

Runnymede Borough CouncilCORPORATE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE28 October 2020 at 7.30 p.m. via MS Teams

Members of the Committee present: Councillors N Prescott (Chairman), I Chaudhri, D Cotty, L Gillham, M Heath, J Hulley, R King, S Lewis, M Maddox, D Whyte and M Willingale.

Members of the Committee absent: Councillor A Alderson

Councillors D Clarke, M Cressey, J Furey and J Olorenshaw also attended.

271 NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES TO COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Group mentioned below had notified the Chief Executive of their wish that the change listed below be made to the membership of the Committee. The change was for a fixed period ending on the day after the meeting and thereafter the Councillor removed would be reappointed.

<u>Group</u>	<u>Remove</u>	<u>Appoint instead</u>
Conservative	Cllr J Gracey	Cllr S Lewis

The Chief Executive had given effect to the change to Committee membership in accordance with section 16(2) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

272 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor A Alderson.

273 A320 NORTH OF WOKING HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE FUND GRANT DETERMINATION AGREEMENT – FLOW DOWN AGREEMENT

The press and public were excluded from the meeting during discussion of the following report under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that the report in question would be likely to involve disclosure of exempt information of the description specified in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

The Corporate Head of Planning, Policy and Economic Development advised that to deliver the necessary improvements to the A320, a joint Surrey County Council (SCC) and Runnymede Borough Council (RBC) Housing Infrastructure bid had been approved by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG).

SCC had recently confirmed acceptance of the funding award by agreeing to sign a Homes England Grant Determination Agreement, and intended to enter into a Flow Down Agreement with RBC primarily around elements associated with housing, but also a cost sharing agreement around potential cost overrun.

The Committee was in widespread agreement to sign the document, and this was seen as a positive step in the delivery of housing in the borough and in progressing the Local Plan.

Separate briefings for Members in due course from SCC Highways and their contractors would be held to fully understand the proposals and the mitigation to minimise disruption to local residents whilst the work was ongoing.

The Committee agreed that in accordance with Standing Order 27.8 b) and with the consent of the Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Select Committee, no request for call in of this decision be permitted as the interests of the Council and Borough would be prejudiced by delay in implementing the decision, namely that Homes England/MHCLG had requested that all agreements were signed by 12pm on 30 October 2020. Failure to do so was very likely to jeopardise the availability of funding from Government.

RESOLVED that –

Agreement be confirmed to sign the Housing Infrastructure Fund Grant Determination Agreement - Flow Down Agreement so that Surrey County Council can sign the Homes England Grant Determination Agreement and thus accept the funding award of £41.8m for the A320 North of Woking HIF Forward Funding Scheme allocated by MHCLG.

(The meeting ended at 7.49 p.m.)

Chairman