

EPPING FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee: North Weald Airfield and Asset Management Cabinet Committee **Date:** 13 February 2012

Place: Committee Room 1, Civic Offices, High Street, Epping **Time:** 7.00 - 8.10 pm

Members Present: G Mohindra (Chairman), J Knapman, Mrs M McEwen and Mrs L Wagland

Other Councillors: J Philip, D Stallan, G Waller, C Whitbread and D Wixley

Apologies: Mrs R Gadsby

Officers Present: J Gilbert (Director of Environment and Street Scene), C Pasterfield (Principal Valuer/Surveyor) and R Perrin (Democratic Services Assistant)

7. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 25 October 2011 be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

8. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

(a) Pursuant to the Council's Code of Member Conduct, Councillor L Wagland declared a personal interest in agenda item 4, Asset Management Co-ordination Group Report, item 6 Torrington Drive. The Councillor had determined that her interest was prejudicial and would leave the meeting for the discussion.

9. ASSET MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION GROUP REPORT

The Cabinet Committee considered the updates from the Asset Management Coordination Group Report. They considered the information regarding the sites owned by the District Council and noted the progress.

The Chief Estates Officer advised that the planning application for the Langston Road Retail Park would be considered at the District Development Control Committee on 27 February 2012 and a site visit had been arranged for Saturday 25 February 2012.

The Director of Environment and Street Scene commented on the reversed position for the proposed relocation of the waste services from Langston Road to North Weald Depot and that Counsel had provided advice on the 500 metres rule, concerning the location of the depot.

The Cabinet Committee commented on the North Weald Depot being only ever considered as a last resort and other options were being considered and should be prioritized over the North Weald location.

The Director of Environment and Street Scene advised the committee that any location for the depot would require an Environment Agency Waste Licence due the need to store inert waste prior to recycling and the occasional retention of waste in refused freighters overnight. The depot size had also been increased because of the latest planning guidelines for the width of car park spaces.

Councillor D Stallan asked that the information from Counsel be shared with Members and whether this could be made available to the general public.

Councillor D Wixley asked whether residents would be consulted on the Pyrles Lane Nursery before the planning application was submitted. The Chairman advised that local ward members would be consulted however residents would be asked to submit their representations in the normal procedure for a planning application.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the report of the Asset Management Co-ordination group report be noted;
- (2) That the Portfolio Holder for Legal explore whether the information from Counsel could be made public;
- (3) That a detailed timetable was created for the listed projects; and
- (4) That other available sites within the District were investigated with a proactive approach.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was noted that there was no other urgent business for consideration by the Cabinet Committee.

11. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

The Sub-committee noted that there were no items of business on the agenda that necessitated the exclusion of the public and press from the meeting.

CHAIRMAN