



## **SPECIAL CABINET**

### **MINUTES OF THE REMOTE MEETING HELD VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON TUESDAY, 20TH OCTOBER 2020 AT 10.30 A.M.**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor P. Marsden (Leader) - Chair

**Councillors:**

S. Cook (Social Care), N. George (Waste and Public Protection), C.J. Gordon (Corporate Services), S. Morgan (Economy and Enterprise), J. Ridgewell (Environment and Infrastructure), E. Stenner (Performance and Customer Services) and R. Whiting (Learning and Achievement).

**Together with:**

C. Harry (Chief Executive), R. Edmunds (Corporate Director – Education and Corporate Services) and M.S. Williams (Interim Corporate Director – Communities).

**Also in Attendance:**

S. Harris (Head of Financial Services and S151 Officer), R. Tranter (Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer), A. Dallimore (Regeneration Services Manager), R. Kyte (Head of Regeneration and Planning) C. Evans (Committee Services Officer).

**Observing (with permission from the Leader):**

Councillor C. Mann.

#### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor L. Phipps (Housing and Property) and D. Street (Corporate Director – Social Services and Housing)

#### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations made at the beginning or during the course of the meeting.

#### **3. EXEMPT MATTER**

Members considered the public interest test certificate from the Proper Officer and concluded that on balance the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information and it was

RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting because of the likely disclosure to them of exempt information as identified in paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

**4. WELSH GOVERNMENT STRATEGIC SITES PROGRAMME – OPPORTUNITIES FOR NESS TAR, CAERPHILLY**

The report provided Cabinet with an update on the Welsh Governments proposed Strategic Sites programme aimed at unlocking town centric large brownfield development sites for housing/ mixed use development.

The report sought Cabinet's consideration of the opportunities the programme offers for unlocking the Ness Tar/ Former Wernddu (Pecsi's Scrapyard) brownfield site in Caerphilly for redevelopment for a mixed-use scheme comprising housing, employment, education and well-being/leisure use and the associated wider economic and social benefits of the town post Covid-19.

Following consideration and discussion, it was moved and seconded that the recommendation in the report be approved. By way of electronic voting system, this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the Officer's report, the recommendations at paragraphs 3.1, be endorsed.

The Leader thanked all Officers and Members involved in bringing forward the report for their hard work and commitment to the project.

The meeting closed at 11.38am.

Approved and signed as a correct record subject to any corrections made at the meeting held on 11th November 2020.

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CHAIR