
EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 3HT on Wednesday, 4 January 2023 from 7.00 pm - 7.16 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Mike Baldock, Cameron Beart, Monique Bonney, Roger Clark, Simon Clark (Mayor), Richard Darby, Steve Davey, Mike Dendor, Tim Gibson, Alastair Gould, James Hall, Ann Hampshire, Angela Harrison, Mike Henderson, Alan Horton, James Hunt, Ken Ingleton, Carole Jackson, Elliott Jayes, Denise Knights, Peter Marchington, Ben J Martin, Richard Palmer, Hannah Perkin, Ken Rowles, Julian Saunders, David Simmons, Paul Stephen, Sarah Stephen (Deputy Mayor), Eddie Thomas, Roger Truelove, Tim Valentine, Ghlin Whelan, Mike Whiting, Tony Winckless and Corrie Woodford.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Martyn Cassell, Lisa Fillery, Robin Harris, Jo Millard, Larissa Reed and Claire Stanbury.

OFFICERS PRESENT (Virtually): Alister Andrews, David Clifford, Kellie MacKenzie and Emma Wiggins.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE (Virtually): Councillor Oliver Eakin.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Lloyd Bowen, Nicholas Hampshire, Peter MacDonald, Pete Neal, Padmini Nissanga, Ken Pugh and Bill Tatton.

554 **Emergency Evacuation Procedure**

The Mayor outlined the emergency evacuation procedure.

555 **Declarations of Interest**

No interests were declared.

556 **Allocation and approval of funding for Waste and Street cleansing fleet procurement**

The Leader introduced the report which proposed that Full Council approve the formal amendment to the capital programme to include the acquisition of the fleet required to support the Waste and Street cleansing contract agreed by the Environment Committee on 19 December 2022. He explained that the current Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) had enough funding in the 2024/25 budget to cover the contract award, but the purchase of the fleet was not in the capital programme and required approval. The Leader referred to the ever-changing economic situation and the need to secure the best deal for the Council and he drew attention that recommendation two sought delegated authority to the Section 151 Officer to achieve this. He advised that the extraordinary meeting was necessary to place the order so that the vehicles were available to use for the start of the contract. The Leader proposed the recommendations which were seconded by Councillor Monique Bonney who spoke in full support of the proposal.

In accordance with procedure rule 3.1.19 (2), a recorded vote was taken on Recommendation (1) and voting was as follows:

For: Baldock, Bonney, S Clark, Darby, Davey, Gibson, Gould, Hall, Harrison, Henderson, Jackson, Jayes, Knights, Martin, Palmer, Perkin, Rowles, Saunders, P Stephen, S Stephen, Thomas, Truelove, Valentine, Whelan, Winckless, Woodford. Total equals. 26

Against: Beart, R Clark, Dendor, A Hampshire, Horton, Hunt, Ingleton, Marchington, Simmons, Whiting. Total equals. 10

Abstain: Total equals 0.

In accordance with procedure rule 3.1.19 (2), a recorded vote was taken on Recommendation (2) and voting was as follows:

For: Baldock, Bonney, S Clark, Darby, Davey, Gibson, Gould, Hall, Harrison, Henderson, Horton, Hunt, Jackson, Jayes, Knights, Martin, Marchington, Palmer, Perkin, Rowles, Saunders, Simmons, P Stephen, S Stephen, Thomas, Truelove, Valentine, Whelan, Whiting, Winckless, Woodford. Total equals 31.

Against: Beart, R Clark, Dendor, A Hampshire, Ingleton. Total equals 5.

Abstain: Total equals 0.

Resolved:

(1) That Council approve the fleet funding as outlined within the exempt appendix and it is included in the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) and capital programme;

(2) That delegated authority be given to the Section 151 Officer to adjust the detailed financing of the scheme if required to maximise the value for the Council.

557 Exclusion of Press and Public

There was no discussion on the exempt appendix and it was not necessary to exclude the press and public.

558 Exempt Appendix

There was no discussion on the exempt appendix.

Mayor

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