

Cabinet
Wednesday 12 July 2023

Comments from the
Extraordinary Overview and Scrutiny Commission
meeting on Monday 10 July 2023
OSC/312

1. Cabinet Agenda Item 7 – Town Hall Site Redevelopment Phase 2 & Phase 1 Final Account

(Exempt - Paragraphs 3 & 5)

Information relating to financial and business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information); and

Information in respect of which a claim to legal privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.

Comments and Recommendations

The Commission considered report DCE/17 of the Deputy Chief Executive. The report outlined further information and an update regarding the project whilst seeking approval for the next steps.

During the discussion, Commission Members together with those Non-Commission Councillors in attendance commented and sought clarification on a number of aspects of the report. Areas discussed included:

- The key milestones and processes which had taken place throughout the project were highlighted, together with the mechanisms in place to monitor and manage the deliverables.
- Confirmation was provided on the financial aspects for each phase, together with the legal considerations.
- Clarification was sought and obtained on the detail of the current and future options available, along with any opportunities that afforded the Council.
- It was acknowledged that any redevelopment would provide a benefit for the Council and residents. However, the risks involved were recognised, together with the importance for all Councillors to be informed of the project. It was confirmed that there had been and continued to be, Executive level oversight.
- There was general support for an options appraisal to be undertaken with regards to the Phase 2 site for redevelopment.

RESOLVED

Having considered all the matters in detail, and as a result of the comprehensive discussion, the Commission noted the report and requested that the views expressed were fed back to the Cabinet, through the Commission's Comment sheet.

Councillor Ayling
Chair, Overview and Scrutiny Commission
10 July 2023