REGENERATION AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, ME10 3HT on Tuesday, 14 November 2023 from 7.00 pm - 7.11 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Monique Bonney (Chair), Hayden Brawn, Ann Cavanagh, Lloyd Chapman, Roger Clark, James Hall, Mark Last, Peter Marchington, Sarah Stephen (Vice-Chair), Terry Thompson, Mark Tucker and Ashley Wise.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Joanne Johnson, Kellie MacKenzie and Kieren Mansfield.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Shelley Cheesman, Simon Clark and Mike Whiting.

406 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Chair outlined the emergency evacuation procedure.

407 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 September 2023 (Minute Nos. 281 - 286) were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

408 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

Part B Minutes for Information

409 PROPERTY ASSET STRATEGY REFRESH AND PROPERTY PROCEDURE RULES (PPR)

The Strategic Programme and Assets Manager introduced the report as set-out in the agenda.

In response to questions raised by Members, the Strategic Programme and Assets Manager agreed to reword the first sentence of paragraph 2.3 of Appendix I to clarify that the Council owned the property interest which was let-out for rent. The papers could be circulated within three days of the Officer Property Review Group meetings, rather than the statutory five clear working days, as it was not a formal Council meeting and was attended solely by officers, so sat "outside" of the Council's constitution. The Strategic Programme and Assets Manager said that subject to the consultation, it was hoped that the Community Asset Transfer report would be considered at the 12 March 2024 meeting.

Resolved:

- (1) That the draft Property Asset Strategy and Property Procedure Rules be approved.
- (2) That the principles set-out at Appendices 3 and 4 attached to the strategy, as a basis to consult on the development of new policies in

respect of Asset Review and Disposal and Community Asset Transfers be approved.

410 DISPOSAL OF PARCELS OF LAND ASSOCIATED WITH BRIDGE ROAD CAR PARK, SHEERNESS

The Head of Regeneration, Economic Development and Property and Interim Head of Planning introduced the report as set-out in the agenda.

Resolved:

- (1) That the parcels of land associated with Bridge Road car park, Sheerness be declared surplus and disposed of with the previously agreed car park land to EKC Group.
- (2) That the Head of Regeneration, Economic Development and Property and Interim Head of Planning in consultation with the Head of Mid Kent Legal Services be given delegated authority to negotiate terms for the disposal of the land and to complete the necessary legal formalities.

411 FORWARD DECISIONS PLAN

Members agreed that the Community Asset Transfer report be added to the Forward Decisions Plan for consideration at the March 2024 meeting.

Resolved:

(1) That the Forward Decisions Plan be noted.

412 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

There was no need to consider exclusion of the press and public as the confidential item was withdrawn from the agenda.

413 CENTRAL STADIUM, SITTINGBOURNE

This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

<u>Chair</u>

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