

RESOURCES

DECISIONS made by the Lead Cabinet Member for Resources, Councillor David Elkin on 20 January 2015 at County Hall, Lewes.

Councillor Pursglove spoke on items 5, 6 and 7 (see minutes 43, 44 and 45)

40. MINUTES

40.1 Councillor Elkin approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 25 November 2014.

41. REPORTS

41.1 A copy of the reports referred to below are included in the minute book.

42. BADGER CULLING ON COUNCIL OWNED LAND

42.1 Councillor Elkin considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport which considered a petition calling on the County Council to save East Sussex County Council badgers from culling. The Lead Petitioner, Max Spilsted spoke in support of the petition.

DECISIONS

42.2 RESOLVED to advise petitioners that the County Council will continue to await the review of evidence from the current pilots by the Independent Panel of Experts in 2016 before expressing a view as to whether or not to allow badger culling on County Council land.

Reason

42.3 Evidence is not yet available from the current pilots being carried out in Somerset and Gloucestershire by the Independent Panel of Experts and therefore the science is neither proven nor conclusive that a cull of badgers is the answer to eradicating Bovine TB from the Countryside.

43. LEASE OF LAND AT BREDE SCHOOL TO COUNTRY BUTTERCUPS

43.1 Councillor Elkin considered a report by the Chief Operating Officer which sought the approval to grant a 25 year lease of land at Brede School to Country Buttercups. Councillor Elkin remarked that the local member, Councillor Maynard is in support of the recommendation.

DECISIONS

43.2 RESOLVED to approve the granting of a 25 year lease of land at Brede School to Country Buttercups.

Reason

43.3 The lease will enable the improvement of the quality of Early Years provision in Brede and support the transition of young people into the school reception class.

44. ADDITIONAL LAND AT WILLINGDON TRIANGLE TO BE LEASED TO WILLINGDON AND JEVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

44.1 Councillor Elkin considered a report by the Chief Operating Officer which sought approval from the Lead Member to accept a surrender of Wealden District Council's leasehold interest in the Willingdon Triangle public toilets, and subsequently delegate authority to the Chief Operating Officer to agree terms in line with s.123 of the Local Government Act 1972 to dispose of the asset. Councillor Elkin remarked that the local members, Councillor Daniel Shing and Councillor Stephen Shing are in support of the recommendations.

44.2 RESOLVED, subject to there being no objections in response to the notice of disposal to (1) declare the site surplus to Council requirements; and
(2) delegate authority to the Chief Operating Officer to agree the terms of disposal in line with best consideration reasonably obtainable as defined by s.123 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Reason

44.3 The land at Willingdon Triangle has been assessed as having no value on the open market.

45. LAND AT WOOLLARDS FIELD, LEWES ROAD, BRIGHTON, BN1 9JS

45.1 Councillor Elkin considered a report by the Chief Operating Officer which sought approval to dispose of the land at Woollards Field, Lewes Road, Brighton as surplus to the County Council's requirements, as evidenced by the Deed dated 28 August 1998.

45.2 RESOLVED to (1) note the status of land as surplus to the County Council's requirements as evidenced by the Deed dated 28 August 1998 between East Sussex County Council and Brighton and Hove City Council; and
(2) delegate authority to the Chief Operating Officer to agree the terms of disposal in line with best consideration reasonably obtainable as defined by s.123 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Reason

45.3 The land is outside East Sussex County Council's boundaries and is recognised as surplus in a formal document recording an agreement reached between two Authorities following a local government re-organisation.

46.1 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

46.1 RESOLVED – To exclude the public and press from the meeting for the remaining agenda item on the grounds that if the public and press were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as specified in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), namely information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). It is considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing information.

47. LAND AT WOOLLARDS FIELD, LEWES ROAD, BRIGHTON, BN1 9JS

47.1 Councillor Elkin considered a report by the Chief Operating Officer which provided information in support of an earlier item on the agenda (see minute 45).

47.2 RESOLVED to note the information.

Reason

47.3 To note the information supporting an earlier item on the agenda (see minute 45).