03 March 2016 at 7.00 pm

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Supplementary Agenda

Swanley Regeneration

Further to the recent despatch of papers, please find attached the minute references from Policy and Performance Advisory Committee for the following agenda items:

7. Swanley Local Office

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Item 7 - Swanley Local Office

The attached report was considered by the Policy & Performance Advisory Committee, relevant Minute extract below:

Policy & Performance Advisory Committee - 1 March 2016 (Minute 37)

The Corporate Customer Services & Delivery Manager presented a report which sought Members approval for the District Council to seek to continue the partnership agreement which had existed for fourteen years between Sevenoaks District Council and Swanley Town Council for the operation of services through a local office in Swanley - 'Swanley Link.' The current agreement was due to expire on 31 March 2016, and approval was sought to renew the agreement to end on 31 March 2018.

In response to questions the Corporate Customer Services & Delivery Manager advised that the Council's branding was not currently visible and that clear and permanent branding would form part of the contract discussions. The previous two contracts had been 3 and 5 years long, it was felt a 2 year contract helped focus delivery and gave more negotiating ability and opportunity to revise standards. The benefits of the Allpay system were discussed.

Public Sector Equality Duty

Members noted that consideration had been given to impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty. It was further noted that if the facility were removed there could be a detrimental impact to customers.

Resolved: That it be recommended to Cabinet to approve the renewal of the provision of a Local Office service for a further 2 years with Swanley Town Council based on the current terms and value.

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Item 8 - Swanley Regeneration

The attached report was considered by the Policy & Performance Advisory Committee, relevant Minute extract below:

Policy & Performance Advisory Committee - 1 March 2016 (Minute 40)

The Regeneration Advisor presented the report which reminded Members that Cabinet had approved the demolition of the former Working Men's Club at 18 High Street Swanley, the former Bank at 16 High Street Swanley and the vacant shop units and accommodation above them at 27 - 37 High Street Swanley, subject to further investigation into the possible VAT and CIL implications of developing the site. The report informed Members about the VAT and CIL implications, and the planning implications for 27-37 High Street Swanley of it being listed as an Asset of Community Value. The report also sought consent to proceed with the demolition process at the former Working Men's Club at 18 High Street, the former bank (CAB centre) at 16 High Street and the disposal of the temporary building currently on the Bevan Place site.

It was moved by the Chairman and

Resolved: That, under section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Appendices B to the report, on the ground that likely disclosure of exempt information was involved as defined by paragraph 3 (Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)) as identified in Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

Members discussed the confidential appendix.

Public Sector Equality Duty

Members noted that consideration had been given to impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty.

Resolved: That it be recommended to Cabinet that

a) the CIL and VAT implications of developing land at 16 - 18 High Street be noted, and the demolition of both buildings (The former Working Men's Club and former CAB building) at the earliest opportunity, be approved, noting that the demolition works had already been procured and the contractor was ready to mobilise;

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- b) the revised costings for the demolition, contained in Appendix B to the report, and the fact that the previous contractor remained the best value for money, be noted; and
- c) the demolition of the former Working Men's Club and CAB building be approved, and the fact that this was subject to a Prior Approval Notification, be noted.