

Runnymede Borough CouncilHOUSING COMMITTEE6 April 2021 at 6pm via MS Teams

Members of the Committee present	Councillors J Gracey (Chairman), S Lewis (Vice-Chairman), C Howorth, I Mullens, P Snow and S Whyte  Mrs J Hill (Runnymede Council Residents' Association Representative – co-opted non-voting member)
Members of the Committee absent	Councillors M Nuti, A Neathey, P Sohi, S Mackay
Non Members of the Committee present	Councillors J Broadhead, D Cotty, M Cressey, M Kusneraitis, M Maddox, J Olorenshaw, D Whyte and J Wilson were also present.

**524 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 Hulley	Cllr C Howorth

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.

**525 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M Nuti.

**526 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None declared.

**527 PURCHASE OF LAND**

By resolution of the Committee, the press and public were excluded from the meeting during the consideration of this matter under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that the discussion would be likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information of the description specified in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A to Part 1 of the Act.

The Corporate Head of Housing and the Head of Housing Services and Business Planning provided details to Members of an offer accepted for a parcel of land within the borough that was proposed to be utilised for a combination of affordable rent and shared ownership, the exact specification of which would be worked out further down the line in consultation with tenants.

The offer had been accepted with the caveat that it remained subject to Member approval.

A series of viability assessments had been undertaken, looking at payback, build cost and length of payment.

Outline planning permission had already been approved for the site, and whilst a set number of units had been earmarked, there was potential for this number to be increased as part of the second phase of planning.

Members considered the offer and site to be very good value for money, were grateful for the work undertaken by officers and were pleased to recommend the proposed purchase to Corporate Management Committee.

**RESOLVED that –**

- i. Members approved the proposed purchase of the site and recommended the same course of action to Corporate Management Committee, which would include a Capital Supplementary Estimate in the HRA budget to cover the purchase and all fees including Stamp Duty and conveyancing costs;**
- ii. Members approved the progression to a Reserve Matters Planning application enabling additional units on the site; and**
- iii. Corporate Management Committee were also requested to note that subsequent amendments to the Capital Programme, the Treasury Management Strategy and the Council's Prudential indicators would be needed to reflect the proposed purchase, and these would be submitted to a future meeting following the closure of the 2020/21 accounts.**

(The meeting ended at 6:59pm)

Chairman