

Please note that the information redacted is not connected to WFC but other matters

Executive 22 March 2018

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985  
Not for publication by virtue of paragraph 3 (Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A (L.G.A.1972)

MINUTES  
OF A MEETING OF THE  
EXECUTIVE

held on 22 March 2018

Present:

	Cllr D J Bittleston (Chairman)	
	Cllr C S Kemp (Vice-Chairman)	
Cllr A Azad		Cllr Mrs B A Hunwicks
Cllr A C L Bowes		Cllr S Hussain

Apologies: Cllr M Pengelly.

Also Present: Cllrs A-M Barker, W P Forster, D E Hughes and L M N Morales.

**15. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

RESOLVED

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of items 16 and 17 in view of the nature of the proceedings that, if members of the press and public were present during these items, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A, to the Local Government Act 1972.

Paragraph 3 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**17. LAND MANAGEMENT - WESTFIELD AVENUE**

[NOTE: In accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct, Councillor A C L Bowes declared a pecuniary interest in this item arising from a family member owning a part of land in the proposed development and being approached by that family member to provide assistance. The interest was such that Councillor Bowes left the Council Chamber during the consideration and determination of the item.]

[NOTE: In accordance with the Officer Employment Procedure Rules, Peter Bryant (Head of Democratic and Legal Services) declared an interest in this item arising from him (i) being a member of the Cards Trust, the supporters' club for Woking Football Club and (ii) providing occasional unpaid assistance to Woking Football Club, e.g. acting as Returning Officer for the election of directors. The interest did not prevent Mr Bryant from advising the Council on this matter.]

[NOTE: In accordance with the Officer Employment Procedure Rules, Leigh Clarke (Finance Director) declared an interest in this item arising from her husband having a small shareholding in the Club. The interest did not prevent Mrs Clarke from advising the Council on this matter.]

A supplemental report was tabled at the meeting which set out an additional resolve (v) which removed call-in from resolve (iv) as the decision to allow a Ground Share was urgent and the delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would be seriously prejudicial to the Council's interests in seeking to assist Sheerwater Football Club. A correction was highlighted in resolve (v) and it was noted that "Surrey FA" should be replaced with "FA". The reason for the urgency was that the Council needed to advise the FA of its decision by no later than Monday 26 March 2018. The Executive agreed the amended resolve.

Executive 22 March 2018

The Executive discussed the report which sought approval of the Executive to recommend to Council that it entered into a Development Agreement with GOLDEV in order to achieve the long term aspirations of the Council to secure a Football Stadium suitable for Football League entry by Woking Football Club. It was noted that the proposals included the relocation of David Lloyd Centre together with some 800+ dwellings in order to generate the funds to develop the Stadium and secure the Football Club's future. Members raised concern at the proposed density of the development and type of property.

The Executive was informed that the Leader of the Council had requested that the Ground Share Agreement between Woking Football Club and Sheerwater Football Club should be financed from reserves and not from the Sheerwater Regeneration scheme.

The Executive welcomed the proposals and was supportive of Woking Football Club, noting its contribution to the community.

EXE18-018

### **RECOMMENDED to Council**

- That (i) **a Development Agreement be entered into with GOLDEV to secure the ambition outlined in the Head of Terms attached to Report EXE18-018. The Development Agreement to include provision for a detailed joint feasibility study to ensure that the proposal is financially viable to be reported to the Executive in June 2018 for approval before the Development Agreement goes unconditional; and**
- (ii) **if the Executive determines not to proceed with the development the Council will finance 50% of the costs of the financial viability assessment up to £100,000.**

### **RESOLVED**

- That (iii) the provision of Interim Financial Support to Woking Football Club in the sum of £170,000, as outlined in the report, be noted;
- (iv) Woking Football Club be paid £200,000 (£100,000 per annum) to host Sheerwater Football Club for two years (2018 to 2020); and
- (v) the decision in iv) above is urgent and not subject to call-in (as the delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would be seriously prejudicial to the Council's interests in seeking to assist Sheerwater Football Club). The reason for the urgency is that the Council needs to advise the FA of its decision by no later than Monday 26 March 2018.

Reason: To enable the Council to pursue its corporate objectives in respect of Woking Football Club.

<p><b>This document was published on Friday 23 March 2018 and the decisions within it will be implemented on Wednesday 4 April 2018, subject to call-in.</b></p>
--

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm  
and ended at 8.48 pm.

Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

