferred options public consultation for the Area Action Plan in October 2012. A more detailed report would be presented to Cabinet in September, to discuss sites and other infrastructure requirements in the town.

The Chairman explained that over 80 individual sites had been forwarded by land owners and developers in Wymondham, not all of which could be successful. He reminded Cabinet that sites had been evaluated using a common framework also used to assess sites across the District as part of the wider site specific policies and allocation process. Having also taken into account responses to the public consultation, the proposed preferred options had preserved the gap between Wymondham and Hethersett, protected views of the abbey and the sensitive landscape to the west of the town.

The Head of Localism and Growth reported that he had received correspondence that morning from RPS consultants with regard to site 172 which had not been selected as a preferred option. The consultants had asked Cabinet to take into account that a considerable amount of pre-application work had already taken place and that a planning application was imminent.
With reference to paragraph 3.5 of the report, members were reminded that the figure of 2,200 new homes in the Joint Core Strategy was limited to this due to capacity issues at Wymondham High School. The Head of Localism and Growth also added that employment sites had been allocated to accommodate 20 hectares of employment land, including a new allocation of 15 hectares as specified in the Joint Core Strategy.

Mr P White, representing land owners Mr and Mrs Baker addressed the Cabinet with reference to a site in the South West of the town, where only a small part of the site had been selected as a proposed preferred option. Mr White suggested that a larger part of the original site could be considered as a reasonable alternative to the proposed site at Silfield Road.

Cllr R Savage, local member for Wymondham and member of the town council, welcomed the report, and looked forward to the following stage of the report, which would provide more certainty for the future of the town. Cllr N Ward, also a local member for Wymondham, and member of the town council was pleased that the proposals did not exceed the allocation of 2,200 new homes. Referring to paragraph 3.7, he hoped that plans to develop this area would avoid the creation of a "rat run" through to country lanes.

In response to queries from Cllrs Gray and Lewis, the Head of Localism and Growth explained that due to capacity issues at Wymondham High School, there would be more pressure to avoid exceeding the cap of 2,200 new homes in the town. He was currently in discussions with Children’s Services at Norfolk County Council with regard to primary school provision in Wymondham.

**RESOLVED:**

1. To approve the preferred sites for housing and employment in Wymondham and to instruct officers to proceed with production of a more detailed Preferred Options document for public consultation in October 2012.

2. That the report be discussed further at the Local Planning Steering Group, to identify any further minor amendments.

**The Reasons for the Decision**

To ensure planned and co-ordinated future development in Wymondham, allowing residents to be involved in shaping communities.

**2096 SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL INTERIM REPORT FOR SOUTH NORFOLK SITE SPECIFIC ALLOCATIONS AND POLICIES DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT**

**The subject of the decision**

Members considered a report which presented members with a Sustainability Appraisal interim report, to inform and seek comments from the public, with regard to the preferred options sites assessment process.
Members noted that the publication of a Sustainability Appraisal Interim report was not a statutory requirement at the preferred options consultation stage, however, publishing it was considered to be helpful to residents, providing them with information on the evidence underpinning the site selection process.

**The Decision**

**RESOLVED:**
To endorse the Sustainability Appraisal Interim Report and approve its publication for public information and comment concurrently with the Site Specific Allocations and Policies public consultation, between 3 September and 26 October 2012.

**The Reasons for the Decision**

To ensure residents are fully informed on the evidence underpinning site selection throughout the site specific allocations.

**2097 DESIGN OF DRAFT SCHEME FOR COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT**

**The subject of the decision**

Members considered the report of the Revenues and Benefits Manager, which sought approval from Cabinet to move forward to the consultation stage on the draft design of a new council tax support scheme.

The Revenues and Benefits Manager outlined the background to the proposals, the features of the draft scheme and future plans for consultation.

The Chairman stressed that it had been a difficult process with no easy answers. As requested by the Government, claimants of pensionable age would be protected, but there were other groups the Council wished to protect. He referred to the set of principles at paragraph 2.3 of the report, agreed by the Member Working Group which had been set up to work with officers to develop the Council’s approach to the new scheme.

Cllr T Lewis noted that the decision to introduce a less generous council tax scheme had been made early in the process. He hoped, that as a member of the working group, he had made a positive contribution in developing the way forward, based on this criteria. He did, however, wish to stress that he Liberal Democrat Group reserved their position with regard to the underlying principle of providing a less generous scheme.

Cllr K Weeks expressed concerns with regard to the level of impact on some current claimants, noting that those not in the protected groups would on average take a 20% cut in benefit. He questioned the Council’s priorities, referring to the recent participatory budgeting exercise which had involved over £500,000 of funding.

In response, the Chairman informed members that other councils planned to take a similar approach in reducing the level of council tax benefit awarded. The Council had a responsibility in looking at the wider public purse and the impact on the Police and Norfolk County Council. He stressed that the Council managed 86 different activities and it was a constant balancing exercise to ensure a fair and effective approach.
The Decision

RESOLVED: To approve the draft scheme (outlined at Appendix 1 of the report) for consultation, subject to minor amendments.

The Reasons for the Decision

To develop a scheme which supports the Council’s priorities and is aligned to welfare reform and is efficient to manage.

2098 FOOD WASTE COLLECTION – SERVICE DEVELOPMENT

The subject of the decision

Members considered the report of the Environment Manager, which sought Cabinet approval to submit a final bid for the funding of a separate weekly food waste collection service, from the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG)

Cllr K Kiddie outlined the background to the proposals, explaining that recycling rates could rise to an estimated 44% if a food waste collection service was introduced.

In response to questions from members, the Director of Development and Environment explained that it was not possible to charge for domestic waste collection. If the bid was successful, the Council would be committed for at least 5 years; the scheme would need to run at least to the length of the specialist vehicles purchased. Officers assured members that the future additional revenue costs of £115,000 had been built in to the Medium Term Plan.

The Chairman welcomed the report; it was a good opportunity to provide an innovative scheme with DCLG funding, whilst improving recycling rates. Members agreed that the Council had a responsibility to do what it could to reduce the amount going to landfill.

The Decision

RESOLVED: To agree to the submission of a final bid to DCLG to seek grant to institute a food waste collection service to 17,000 properties and thereafter make provision in the Medium Term Plan for the additional revenue costs of the service.

The Reasons for the Decision

To increase the range of recycling options and boost recycling performance.

Other Options Considered

- Maintain the service in its current format.
2099 YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD YOUR CHOICE

The subject of the decision

Members considered the report of the Head of Localism and Growth, regarding service enhancements and social action projects proposed by each of the Neighbourhood Boards, through local knowledge and the participatory budgeting process.

Cllr M Wilby was pleased with the progress to date regarding the Your Neighbourhood, Your Choice pilot and he urged members to support the recommendations of the report, allowing the delivery of enhancements and projects. Referring to a paper tabled at the meeting from Mr B Webb on behalf of the Resource Centre, Cllr Wilby thanked Mr Webb for his continued support for the Neighbourhood Boards.

The Chairmen of each of the Neighbourhood Boards addressed the Cabinet and briefly outlined the package of enhancements they considered matched the local needs of their neighbourhoods, as outlined in the appendices to the report. The Chairman of the Eastern River Valleys Neighbourhood Board was unable to attend, but members noted the outcomes and proposals for this area.

The Chairman referred to the excellent feedback received from the LGA Peer Review Team, and stressed that South Norfolk Council was leading the way in delivering the localism agenda.

The Decision

RESOLVED:

To:

(1) Agree the package of proposals and authorise the Neighbourhood Boards to implement the service enhancements and social action projects listed.

(2) RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL the necessary budget adjustments.

(3) Endorse the staff resource and commissioning necessary to deliver the service enhancements.

The Reasons for the Decision

To provide improvements and positive outcomes that are relevant and meaningful to local communities.

2100 REVENUE OUTTURN REPORT 2011/12

The subject of the decision
Members considered the report of the Financial Services Manager, which detailed the provisional outturn for the financial year 2011/12, providing an explanation of the key movements and variances.

The Financial Services Manager outlined the salient points of the report to members.

The Chairman drew attention to the overall level of reserves and balances which had risen above the target of £5 million. Cllr G Wheatley stressed that this could not have been achieved without the devotion and commitment of staff at the Council.

The Decision

RESOLVED: 1. To:

(a) Approve the budget virements which exceed £100,000 in accordance with the rules of financial governance

(b) Note the outturn position and the reason for the variances on the General Fund

2. TO RECOMMEND THAT COUNCIL approves:

(a) the slippage requests as outlined in the report

(b) the movements in reserves as outlined in the report.

The Reasons for the Decision

To ensure that reserves and revenue budgets are in place to meet the Council’s corporate priorities.

Other Options Considered

- To refuse the slippage requests
- Alter the allocation of reserves

2101 CAPITAL OUTTURN REPORT 2011/12

The subject of the decision

Members considered the report of the Senior Management Accountant, which outlined the outturn of the Capital Programme for the financial year 2011/12.

Members noted that the capital outturn expenditure for 2011/12 was £3,787,112 against a budget of £5,119,153. There were two slippage requests (already approved by Council), relating to the IT telephony and the Travellers Site projects.
The Decision

RESOLVED:

(1) To note the outturn for the Capital Expenditure and its financing for the Financial Year 2011/12;

(2) TO RECOMMEND THAT COUNCIL approves

(a) the slippage request as outlined in paragraph 2.20 of the report;

(b) the financing of the amended Capital programme for the next three financial years.

The Reasons for the Decision

To ensure that the Council’s capital programme is aligned to the Council’s priorities and that projects are feasible.

2102 ANNUAL TREASURY REPORT 2011/12

The subject of the decision

Members considered the report of the Senior Management Accountant, which reviewed the treasury management activity during the financial year 2011/12, and reported on the prudential indicators, as required by the prudential code.

The Financial Services Manager present the report, drawing attention to the interest of £534,336 received during the financial year 2011/12, which was £49,926 above budget.

The Decision

RESOLVED:

TO RECOMMEND THAT COUNCIL:

(a) Approves the actual 2011/12 prudential indicators

(b) Notes the treasury activity in quarter four and that it complies with the agreed strategy.

The Reasons for the Decision
To ensure that the Council adheres to the Prudential Code and that investments are made in accordance with the Treasury Management Strategy.

2103 CAPITAL AND TREASURY REVIEW QUARTER 1 2012/13

The subject of the decision

Members considered the report of the Senior Management Accountant, which monitored capital expenditure and treasury management activities in the first quarter of 2012/13, against the capital programme and treasury management strategy, approved by Council on 22 February 2012.

The Financial Services Manager briefly outlined the contents of the report to members.

The Decision

RESOLVED:

TO RECOMMEND THAT COUNCIL:

1. Notes the progress of the capital programme for the first quarter and the financing thereof.
2. Approves the on going expenditure for Equity Home Loans and the corresponding capital receipts from Great Yarmouth Borough Council.
3. Notes the treasury activity in quarter one and that it complies with the agreed strategy.
4. Approves the two long term investments made. i) £2 million at 3% with Lloyds for one year, and ii) £2 million at 2.25% with Barclays for two years which were both agreed by Board and the Investment Committee.
5. Approves the increase of maximum investments with Barclays from £5 million to £7.5 million
6. Approves the quarter one 2012/13 prudential indicators.
7. Approves the write off of the NNDR debt of £31,592.55

The Reasons for the Decision

To ensure that the Council’s capital programme is aligned to its priorities and investments are made in accordance with the Treasury Management Strategy.

2104 PERFORMANCE AND FINANCE REPORT QUARTER 1 2012/13
The subject of the decision

The Head of Business Improvement presented members with a brief overview of performance during the first quarter of 2012/13. He drew attention to areas where performance had hit target, referring in particular to the prevention of homelessness, the number of affordable homes delivered, planning applications determined within 8 weeks and the number of visits to My South Norfolk. Members noted that 65% of indicators had met target, 31% had not achieved target but had still performed within the tolerance level. LI 181, the time taken to process benefit claims was the only indicator highlighted as red as it had failed to hit target and performance was outside of the tolerance level set.

Referring to LI 181, Cllr Y Bendle advised members that the benefit and council tax teams were currently going through a period of change and had recently lost 6 members of staff. Although the exemplary standards set had not been met, the current performance of 8 days was still the best in Norfolk. The Revenues and Benefits Manager explained that the teams were currently moving towards a generic way of working in addition to external changes, and it was not sensible to replace staff like with like at this current time.

Cllr T Lewis stressed the importance of members accessing performance information via the Corvu system and it was noted that further training for deputy Cabinet members, Scrutiny members and other interested members would be made available shortly.

The Financial Services Manager referred to her paper which examined how well the Council was performing financially along side the performance information in delivering its priorities. Members noted that the current position at Quarter 1 showed a favourable variance and this was mainly due to additional income from the leisure centres and gaps during staff turnover.

The Decision

RESOLVED: To note the Performance and Finance Report Quarter 1 2012/13

The Reasons for the Decision

To ensure processes are in place to improve performance.

2105 MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY

The subject of the decision

Members considered the report of the Financial Services Manager, which reviewed the Council’s financial position over the next few years.

Cllr G Wheatley referred to the ever evolving and challenging environment of local government finance; one of reasons why a healthy balance on reserves was so
important. He drew attention to the outlook of a balanced budget for 2013/14, and the savings gap of £1.2 million in the following two years.

The Chairman anticipated further changes in the coming years and stressed that current predictions could change. In response to a query regarding Neighbourhood Grants from 2015/16, he reminded members that the Neighbourhood project was a one year pilot which would require review.

The Decision

RESOLVED: To approve the Financial Strategy as outlined in the report

The Reasons for the Decision

To allow the Council to establish a strategy for delivering its priorities within the resources available.

2106 CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISALS: STOKE HOLY CROSS, TROWSE – WITH NEWTON AND DISS

The subject of the decision

Members considered the report of the Senior Conservation Officer which summarised the comments received from the public consultation on the conservation area appraisals for Stoke Holy Cross, Trowse- with Newton, and Diss, and set out the officer responses to these representations and the proposed amendments.

The Conservation, Design and Landscape Manager explained that consultations had taken place on five conservation areas within the District. The results of only three were presented to members, as the other two, Wymondham and Long Stratton would be presented at a later date to coincide with the Area Action Plans for those areas.

Cllr T Lewis welcomed the recommended change to the conservation area boundary at Trowse-with Newton and the proposals for Article 4 Directions to be initiated for houses in Crown Point and other identified buildings in the area. Members noted that the reference to “Whitehouse Street” required amendment to “Whitehorse Lane”.

The Decision

RESOLVED:

To:

(1) Note the representations made from the consultation on the three appraisals and the associated officer responses in Appendix B of the report.

(2) Support the amendments proposed and the updating of the appraisals prior to approval by Council and adoption.
The Reasons for the Decision

To provide a sound basis and analysis of areas to assist with development proposals.

2107 SOUTH NORFOLK PLACE MAKING GUIDE: SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

The subject of the decision

Members considered the report of the Conservation, Design and Landscape Manager which gave details of the representations received from consultations undertaken on the South Norfolk Place-Making Guide, and set out the proposed amendments to the Guide.

The Conservation, Design and Landscape Manager explained that there had been an overwhelming response to the consultation exercise with many positive comments received from professionals and parishes. He drew attention to the key issues arising from the consultation process, outlined at paragraph 2.5 of the report.

In response to queries, the Conservation, Design and Landscape Manager explained that in addition to being entered for a Royal Town Planning Institute award, the Guide was also to be entered in the 2012 Urban Design Awards. Referring to comments from Cllr T Lewis regarding the installation of solar panels and the affect on landscapes, he suggested that this be included in the section on sustainable design. He added that renewable energy should be considered from the outset and needed to be integrated as part of the design.

Members praised the quality of the document and the Chairman thanked officers for an excellent piece of work.

The Decision

RESOLVED:

To:

(1) Note the representations made from the consultation on the draft Place-Making Guide and the associated officer responses.

(2) Support the revisions proposed and updating of the document prior to approval by Council on 24 September and adoption as a Supplementary Planning Document.

The Reasons for the Decision

To ensure the quality of design is high, enhancing the character of the District.
2108 LOCAL NEEDS AFFORDABLE HOUSING ELIGIBILITY CASCADE

The subject of the decision

Members considered the report of the Director of Development and Environment which advised Cabinet on the process for advertising and letting local needs affordable housing within South Norfolk.

Cllr Y Bendle outlined the proposals of the report, explaining that the enhancements would ensure maximum engagement with local residents and more opportunities for local residents to register bids. Members noted the need to ensure expectations were not raised unreasonably.

The Decision

RESOLVED:

To:

(1) Approve the proposed cascades for forthcoming local needs affordable housing schemes.

(2) Approve the additional four actions highlighted in bold in the table in paragraph 2 of the report as enhancement to the process for advertising and letting properties in local needs schemes.

(3) Agree that the overview of the proposed eligibility cascades for any further schemes is undertaken by the Housing and Public Health Policy Committee.

The Reasons for the Decision

To ensure a fair scheme, ensuring maximum engagement with local residents.

2109 ORGANISATIONAL CHANGE PROCEDURE REDUNDANCY POLICY AND PROCEDURE

The subject of the decision

Cllr G Wheatley advised members that the level of the multiplier applied to compulsory redundancies was the only issue Cabinet were being asked to resolve. All other issues relating to the Redundancy Policy and Procedure had been agreed at the Joint Consultative Committee (JCC) meeting held 2 July 2012.

The Deputy Chief Executive referred members to page 290 of the agenda, the minutes of the JCC meeting where it had been unable to reach a consensus with regard to the level of multiplier applied to compulsory redundancies. Members noted that management’s original proposal was for no multiplier to be applied, but it had moved to agree to a multiplier of 1.5 during the discussions at the JCC meeting. Unison however, had not been able to support a multiplier lower than 1.75.

Mr P Grant, Branch Secretary for Unison, reminded members that South Norfolk Council was a leading authority, which was ahead of the game in many areas. The
Cabinet’s success was down to staff, their loyalty, commitment and work ethic. All other district councils in Norfolk (apart from Breckland) applied a multiplier. Whilst Mr Grant acknowledged that these authorities planned to review their redundancy policies, he stressed that this would not necessarily lead to a reduction in the multipliers applied. Mr Grant reminded members that the decision today would not affect budgets unless compulsory redundancies were planned. Finally, he drew attention to the fact that a 1.75 multiplier was supported by the majority of members of the JCC at its meeting on 2 July.

The Chairman stressed that large scale redundancies were not being considered and redundancies would always be avoided wherever possible. He reminded members that they were dealing with public money at a time of constraint and this need to be balanced with the need to be fair to staff during life changing circumstances.

Cllr G Wheatley reminded members that any figure agreed was reviewable and suggested that a mid-way figure of 1.6 was appropriate. The Chief Executive reminded members of the need to ensure that any policy was fit for the future. After some debate, Cllr M Wilby seconded Cllr Wheatley’s proposal for a 1.6 multiplier and this was unanimously agreed by members.

The Decision

RESOLVED: To approve the Redundancy Policy & Procedure, subject to the multiplier for compulsory redundancies changing to 1.6

The Reasons for the Decision

To ensure a fair and appropriate redundancy policy, fit for the future.

Other Options Considered

- To apply a multiplier of 1.5 or 1.75
- To apply no multiplier.

2110 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FINANCE RESOURCES ACCOUNTS AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE HELD 28 JUNE 2012-08-15

Members considered the recommendations arising from the Finance, Resources, Accounts and Governance Committee held 28 June 2012.

(a) Review of the Annual Effectiveness of Internal Audit
RESOLVED: 1. To approve the Head of Internal Audit’s report;  
2. To agree to monitor progress in improving the Council debtors work

(b) Head of Internal Audit’s Annual Report and Opinion for 2011/12

RESOLVED: To approve the Internal Audit’s Annual Report and Opinions for 2011/12, and agree that the document and content is used to inform the Council’s Annual Governance Statement

(c) Annual Governance Statement

RESOLVED: To approve the Annual Governance Statement for 2011/12, for insertion into the Draft Statement of Accounts 2011/12, subject to minor amendments.

(d) Head of Internal Audit’s Annual Report and Opinion for CNC Building Control 2011/12

RESOLVED: To approve the Head of Internal Audit’s Annual Report and Opinion for CNC Building control for 2011/12

2111 CYGNET HOUSE

The subject of the decision

Members considered the report of the Corporate Asset Manager, which informed Cabinet of the work that had been undertaken to design a residential and commercial scheme at Cygnet House.

The Decision

RESOLVED: To approve the submission of a planning application for a mixed use scheme and to give delegated authority to the Council’s Corporate Property Manager and the Deputy Chief Executive in consultation with the Corporate Resources Portfolio Holder to approve minor amendments that may evolve from the Public Consultation.

The Reasons for the Decision

To contribute to market and affordable housing, whilst supporting the Long Stratton by-pass and economic development within the village.

Other Options Considered
- To do nothing and leave Cygnet house empty
- Develop the site with more commercial units.

2112 HARTS FARM WYMONDHAM – LAND FOR REDEVELOPMENT

Members noted that this would be considered at a future meeting of the Cabinet.

2113 CABINET CORE AGENDA

Members noted the latest version of the Cabinet Core Agenda.

2114 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED that under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 Schedule 12A of the Act (as amended).

2115 FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS – CNC BUILDING CONTROL

The subject of the decision

Members considered the exempt report of the Deputy Chief Executive, regarding the future arrangements for CNC Building Control.

The Chairman outlined the background to the report and the reasons for the proposals.

The Decision

RESOLVED: To:

(1) Approve the outcomes of the governance review of CNC Building Control.

(2) Delegate to the Deputy Chief Executive, in consultation with the Innovation and Efficiency Portfolio Holder, authority to make the necessary arrangements to implement the proposal.

The Reasons for the Decision

To maximise the efficiency and effectiveness of CNC Building Control.
Other Options Considered

- To withdraw from the CNC Building Control Partnership
- To withdraw the bid to host CNC Building Control.

2116 PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF LAND IN WYMONDHAM

The subject of the decision

Members considered the exempt report, which outlined the current position regarding part of the Council's landholding in Ayton Road, Wymondham, and a proposal received from a developer.

The Decision

RESOLVED: To instruct officers to undertake negotiations with the developer and conclude an agreement on terms no worse than those reported.

The Reasons for the Decision

To ensure a good return on the asset value, in line with the Council’s economic strategy.

2117 PROPOSED PURCHASE AND LETTING OF COMMERCIAL INVESTMENT PROPERTY IN DISS

The subject of the decision

Members considered an exempt report, detailing the proposed purchase and letting of two separate industrial / warehouse units in Diss.

Members noted that the units met the requirements of the Asset Management Plan Investment criteria and offered a balance to existing Council investments.

The Decision

RESOLVED: To agree to the purchase of the property in Diss and to proceed to let the units on the terms reported.

The Reasons for the Decision
To ensure a financial and service benefit to the Council, in line with the Council’s acquisition strategy for investment properties

**Other Options Considered**

- To not acquire the units

(The meeting concluded at 6.04 pm)

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Chairman