

NOTES OF THE ECONOMIC REGENERATION & INVESTMENT BOARD

25th April 2018

Attending: Cllr Clarkson (Chairman)
Cllr Galpin
Cllr Ovenden
Cllr Shorter

Also Present: Cllr Clokie, Portfolio Holder for Planning
Cllr Bradford, Portfolio Holder for Community Safety and Wellbeing

Chief Executive
Director of Finance and Economy
Head of Finance
Senior Development and Regeneration Manager
Director of Place and Space
Project Delivery Manager
Commercial Property Solicitor (Locum)
Head of Corporate Property and Projects
Member Services & Ombudsman Complaints Officer

1. Declarations of Interest	
<p>Cllr Clarkson made a Voluntary Announcement as he was a Director of A Better Choice for Property Ltd.</p> <p>Cllr Shorter made a Voluntary Announcement as he was a Director for A Better Choice for Building Consultancy Ltd and Kent Play Clubs.</p> <p>The Chief Executive made a Voluntary Announcement as she was a Director of A Better Choice for Property Ltd and A Better Choice for Building Consultancy Ltd.</p> <p>The Head of Corporate Property and Projects and the Head of Finance made Voluntary Announcements as they were Directors of A Better Choice for Property Ltd.</p>	
2. The Notes of the Meeting of 2nd March 2018	
<p>The Notes of the Meeting of the Economic Regeneration and Investment Board on 2nd March 2018 were agreed as a correct record.</p>	

<p>3. Strategic Land Acquisition Proposal Update</p> <p>The Senior Development and Regeneration Manager introduced the report. There was a discussion about the financial viability of acquiring the land based on the proposed delivery programme. The Commercial Development and Regeneration Manager reminded Members that a site appraisal had been undertaken by Officers and reported to this Board at the meeting in January. Members agreed unanimously to proceed with the offer subject to the matters contained within the report and agreement by Cabinet and Council.</p>	<p>SS</p>
<p>4. Mecca Property</p> <p>The Senior Development and Regeneration Manager introduced the report, and explained that the project involved three discreet but interlinked workstreams.</p> <p>The Director of Place and Space gave a presentation which covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Views of the building and environs • Constraints • Opportunities • Funding. <p>The Director of Place and Space said he would prepare a brief for the project design team to develop placemaking proposals, which would be referred to a future Economic Regeneration and Investment Board meeting for consideration. Members and Officers discussed some broad ideas for the development of the area, and Members recommended to the Head of Corporate Property and Projects that he use his project inception and feasibility budget to meet the spend identified in paragraphs 5, 7 and 9 of the report to secure the resources identified as required.</p>	<p>PMcK</p>
<p>5. Elwick 1 – Update Report</p> <p>The Portfolio Holder for Corporate Property introduced this item and gave a progress overview of the project to date. Members considered that the project management was exemplary and were pleased with the progress.</p>	
<p>6. Island Site</p> <p>The Senior Development and Regeneration Manager gave a verbal update on this project. He said a presentation would be given at the Ashford Strategic Delivery Board, as well as Cabinet or Council. He said the awards panel were unanimous in selecting the successful candidate and he showed a presentation of some of the options to be agreed in due course.</p>	

7. Dates of Next Meetings			
31 st May	10am	Committee Room 2	
6 th July	10am	Council Chamber	
3 rd August	10am	Council Chamber	
4 th Sept	2pm	Committee Room 1	
5 th Oct	2pm	Council Chamber	
2 nd Nov	10am	Council Chamber	
7 th Dec	10am	Council Chamber	

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