

## **CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the **Cabinet Member for Finance**  
held on Monday, 2nd September, 2013 in Committee Suite 1,2 & 3,  
Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

### **PRESENT**

Councillor P Raynes.

### **Councillor in attendance:**

Councillor Lesley Smetham.

### **Officers in attendance:**

Paul Carter - Senior Surveyor Property Services

Darren Lawless – Development Executive

Phil Riding – Programme Manager

Cherry Foreman – Democratic Services Officer

### **13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

### **14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **15 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION**

No members of the public were present.

### **16 SEABANK CAR PARK, MIDDLEWICH - GROUND LEASE**

It was reported that National Grid has had a Gas Governor situated on land adjacent to Seabank Car Park for a number of years and could, therefore, technically claim prescriptive rights. By granting a lease to National Grid, Cheshire East Borough Council could negotiate terms and conditions without losing all rights if the lease wasn't granted.

The Gas Governor is situated to the East of Seabank car park, as shown on the plan attached to the report, and not on part of the Car Park so it did not require a change to the Car Park Order. To formalise the situation, safeguard the Council's position, and in the interest of good estate management, it was recommended that the Council grants a lease to National Grid.

### **RESOLVED**

That approval be given to enter into a 21 year ground lease with National Grid on terms and conditions agreed by the Property Services Manager and the Borough Solicitor.

## **17 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

### **RESOLVED**

That that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item pursuant to Section 100(A)4 of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 and public interest would not be served in publishing the information.

## **18 SOUTH MACCLESFIELD DEVELOPMENT AREA - LAND ACQUISITION**

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Development concerning the acquisition of a landholding within the South Macclesfield Development Area. At the meeting the decision requested was amended to read 'Director of Economic Growth and Prosperity' rather than the Head of Development.

### **RESOLVED**

That officers be authorised to take all action necessary to acquire the landholding as now reported, and as shown on the plan attached to the report, on terms to be approved by the Director of Economic Growth and Prosperity up to the maximum cost reported, excluding Stamp Duty Land Tax and Land Registry fees, but including any sellers costs; and to approve the associated Supplementary Capital Estimate detailed.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 10.15 am

Councillor (none)