

CABINET

23 July 2018 at 5.00 pm

Present : Councillors Mrs Brown (Chairman), Wensley (Vice-Chairman) Bence, Charles, Clayden, Haymes and Wotherspoon.

Councillors Ambler, Mrs Madeley, Mrs Oakley and Wheal were also in attendance for all or part of the meeting.

109. WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed Councillors, representatives of the public, press and officers to the meeting.

110. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

111. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Special Cabinet meeting held on 22 June 2018 were approved by the Cabinet as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

112. PROPOSED OFFER TO MARKET FOR REDEVELOPMENT THE CAR/LORRY PARK AT LONDON ROAD, BOGNOR REGIS

The Cabinet received a report from the Group Head of Technical Services on the proposal that the Council offered to market for redevelopment its interest in land currently used for car and lorry/coach parking.

It was noted that with an increased demand for student accommodation in Bognor Regis the proposed redevelopment would include student accommodation, a public car park and retained gateway access to Hotham Park.

In discussing the report, Members were keen that during any redevelopment public disruption was minimised by maintaining a temporary public car parking provision and keeping accessibility to Hotham Park clear. The Group Head of Technical Services assured that this would be the case and following redevelopment the gateway access to Hotham Park would be further enhanced.

Members welcomed the new Chichester University Campus and were pleased to note that around 1500 additional students had been attracted to study in the locality. It was considered excellent news for the economy of Bognor Regis.

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In turning to the report's recommendations Members were in full support.

The Cabinet then confirmed its decision as per Decision Notice C/008/230718, a copy of which is attached to the signed copy of the Minutes.

113. EXEMPT BUSINESS

The Cabinet

RESOLVED

That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and accredited representatives of newspapers be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that they may involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act by virtue of the paragraph specified against the item.

114. ACTIVITIES FOR OLDER PEOPLE (EXEMPT – Paragraph 3 – Information Relating to Business Affairs)

The Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing introduced this report, explaining that as Arun had a large elderly population the Council was keen to support social inclusion.

The Group Head of Community Wellbeing reminded that since 2006 Arun District Council had commissioned Age UK West Sussex to provide a Day Activity Service to help improve the quality of life for older adults, particularly those that may be socially isolated. One of the main facilities managed under this contract was the Laburnum Centre owned and maintained by Arun District Council.

The Group Head of Community Wellbeing explained the current circumstances with respect to service provision in Arun and the West Sussex County Council commissioning exercise proposed in 2014. As timescales were unknown Cabinet was requested to consider the report's recommendations as an interim measure to sustain activities for older adults in the District.

In considering the report's recommendations, although Cabinet was aware that the Day Activity Service was a discretionary function, it was recognised that Arun District Council had a history (over 28 years) of supporting its residents to live long, active, independent and healthy lives whatever their circumstances. Members were particularly proud of the

Council's purpose built Laburnum Centre that continued to provide a valued service.

Members were in full support of the report's recommendation and the Chairman thanked the Group Head of Community Wellbeing for his report.

The Cabinet confirmed its decision as per Decision Notice C/009/230718, a copy of which is attached to the signed copy of the Minutes.

115. THANKS

In closing the meeting the Chairman informed Cabinet that this would be the Committee Manager's last meeting as an officer of Arun District Council. Cabinet thanked the Committee Manager (Erica Keegan) for her work in supporting the Council's Democratic Services and wished her well in her new role.

(The meeting concluded at 5.15 pm)