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SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of Cabinet

Date: Monday, 6th December, 2021
Place: Council Chamber - Civic Suite

Present: Councillor I Gilbert (Chair)
Councillors R Woodley (Vice-Chair), P Collins, A Jones, C Mulroney
and M Terry

In Attendance: Councillor K Evans
A Lewis, A Richards, E Cooney, G Gilbert, A Grant and T Row

Start/End Time: 2.00 pm - 2.06 pm

516 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Burton and Nevin.

517 Declarations of Interest

The following interests were declared at the meeting:

(a) Councillor Jones - Minutes 519 (Porters Place LLP Final RMA Proposals) and 520 (Minutes of the meeting of the Shareholder Board) – Non-pecuniary interest: member of Development Control Committee;

(b) Councillor Mulroney - Minutes 519 (Porters Place LLP Final RMA Proposals) and 520 (Minutes of the meeting of the Shareholder Board) – Non-pecuniary interest: member of Development Control Committee; and

(c) Mr A Lewis and Mr A Richards - Minutes 519 (Porters Place LLP Final RMA Proposals) and 520 (Minutes of the meeting of the Shareholder Board) – Non-pecuniary interest: Council appointed representatives on the Porters Place LLP Board.

518 Porters Place LLP End of Year Accounts

This item was withdrawn from the Agenda.

519 Porters Place LLP Final RMA Proposals

The Cabinet received a report of the Director of Regeneration and Growth which:-

(i) provided an update on progress of the Better Queensway project. The report specifically dealt with the submission of the Final Proposals for the Better Queensway project which relates to the first Reserved Matters Planning Application Phase 1A ("RMA")², a copy of which were attached to the submitted report at Appendix 1;

(ii) sought approval of a request from the Porters Place LLP to extend the budget period to enable the LLP to continue operation until the new budget and revised Business Plan are signed off early next year; and

(iii) provided an update on the progress of the delegations carried out this calendar year.

The matter had been considered by the Shareholder Board at its meeting held on 6th December 2021 and the recommendations from the Board were before the Cabinet for consideration.

520 Minutes of the meeting of the Shareholder Board held on Monday 6th December 2021

The Cabinet received the Minutes of the meeting of the Shareholder Board that had taken place earlier in the morning, in respect of the report referred to in Minute 519 above.

The Cabinet took the opportunity to express its thanks and appreciation to the Project Team for keeping the scheme on track during such testing times.

Resolved:-

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Shareholder Board held on Monday 6th December 2021 be noted and the recommendations set out below, be approved:

1. That the Final Proposals (Phase 1A Reserved Matters Application) submitted by the LLP be approved, subject to the submission of a budget and viability assessment, which will accompany the revised Business Plan and budget for approval by the Council as Shareholder by March 2022. Should the new appraisal prove not to be viable, the LLP will be required to cease work on this RMA whether it has been granted planning consent or not.
2. That the LLP Quarterly update set out at Appendix 2 to the submitted report, be noted.
3. That the extension of the LLP budget period, as set out in Section 3.2 of the report, be approved.
4. That the delegations exercised this calendar year, as set out in Section 3.3 of the report, be noted.

Reasons for Decision

As set out in the submitted report

Other Options

As set out in the submitted report

Note: This is an Executive function

Cabinet Member(s): Councillors Gilbert and Woodley

***Referred direct to: Place Scrutiny Committee**

Chair: _____