

KIDDERMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting of Kidderminster Town Council
Wednesday 18th October 2023 at 6:00pm
Wyre Forest House, Council Chamber

Present:

Councillor Chambers (Chair)
Councillor Aston
Councillor Bishop
Councillor Connolly
Councillor Dyke
Councillor K. Gale
Councillor N. Gale
Councillor Hine
Councillor Hopkins
Councillor Miah
Councillor Muir
Councillor Oborski (MBE)
Councillor Rayner
Councillor Rook
Councillor Ross
Councillor Smith
Councillor Stokes

In Attendance:

Mr L. Jakeman, Chief Executive
Mr O Paparega, NWEDR

C.032 **Apologies for absence**

Councillor Phillips

C.033 **Declarations of interest**

Nil

C.034 **Public Question Time**

Nil

C.035 **Minutes**

- 1) **RESOLVED:** To approve the minutes of the meetings of Kidderminster Town Council held on Wednesday 13th September 2023, which were duly signed by the Town Mayor.
- 2) Members noted the minutes of the meeting of the Staffing Committee held on Thursday 14th September 2023.

C.036 **Public Bodies**

RESOLVED: In terms of Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972, the following items will be likely to disclose exempt information relating to establishment and contractual matters and it is, therefore, **RESOLVED** that pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded.

C.037 **Town Hall Transformation Project Contract**

- 1) Members considered a report that provided an update on progress regarding getting into contract for the build phase of the Town Hall Transformation Project, a financial risk analysis, a forward budget estimate, a final tender report and the completion of the documents regarding easement and access.
- 2) **RESOLVED** To seek the approval of the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to apply for a PWLB loan of £1,500,000 over the borrowing term of 20 years for the redevelopment of Kidderminster Town Hall. The annual loan repayments will come to around £123,000.

AND

It is not intended to increase the council tax precept for the purpose of the loan repayments.

- 3) **RESOLVED:** To delegate to the CEO the signing of the Deed of Easement, the Grant of Temporary Rights and the indemnity side letter relating to access to and from Weavers Wharf on behalf of the Town Council (*subject to agreeing the Transformation Project contract*).
- 4) **RESOLVED:** To enter into contract with Speller Metcalfe Malvern Limited for the delivery of the Town Hall Transformation Project as recommended by the Cost Consultant (subject to a successful PWLB application).
- 5) **RESOLVED:** To delegate to the CEO on behalf of Kidderminster Town Council the signing of the formal contract and (if necessary) a letter of intent pending the formal exchange of contracts.

Staffing Matters

- 1) Members noted receipt of the Confidential Report relating to discussions and any decisions made at the Staffing Committee on Thursday 14th September 2023.
- 2) RESOLVED: to approve the recommendation (B) in the report.

Meeting closed 8:00pm

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