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## **KIRKLEES COUNCIL**

### **CABINET**

**Tuesday 17th January 2017**

Present: Councillor David Sheard (Chair)  
Councillor Shabir Pandor  
Councillor Peter McBride  
Councillor Naheed Mather  
Councillor Musarrat Khan  
Councillor Erin Hill  
Councillor Viv Kendrick  
Councillor Masood Ahmed  
Councillor Graham Turner

Observers: Councillor Mahmood Akhtar  
Councillor Martyn Bolt, Conservative - Deputy Leader  
Councillor Fazila Fadia  
Councillor Judith Hughes  
Councillor Andrew Marchington, Liberal Democrat -  
Group Business Manager  
Councillor Hilary Richards  
Councillor Elizabeth Smaje, Lead Member for the Health  
and Social Care Scrutiny Panel  
Councillor Mohan Sokhal, Labour - Group Business  
Manager  
Councillor Julie Stewart-Turner  
Councillor John Taylor  
Councillor Rob Walker

#### **136 Membership of the Committee**

All Cabinet Members were present.

#### **137 Minutes of previous meetings**

##### **RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of the Meetings held on 28 November and 13 December 2016 be approved as a correct record.

#### **138 Interests**

No interests were declared.

**139 Admission of the Public**

It was noted that Agenda Items 25 and 26 would be considered in private session (minute no's 160 and 161 refer).

**140 Deputations/Petitions**

No deputations or petitions were received.

**141 Public Question Time**

No questions were asked.

**142 Member Question Time**

Councillor Bolt asked a question regarding the recent Ofsted report on Castle Hall Academy, Mirfield.

The Cabinet Member replied thereto.

**143 Transformation of Daycare Services phase 5 (Little Jacks)**

Cabinet gave consideration to a report which provided a final update on proposals for delivering the requirements of the Medium Term Financial Plan within the Council's agreed Childcare Commissioning and Market Management Framework, and which sought approval to proceed with the transfer of Little Jacks Daycare, Chickenley, to Moor End Academy Trust following the decision of Cabinet in February 2016 to explore options for the delivery of this service.

The report advised that the proposals would generate required Medium Term Financial Plan savings and that short term transitional support which was likely to be required would be identified within existing resources. The proposed date of implementation was on or before 31 March 2017. Subject to approval of the report, the following stage of the process would be to finalise the agreement with Moor End Academy prior to the managed transfer of the Nursery to the Trust.

Cabinet noted that the proposal offered the best opportunity for the community of Chickenley to ensure that the needs of some of the most disadvantaged families have access to high quality learning and childcare opportunities.

**RESOLVED -**

That approval be given to the transfer of Little Jack's Nursery to Moor End Academy Trust.

**144 Scrutiny Panel - Children's Services Findings Report**

(Under the provision of Council Procedure Rule 36(1), Cabinet received representations from Councillors Stewart-Turner and Marchington).

Cabinet received a report which set out the findings of the Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel – Children's Services. The report advised that the purpose of the Panel had been to (i) consider the work programme of the Children's Development Board (ii) challenge the prioritisation of the work of the Board and contribute ideas on the achievement of the programme (iii) comment upon the performance framework developed to provide oversight for the work of the Board (iv) assist the Cabinet Member for Children's Services in providing Councillor input to the development programme and (v) consider the fit of identified development work with the developing Early Intervention and Prevention approach.

It was noted that the Panel had met between May and October 2016, and the findings and recommendations of the Panel were appended to the considered report. Cabinet noted that the report would be submitted to the meeting of Council on 18 January 2016.

**RESOLVED –**

That the findings of the Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel – Children's Services be noted.

**145 Schools Forum - Schools funding Formula 2017-18**

Cabinet gave consideration to a report which provided an update on (i) the continued implementation of the Kirklees Schools funding formula during 2016/2017 in line with DfE Guidance 2013 (ii) the implications of changes to the Education Services Grant for the Council and schools from 2017/2018 and (iii) the impact upon schools' funding formula from 2018/2019 following the introduction of the proposed National Funding Formula. The report also recommended the outline of the Kirklees school funding formula for 2017/2018 in terms of (a) specific funding factors to be used and the estimated relative weightings and values of the funding factors (b) exceptions applications to the Education Funding Agency (c) centrally retained Dedicated Schools Grant provision and (d) de-delegation arrangements. Cabinet were asked to approve the outline details of the Kirklees school funding formula for 2017/2018 for submission to the Education Funding Agency, as required by the deadline of 20 January 2017.

**RESOLVED -**

1) That the changes required by, and the impact of, DfE funding rules relating to Kirklees Schools funding formula and funding levels be noted.

2) That the consultation process undertaken in collaboration with Head Teachers to oversee the ongoing impact of the agreed Kirklees funding formula be noted.

3) That the detail of the exceptions applications as detailed in paragraph 9 of the considered report be noted.

4) That approval be given to the continued use of the current Kirklees School funding formula for 2017/2018 for submission to the Education Funding Agency.

**146 Proposals for the future of the Young People's Activity Team (YPAT) in the context of the medium term financial plan**

(Under the provision of Council Procedure Rule 36(1), Cabinet received a representation from Councillor Bolt).

Cabinet received a report which provided an update on the engagement exercise that had taken place with users of the Young People's Activity Team (YPAT) and proposed options for consideration. It was noted that, as part of the Medium Term Financial Plan, a total of £584,000 savings were expected to be made from the YPAT budget for 2017/2018, and that the meeting of Cabinet on 23 August 2016 had given approval for an engagement exercise to take place with the users (and families) of the YPAT service, and with those who access the wider short breaks and respite offers in Kirklees.

Paragraphs 2.18 to 2.21 of the considered report set out the key findings of the engagement exercise and the resulting proposals. The proposals included the development of a more robust policy framework incorporating the development of a charging policy and implementation of a Children's Resource Allocation System, the cessation of YPAT service to those aged over 18 years, a review of the short breaks and respite delivery arrangements within Council buildings and a review of the current YPAT staffing structure and rota arrangements in order to ensure the cost effective deployment of staff based upon the needs of the service.

Cabinet noted that an extensive engagement exercise had taken place and that significant concerns had been raised regarding the cessation of the service. The Council's Early Intervention and Prevention and Redesign Boards had also been consulted on the proposals and were in support of the recommendations.

**RESOLVED -**

1) That the proposal to continue to provide the short breaks service offered by the Young People's Activity Team for disabled children and young people up to the age of 18 years, with the greatest level of need, in the medium to long term, be approved.

2) That the service offer of the Young People's Activity Team to those over the age of 18 years be ceased and that it be ensured that each adult accessing this service receives an individual review to assess their eligibility and needs.

3) That it be ensured that Carers of persons in (1) and (2) above are offered an assessment of the person's needs.

4) That a review of the current Young People's Activity Team staffing structure and rota arrangements be undertaken.

5) That a review of job descriptions, roles and responsibilities for the delivery arrangements of short breaks and respite which are based in Council buildings be undertaken.

6) That a robust policy framework be developed, including the development of a charging policy, and the implementation of the Children's Resource Allocation System.

7) That the market be shaped further so that it can sufficiently meet future demand, including working with the Childcare Sufficiency Team, in order to ensure that there is sufficient childcare available for all disabled children and young people up to the age of 18 years.

8) That the direct payment process continue to be reviewed with a view to developing a clearer process for individuals and families.

#### **147      Proposal for Early Help for Children, Young People & Families**

(Under the provision of Council Procedure Rule 36(1), Cabinet received representations from Councillors Smaje, J Taylor and Marchington).

Cabinet gave consideration to a report which sought approval on the proposed future model for early help services, including the proposed closure of designated Children's Centres and Youth Centre Buildings. It advised that, subject to approval, the model would be implemented following a service redesign process. The report provided a contextual overview of the position in relation to the current and proposed future Early Help offer delivered by the Council. It advised that feedback from a consultation process was broadly supportive of the proposed model, particularly the need to focus the Council's resources on those with the greatest level of need.

#### **RESOLVED -**

1) That approval be given to the establishment of four central hub sites across the district, with one based in each Early Help area.

2) That four designated Children's Centres be established, with one based in each Early Help area.

3) That the delivery of the Council's new targeted Early Help offer be shifted towards a model that increases the use of space in community buildings to enable more flexible, needs led approach to service delivery, and one that is not focussed on buildings.

4) That it be recognised that a phased approach will be required and that a small portfolio of council buildings will continue to be used in the short term to support the transition to the new model.

5) That reports relating to assets and asset strategy be submitted to future meetings of Cabinet as appropriate.

**148 Outcomes of the statutory consultation affecting Honley CE (VC) Infant and Nursery School and Honley CE (VC) Junior School.**

Cabinet received a report which set out the outcomes of the statutory consultation on proposals to bring together Honley CE (VC) Infant and Nursery School and Honley CE (VC) Junior School to form a single Church of England voluntary controlled primary school for pupils aged 3 to 11 years from 1 May 2017. The report advise that the consultation had taken place between 31 October and 9 December 2016, and had sought the views of parents/carers, school staff, professionals, governors, pupils, the local community, and other stakeholders. A document detailing the responses of the consultation was appended at Appendix D of the considered report, and the key themes were summarised at Paragraph 4.

The report advised that, subject to approval, the publication of notices would take place during January and February 2017, and a report would be brought back to Cabinet during April 2017 to request a final decision.

**RESOLVED -**

1) That the responses to the statutory consultation regarding proposals to bring together Honley CE (VC) Infant and Nursery School and Honley CE (VC) Junior School by working in collaboration with the Diocesan Board of Education within the Church of England Diocese of Leeds to establish a new Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School be noted.

2) That, pursuant to (1) above, it be noted that the school would (i) cater for pupils aged 4 to 11, with a PAN of 66 for Key Stage 1 and a PAN of 68 for Key Stage 2 and (ii) retain 48 part time early learning places for nursery children aged 3 to 4 years, and that opportunities to further develop early learning and childcare services to meet future demand , including that presented by the introduction of 30 hours free childcare, and two year olds eligible to free early education, are not precluded by these proposals.

3) That officers be requested to take steps to carry out the next stage of the legal process to establish an all through primary school for pupils aged 4 to 11, with a PAN of 66 in KS1 and 68 in KS2, retaining the 48 part time early learning places for nursery children aged 3 to 4 to (i) establish a new Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School (ii) discontinue Honley CE (VC) Infant and Nursery School and (iii) discontinue Honley CE (VC) Junior School.

4) That it be noted that the Diocesan Board of Education within the Church of England Diocese of Leeds is working in partnership with the Local Authority and that the Church of England Diocese of Leeds would act as the proposer of the new school, and that officers of the Diocesan Board of Education would work closely with the officers of the Local Authority, governors and staff of the three schools to bring about the successful implementation of the proposal.

5) That officers be requested to report the outcomes of representations received during the statutory publication period to Cabinet for consideration.

**149      Provisional Financial Settlement 2017-18; incorporating future year indicative amounts (multi-year settlement)**

(Under the provision of Council Procedure Rule 36(1), Cabinet received a representation from Councillor J Taylor).

Cabinet received a report which set out information on the key parts of the National Government provisional settlement 2017-2018, including the national funding allocations to each Local Authority for the forthcoming financial year and indicative allocations for the following two years. The report provided a breakdown of information relating to the multi-year settlement grant, new homes bonus, adult social care grant, schools funding including education services grant, council tax business rates retention scheme and council spending power.

Cabinet noted that the funding allocations for the Council as set out in the provisional financial settlement would be incorporated into the forthcoming annual budget submitted to Cabinet and Budget Council. The report included options of 0%, 2% and 3% adult social care precepts and advised that the 3% precept option would enable the Council to raise an additional £4.6m over a three year period to help fund adult social care pressures.

**RESOLVED -**

1) That the report be noted, and options for adult social care precept flexibility be considered.

2) That it be noted that the funding changes highlighted in the provisional settlement 2017-2018 will be included in the budget papers scheduled for submission to Cabinet on 31 January 2017.

**150      Calculation of the Council Tax Base 2017/18**

Cabinet gave consideration to a report which sought approval of the various taxbases which would apply to the Kirklees area during the 2017/2018 financial year in connection with the council tax. It was noted that the Council was required to confirm the continuation of the current local Council Tax Reduction Scheme, as agreed at Council on 14 January 2015.

Cabinet noted that, as there were Parish and Town precepts, it was necessary to calculate a taxbase for both the whole Kirklees area, and each parish and town council area. The report set out details of the factors that were taken into account when calculating a taxbase.

**RESOLVED -**

That the following recommendations be submitted to the meeting of Council on 15 February 2017;

(a) That the 2017/2018 tax base for the whole of the Kirklees area, and the tax base for the five parish council areas be approved as below;

- Whole of Kirklees	£115,371.39
- Denby Dale	£5,630.20
- Holme Valley	£9,787.38
- Kirkburton	£8,761.33
- Meltham	£2,707.33
- Mirfield	£6,515.37

(b) That the full Government CTR Grant be passed to Town and Parish Councils at the same level as previous years.

(c) That delegated power be given to the Assistant Director (Financial Management, Risk, IT and Performance) to adjust the component parts of the tax base should there be any alterations to the assumptions made at the meeting of Council on 18 January 2017.

## **151 Trade Waste Policy Review**

(Under the provision of Council Procedure Rule 36(1), Cabinet received a representation from Councillor J Taylor).

Cabinet received a report which sought to amend the Council's Trade Waste Policy following a recent review of organisations currently receiving free waste collection services. The report provided an overview of the current trade waste collection service operation and associated statutory requirements. It advised that a free waste collection and disposal service was currently being provided to various third sector organisations at a cost of approximately £285,000 per annum, and that the level of continued support to third sector organisations proposed in the review of trade waste policy would result in an overall approximate income of £170,000 per annum to offset these costs.

Cabinet noted that some of the organisations affected would be serving a key role in both economic resilience and early intervention and prevention priorities and may face significant financial challenges if they were asked to pay collection costs. The report identified such organisations as 'vulnerable' and set out that they be offered free waste collection and disposal, and must participate in educational workshops to minimise waste arising. It proposed that the free service provision would be capped per organisation and that the overall budget would be capped at £30,000.

### **RESOLVED -**

1) That standard trade waste rates be charged to all Third Sector organisations, excluding disposal costs (as per statutory requirements).

2) That a budget of £30,000 be allocated to meet the costs for vulnerable organisations, and that authority be delegated to the Head of Environment and



Greenspace to amend the mechanism for identifying vulnerable organisations and delivering the budget to match any future strategy or policy for supporting the third sector as decided by the Cabinet.

3) That third sector organisations no longer be allowed to deliver waste to Waste Transfer Station sites under the Council's waste disposal contract and that any waste delivered to these sites be through a private arrangement between the organisation and the Council's contractor.

## **152 Private Sector Housing Assistance Policy**

Cabinet gave consideration to a report which sought approval for an updated Private Sector Housing Policy, in accordance with the requirements of the Regulatory Reform (Housing Assistance) (England and Wales) Order 2002. The updated policy reflected the current strategic priorities of the Council, enabling the continuation of offering and administering assistance, primarily in relation to grants and loans for the purposes of adaptations to the homes of disabled persons living in the private sector, and to vulnerable households where there is a demonstrable severe financial hardship.

Cabinet noted that the existing policy was approved by Cabinet in 2003, with further detail considered and approved by Cabinet in 2004, though it had not since been updated and was now out of date and no longer compliant. The considered report explained the main aspects of the revised policy, which included the removal of references to specific private sector grants. It reflected the Council's shift away from the provision of financial assistance for homeowners to renovate properties, to a focus on improving the living conditions of properties through a range of advice, assistance, signposting and support. The report also outlined the current operational arrangements within the Council's Housing Service for the provision of private sector housing advice, assistance and support for disabled persons seeking support with adaptations or a move to a more suitable home.

### **RESOLVED -**

1) That approval be given to the adoption of the updated Private Sector Housing Assistance Policy to ensure that the Council has an accurate and up to date policy supporting strategic intentions for the provision of housing assistance in the private sector.

2) That authority be delegated to the Assistant Director (Place) in consultation with the appropriate Cabinet Member to make future minor amendments to the Private Sector Housing Assistance Policy.

3) That approval be given to revoke the existing 2004 policy and replace it with the 2016 policy, with effect from 18 January 2017.

## **153 Rent Setting for Housing Revenue Account properties for 2017-18**

(Under the provision of Council Procedure Rule 36(1), Cabinet received a representation from Councillor Smaje).

Cabinet received a report which sought approval for a 1% reduction in dwelling rents in 2017/2018 and an uplift of 2% in garage rents and similar for service and other charges, except extra care services, which propose and uplift of 2.58%. Appendix 1 to the considered report set out the full schedule of proposed weekly dwelling rent, service and other charge increases to Council tenants for 2017/2018, and noted that these would be calculated on a basis that matches the billing periods to the number of weeks in the year. The report provided the financial context and basis for the annual setting of rents and service charges as well as for the HRA budget which would be considered by Council in February 2017.

Cabinet noted that the new average weekly HRA dwelling rent for 2017/2018 was £69.89, including the compulsory 1% rent reduction, would be effective from 3 April 2017. The impact of the 1% reduction on the 30 year business plan represented a significant business risk to the Council, with the amount of loss over the next four years equalling £23.4m.

**RESOLVED -**

- 1) That the proposed dwelling rent, garage rent and service and other charges as set out in the considered report be approved and effective from 3 April 2017.
- 2) That the national and local financial challenges as outlined within the report be noted in advance of the Housing Revenue Account budget discussions during February 2017.

**154      Commissioned Enforcement Partnership**

This agenda item was withdrawn.

**155      Investment in Transformation**

Cabinet gave consideration to a report which provided an overview of two transformation projects requiring investment on an 'invest to save' basis as part of the New Council programme. Specifically, the report sought approval for the investment and ongoing costs required to make the Council 'mobile and agile', which would be achieved through the creation of a technology enabled workforce, and by transforming the Council's organisational culture and ways of enabling Kirklees to be a mobile, agile and paperlite organisation. The report also provided an update to Cabinet on the appointment of Deloitte as the Council's Transformation Business Partner.

**RESOLVED -**

- 1) That approval be given to proposals to invest existing capital and revenue, plus additional revenue provision in essential updates to the Council's IT infrastructure and Mobile and Agile technologies.

2) That the selection of Deloitte as the Council's Transformation Business Partner be noted.

3) That it be noted that the future costs of working with Deloitte as the Transformation Business Partner will be funded from the New Council Development Reserve.

**156      Proposals for the implementation of a revised Adult Social Care Charging Policy and Deferred Payment Arrangement Policy**

Cabinet received a report which (i) provided an evaluation of the feedback from consultation on the proposed revised Adult Social Care Charging Policy and (ii) sought approval for the implementation of the proposed revised Adult Social Care Charging Policy including the charging schedule.

The report advised that the revised policy comprised of three separate policy documents (the Adult Charging policy document, the Deferred Payment Scheme policy document, and the Client Financial Affairs Debt Recovery policy document) and a charging schedule. Cabinet noted that there had been 550 responses to the consultation questionnaire, and the detailed feedback was set out within an analysis report at Appendix A of the considered report.

**RESOLVED -**

1) That the results of the consultation process, as set out in the considered report, be noted.

2) That approval be given to the implementation of the proposed revised Adult Social Care Charging Policy, the charging schedule and the policy documents that are comprised in the Adult Social Care Charging Policy including the Adult Charging Policy document, the Deferred Payment Scheme Policy, and the Client Financial Affairs Debt Recovery Policy.

3) That authority be delegated to the Assistant Director (Finance, Risk and IT), in consultation with the Strategic Director for Adults and Health, and the relevant Cabinet Portfolio Holder/s to amend the policies in light of any legislative or procedural changes and to make changes to the charges in the charges schedule to take into account increases in the costs of supplying the Adult Social Care services.

**157      Pioneer House, and Land Bradford Road Dewsbury**

Cabinet gave consideration to a report which sought (i) approval for the release of £2.9m from the Capital Plan to support the implementation of the landlord's programme of works for Pioneer House, (ii) approval for the grant of an occupational lease for Pioneer House to Kirklees College as detailed within the considered report, (iii) agreement to underwrite the Heritage Lottery Fund until the grant to part fund the landlord's programme of works is approved, and to advise upon the risks and seek authority to proceed at risk before the negotiations have been concluded with

regard to the grant and (iv) agreement for the Council to underwrite 50% of the risk of repayment of loan from West Yorkshire Combined Authority.

The report provided a breakdown of information relating to the landlord's programme of works, Kirklees College works programme, asset disposal and occupation, and the financial implications of the redevelopment of Pioneer House by Kirklees College.

Cabinet noted the significance of the redevelopment of Pioneer House to Dewsbury Town Centre as part of the North Kirklees Growth Zone, which was expected to begin a fifteen year economic regeneration programme that would generate new homes and business growth within the town.

(Cabinet gave consideration to exempt information at Agenda Item 25 (Minute No. 160 refers) prior to the determination of this item).

**RESOLVED -**

- 1) That approval be given to the redevelopment of Pioneer House to facilitate the delivery of a new Dewsbury campus for Kirklees College.
- 2) That approval be given to the terms of occupation of Pioneer House by Kirklees College, as detailed in the considered report, and Appendix 2 to the report, and that authority be delegated to the Assistant Director (Place) to finalise and agree terms with the Heritage Lottery Fund.
- 3) That authority be delegated to the Assistant Director (Legal, Governance and Monitoring), to enter into all appropriate contracts, deeds and documents in relation to facilitating the occupation of Pioneer House by Kirklees College.
- 4) That approval be given to the release of £2.9m from the Capital Plan to support the implementation of the landlord's programme, comprising £1.09m, plus £1.7m of Townscape Heritage Initiative Grant (£848k Council funding and the under-write of £848k grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund until the application is approved and the grant awarded) and £124k from economic delivery capital baseline budget.
- 5) That authority be delegated to the Assistant Director (Place) to submit the application to Heritage Lottery Fund and to authorise payment of the Townscape Heritage Initiative Grant upon receipt of a completed application form and all necessary supporting information.
- 6) That the position regarding possible clawback by the Heritage Lottery Fund upon the grant of the Lease to Kirklees College as detailed in Appendix 2 of the considered report be noted.
- 7) That authority be delegated to the Assistant Director (Place) and the Assistant Director (Legal, Governance and Monitoring) to agree any documentation in respect of the Agreement to Lease with the College.

8) That approval be given to the proposal to fund the loan re-payment from the capital receipts realised from the sale of land off Halifax Road and the property at Bradford Road, commonly known as the 'former Safeway site'.

**158 Disposal of Land and Property Assets**

Cabinet gave consideration to a report which sought approval for the disposal of a number of land and property assets, and to adopt a decision making process as illustrated in Appendix D of the considered report. The report also provided an update on the completed asset disposals in 2015/2016.

Cabinet noted that the recommended assets listed for disposal included buildings that were vacant, surplus commercial properties, land sites with potential for development and grazing land with no alternative use potential.

(Cabinet gave consideration to exempt information at Agenda Item 26 (Minute No. 161 refers) prior to the determination of this item).

**RESOLVED -**

1) That the disposal of assets as listed in Appendices A and B of the considered report be approved.

2) That approval be given to the adoption, formalisation and use of decision flow charts for (i) Officer Strategic Asset Review and (ii) Member Strategic Asset Process, as attached at Appendix D of the considered report.

3) That authority be delegated to the Assistant Director (Place) to negotiate and agree the terms and the most appropriate process in which to proceed with the disposal of each asset listed in Appendices A and B of the considered report, including sale price (except when an auction is the preference in compliance with Contract Procedure Rules).

4) That authority be delegated to the Assistant Director (Legal, Governance and Monitoring), to enter into and execute any agreements or instruments relating to the disposal of any assets listed in Appendices A and B of the considered report.

**159 Exclusion of the Public**

That acting under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, as specifically stated in the undermentioned Minutes.

**160 Pioneer House**

(Exempt information within Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation)

Order 2006. It is considered that the report contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining the exemption, which would protect the interests of the Council and third party organisations concerned, outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information and providing greater openness in the Council's decision making.)

Cabinet gave consideration to the exempt information prior to the determination of Agenda Item 22 (Minute No. 157 refers).

**RESOLVED -**

The exempt information was noted prior to the determination of Agenda Item 22.

**161 Disposal of Land and Property Assets**

(Exempt information within Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006. It is considered that the report contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). It is considered that it would not be in the public interest to disclose the information as disclosure could potentially adversely affect overall value for money and could compromise the commercial confidentiality of the bidding organisations and may disclose the contractual terms, which is considered to outweigh the public interest in disclosing the information.)

Cabinet gave consideration to the exempt information prior to the determination of Agenda Item 23 (Minute No. 158 refers).

**RESOLVED –**

The exempt information was noted prior to the determination of Agenda Item 23.