

MINUTES of the meeting of Cabinet held on 10 April 2013

Present: Councillors John Kent (Leader and Chair), Angie Gaywood, Victoria Holloway, Val Morris-Cook, Oliver Gerrish, Barbara Rice, Andy Smith, Phil Smith and Lynn Worrall

180. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations made.

191. DECISION 01104203 – Asset Management Delivery Plan Progress

The Leader provided Cabinet with an update on the second meeting of the Member Strategic Property Working Group and requested Cabinet to consider and agree the recommendations from the meeting.

In response to Councillor Hebb, the Leader advised that the Planning Committee had given their consent for the King Street Car Park development in August 2012, noting that the proposed development aligned with Development Plan policy and that the site was suitable for mixed use development which would provide new retail facilities within Stanford-Le-Hope town centre.

Furthermore, the sale of the car park to facilitate the development was considered by the Member Working Party looking at property disposals in September 2012. It was originally recommended to Cabinet to sell 'at a price to be agreed' at the meeting of Cabinet on 17 October 2012, but this recommendation had been withdrawn by the Leader when it was clear that the opposition group were not in agreement.

The Leader advised that a price had now been agreed in principle for the sale which also preserved parking provision of 100 car parking spaces and 61 cycle parking spaces; saw the demolition of a derelict and vacant retail unit and the delivery of 22 new flats to Lifetime Home standards.

RESOLVED:

That Cabinet;

1.1 **Agree two property disposals previously deferred by Cabinet, as described in detail in Section 3.1, namely**

- **a strip of a larger Council landholding in Baker Street, Orsett, and;**

- a Council owned car park in King Street Car Park, Stanford le Hope which forms the parking element of a mixed use commercial and residential scheme which has received planning permission.
- 1.2 Agree the further disposal and other property related decisions set out in Sections 3.2 and 3.3.
- 1.3 Agree to transfer the freehold of the Beehive, West Street Grays to the current long leaseholder, Thurrock CVS, as set out in Section 3.4.
- 1.4 Agree to the extension of the option for Dr Devaraja to purchase the former Graham James Infant school for the development of new surgery facilities, for a further 3 month period as described in Section 3.5.

Reason for Decision - as stated in the report
This decision is subject to call-in

The meeting finished at 8.00 p.m.

Approved as a true and correct record

CHAIR

DATE

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