

WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Record of Decisions of the meeting of the
Urgency Committee

Held Council Chamber, Woodgreen, Witney at 2.00 pm on **Friday, 23 July 2021**

PRESENT

Councillors: , , Councillor Joy Aitman, Councillor Julian Cooper, Councillor Merylyn Davies, Councillor Jane Doughty, Councillor Duncan Enright, Councillor Andy Graham, Councillor Jeff Haine, Councillor Richard Langridge, Councillor Norman MacRae MBE and Councillor Alex Postan

Officers: Elizabeth Griffiths (Chief Finance Officer, Deputy Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer)

1 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 2020 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2 Apologies for Absence and Temporary Appointments

In the absence because of other prior commitments of both the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee, it was –

RESOLVED: That Councillor Norman MacRae MBE be elected to Chair this meeting of the Committee.

Apologies for absence were received from: Councillor Jeff Haine, Councillor David Harvey, Councillor Michele Mead, Councillor Nathalie Chapple, and Councillor Suzi Coul.

Councillor Julian Cooper for Councillor Nathalie Chapple

Councillor Nick Leverton for Councillor Suzi Coul

Councillor Jane Doughty for Councillor David Harvey

Councillor Alex Postan for Councillor Michele Mead

3 Exclusion of Public and Press

RESOLVED:

That, in view of the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in paragraphs 3 and 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, (information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person; and information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings), the public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining item of business.

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4 Financial Support for GLL

The Committee received and considered the exempt report of the Chief Finance Officer/Deputy Chief Executive containing exempt information, which considered a proposal of support to GLL.

The report set out the background to the current situation and the steps which had previously been agreed for the 2020/21 financial year. It proposed the continuation of the waiver of management fees due to the Council from GLL, explained the negotiated and proposed terms for such, and advised that the current projections were that by the start of the 2022/23 financial year GLL would have repaid the current debt to the Council and management fees would become payable again.

Having considered the report and having clarified points with the officers, and in the belief that the proposals were in the best interests of the Council, the Committee unanimously:

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the waiver of the management fees due from the Leisure Centre operator, GLL for the financial year 2021/22 be approved, on the basis outlined in the report; and
- (b) That the waiver of the 2021/22 contribution by GLL to the role of the Healthy Communities Officer be approved.

The Meeting closed at 2.30 pm

CHAIRMAN