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MEETING	STAFFING MATTERS & URGENCY COMMITTEE
DATE	30 AUGUST 2011
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS ALEXANDER (CHAIR), GUNNELL, FRASER, RUNCIMAN AND GILLIES

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### **32. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were invited to declare at this point in the meeting any personal or prejudicial interests they might have in the business on the agenda.

Councillor Alexander declared personal non prejudicial interests in agenda items 5 (Land Purchase at Holgate Park) and 6 (Redundancy) as a local resident and as a member of GMB.

Councillor Fraser declared a personal non prejudicial interest in agenda item 6 (Redundancy) as a member of the retired sections of UNISON and Unite (TGWU/ACTS sections).

No other interests were declared.

### **33. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

RESOLVED: That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of annexes to agenda items 5 (Land at Holgate Park) and agenda item 6 (Redundancy) on the grounds that they contain information relating to individuals and the financial affairs of particular persons, which is classified as exempt under Paragraphs 1,2 and 3 of Schedule 12A to Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as revised by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation Order 2006).

#### **34. MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Staffing Matters and Urgency Committee held on 15 August 2011 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

#### **35. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

#### **36. LAND PURCHASE AT HOLGATE PARK**

Members considered a report which asked them to approve a strategic purchase of land at Holgate Park to assist with bringing forward developments on the York Central site and within the York Northwest corridor.

Discussion between Members and Officers focused on several issues including; Holgate Beck which flows under the site, possible onward costs and future maintenance of the site.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That the Director of City Strategy be given delegated authority to complete the purchase of land from Yorkshire Forward at Holgate Park at a purchase price not exceeding £1.5 million.
  - (ii) That the purchase of the land at Holgate Park as an addition to the capital programme budget, be funded from borrowing.
  - (iii) That that the demolition of the building on the land at Holgate Park at £50k as an addition to the capital programme budget be funded from borrowing, be approved.
  - (iv) That it be approved that the revenue implications associated with the borrowing be funded from the treasury

management budget with a permanent increase in 2012/13 until the asset is sold. The maximum increase in the treasury budget being £135k depending on the purchase price.

- (v) That the revenue implications associated with the demolition of the building be funded from the treasury management budget with a permanent increase in 2012/13 of £4.5k, be approved.

REASON: To support corporate objectives with respect to jobs and economic growth and to assist in bringing forward job-generating development on this site of strategic significance.

### **37. REDUNDANCY**

Members considered a report which informed them of the expenditure associated with the proposed dismissal of a number of employees on the grounds of redundancy.

Details of the five employees concerned with contained in business cases which were circulated at the meeting as exempt annexes A-D. All of the proposed redundancies were voluntary.

RESOLVED: That the expenditure associated with the proposed dismissal of the employees on the grounds of redundancy, as detailed in Annexes A-D circulated at the meeting be noted.

REASON: So that Members have an overview of the expenditure.

Cllr J Alexander, Chair  
[The meeting started at 1.00 pm and finished at 1.40 pm].