

South Somerset District Council

Minutes of a meeting of the **District Executive** held at the **Council Chamber, Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil BA20 2HT on Thursday 26 May 2016.**

(2.00 pm - 2.35 pm)

Present:

Councillor Jo Roundell Greene (Chairman)

Carol Goodall	Sylvia Seal
Peter Gubbins	Peter Seib
Henry Hobhouse	Angie Singleton
Shane Pledger	Nick Weeks

Also Present:

John Clark	Mike Lewis
Val Keitch	Mike Beech
Tony Lock	Neil Bloomfield
Sue Steele	Nigel Gage
Rob Stickland	Graham Middleton

Officers

Rina Singh	Interim Chief Executive
Vega Sturgess	Strategic Director (Operations & Customer Focus)
Ian Clarke	Assistant Director (Legal and Corporate Services)
Donna Parham	Assistant Director (Finance & Corporate Services)
Steve Joel	Assistant Director (Health & Well-Being)
Martin Woods	Assistant Director (Economy)
Adam Burgan	Arts & Entertainment Manager
Nicky Hix	Corporate Accountant
Martin Hacker	Communications Officer
Emily McGuinness	Scrutiny Manager
Becky Sanders	Democratic Services Officer

Note: All decisions were approved without dissent unless shown otherwise.

1. Apologies for Absence (Agenda Item 1)

An apology for absence was received for Councillor Ric Pallister. Councillor Jo Roundell Greene took the role of Chairman for the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest (Agenda Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Public Question Time (Agenda Item 3)

There were no members of public present at the meeting.

4. Chairman's Announcements (Agenda Item 4)

The Chairman reminded all members present that the decision regarding the potential lease for Westlands Leisure Complex was urgent, and hence the decision was not subject to call-in.

5. Exclusion of Press and Public (Agenda Item 5)

RESOLVED: That the following items be considered in Closed Session by virtue of the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A under Paragraph 3: Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

6. Westlands Leisure Complex - Potential Lease (Confidential) (Agenda Item 6)

The Portfolio Holder (Leisure and Culture) introduced and clarified the purpose of the report. She noted AugustaWestland had requested that the Lease and Side Agreement be agreed and signed by both parties by the end of May 2016, hence the need for this special meeting of District Executive.

The Assistant Director (Health and Well-Being) presented the report in more detail and provided a summary of the negotiations that had taken place since October 2015. It was noted that since the agenda had been published a further alteration had been negotiated regarding clause 5.3.18 within the Side Agreement, and he explained in detail the meaning, and implications, of the new wording within the clause.

During a brief discussion the Assistant Director (Health and Well-being) and Assistant Director (Finance and Corporate Services) responded to a few points of detail. At the conclusion of debate it was proposed to approve all recommendations subject to the amendment of clause 5.3.18 in the Side Agreement, on being put to the vote this was carried 6 in favour, 2 against. Following the vote it was agreed that the Assistant Director (Legal and Corporate Services) be permitted to correct any minor typographical errors within the document should it be required.

RESOLVED: That District Executive:

- (1) Noted the Heads of Terms agreed by both parties in Appendix 1.
- (2) Approved the entering into and execution of:
 - a) The proposed Lease attached in Appendix 2
 - b) The Side Agreement attached in Appendix 3, subject to the amendment of clause 5.3.18
 - c) The Sport England Grant Deed in Appendix 4, including the provision of a Deed of Indemnity to Sport England

which ensures that Sport England can recover the Lottery Grant should the SSDC exercise its break rights under its lease at years 15 or 20, prior to expiry of the 21 year Grant Term.

d) The Badminton England Grant Offer in Appendix 5.

(3) Noted the updated Business Plan attached in Appendix 4.

Reason: To agree the proposed Lease and Side Agreement for the management and operation of the Westlands Leisure Complex.

(Voting: 6 in favour, 2 against)

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Chairman

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Date