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MINUTES  
OF A MEETING OF THE  
**EXECUTIVE**

held on 28 March 2019

Present:

Cllr D J Bittleston (Chairman)  
Cllr A Azad (Vice-Chair)

Cllr K M Davis                      Cllr Mrs B A Hunwicks  
Cllr D Harlow                      Cllr C S Kemp

Also Present: Councillors A-M Barker, I Eastwood, D E Hughes, K Howard and L M N Morales.

Absent:            Councillor A C L Bowes.

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

RESOLVED

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of items 17 to 19 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).

**17. NOTICE OF MOTION – CLLR M ALI – PARTNERSHIP WORKING AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT EXE19-029**

[NOTE: In accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct, Councillor I Eastwood declared an interest in this item arising from his position as a minor Shareholder and Member of the Cards Trust of Woking Football Club. The interest was such that speaking was permissible.]

[NOTE: In accordance with the Officer Employment Procedure Rules, Peter Bryant (Head of Democratic and Legal Services) has declared an interest in this Notice of Motion 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 does not prevent Mr Bryant from advising the Council on this matter.]

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

At its meeting on 13 February 2019, the Council referred the following Notice of Motion to the Executive.

Councillor M Ali

Partnership Working and Project Management

"1) On new partnerships - criteria for partnerships

Council does not enter into any new partnerships until a comprehensive criteria has been agreed to assess new partners.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Similarly we chose GolDev as a partner which is a company with no real assets or experience to back the amount they are to get from us and the scale of projects.

This raises serious concerns on how we are assessing our potential partners and this motion calls for a pause until we have a criteria developed

- 2) Pause the Partnership with GolDev – This motion calls for a reassessment of our partnership with GolDev. When we were asked to approve the partnership with GolDev we had no clue that we will be required to fund them via a revolving loan and the huge scale of it. I feel almost cheated that we were given half the information, either intentionally or we were just unaware, but either way it's an odd partnership and exposes us to huge risks. We thus pause the partnership, do not enter into any agreement and reassess our decision in the light of full information.
- 3) Not all our projects have the right Project Management teams in place. And as owners we have not put any owner's team in place. As a council we naturally lack these skills and experience. And it is not a criticism of anyone but the reality is that no one has the right experience. This matter can be raised in the individual oversight meetings but since it affects the whole range of projects its best agreed here.
- 4) We hire the right people and do not exert undue pressure on existing resources and also do not have unrealistic expectations from our staff or directors. Again the reality is that no one here has managed real life projects of this scale. As an example to expect a legal mind to manage a project is naïve. Let us put proper professionals in proper places."

The Leader of the Council proposed that the Motion not be discussed by the Executive as Councillor Ali was not in attendance. The Motion would therefore go forward to Full Council on 4 April 2019 for determination.

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**This document was published on Friday 29 March 2019 and the decisions within it will be implemented on Monday 8 April 2019, subject to call-in.**

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm and ended at 8.20 pm.

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

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