

POLICY COMMITTEE

8th October 2013

Present – The Chairman (Councillor Knowles-Fitton) and Councillors Barrington, Paul English, Foster, Hart, Heseltine, Ireton, Kerwin-Davey (substitute for Barrett), Lis, Myers, Place, Sutcliffe and Turner.

Officers – Chief Executive, Director of Services, Corporate Head for Financial Management, Corporate Head of Business Support, Legal Services Manager, Strategic Manager for Planning and Regeneration, Property and Assets Manager and Committee Officer.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Barrett, Beck and Wheeler.

Start: 6.15pm

Finish: 6.39pm

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Resolved – That, in accordance with the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules, the public is excluded from the meeting during consideration of the correction to the minutes of the Committee's last meeting on the grounds that it is not in the public interest to disclose the Category 1 (relates to an individual) and Category 2 (likely to reveal the identity of an individual), and Minute POL 545 below on the grounds that it is not in the public interest to disclose the Categories 3 (financial or business affairs of any particular person including the Council) and 5 (legal professional privilege in proceedings) exempt information submitted.

The minutes of the Committee's meeting held on 10th September 2013 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman subject to Minute \$POL.543 : Staffing Matter, being corrected by insertion of the word "legal" so that the resolution reads " That external legal advice is obtained to ascertain that the Council's officers have given this Committee the correct procedural advice before the matter is progressed."

Minutes for Report

\$POL.545 REDEVELOPMENT OF 9 HIGH STREET AND LAND TO THE REAR OF SKIPTON TOWN HALL

Further to Minute POL.532/13-14, the Director of Services submitted a report in respect of the redevelopment of 9 High Street / land to the rear of Skipton Town Hall asking the Committee to

- a. agree that retrospective consent be given for the developer, Maple Grove, to grant easements to neighbouring properties over their development land.
- b. agree to the Council being a party to a 60 year lease of substation accommodation and the grant of easements at the development site and over the Council's adjoining land.
- c. approve the swapping of one piece of land currently owned by the Council with a piece of land currently owned by the developer.

Details of the position with regard to the development agreement between the Council and the developer were presented within the Director's report and after a brief discussion it was

Resolved – (1) That consent is given for Maple Grove to grant easements to neighbouring properties over their development land at 9 High Street / land to the rear of Skipton Town Hall.

(2) That, in accordance with the report now submitted, the Council enters into a tripartite lease with Maple Grove and Northern Powergrid to grant new rights to, and enter into covenants with Northern Powergrid for the benefit of the proposed substation and underground cables at the development site and over the Council's adjoining land.

(3) That the swapping of one small parcel of land in the ownership of Maple Grove with another small parcel of land in the ownership of this Council for the benefit of access to the substation referred to above, whilst retaining 2 car parking spaces for the Council, is approved

(4) That delegated authority is granted to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, the Lead Member for the Economy and the Lead Member for Finance and Asset Management, to grant future consents in line with the development agreement.

Note : The Leader of Council indicated before meeting with the Chief Executive and the other Members listed to consider issues to be resolved under the delegated authority granted at (4) above, he would consult the Independent and Liberal Democrat Group Leaders.

Minutes for Decision

None

Chairman