

# **MINUTES**

Date:

## **Tourism and Leisure Committee**

 Venue:
 Remote Meeting Via Zoom.

 Committee Members
 Councillor Cheryl Little (Chairman)

 Present:
 Councillor Michael Sayward (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors Peter Anthony, Tim Armit, Brenda Blackshaw, Sue Fazackerley MBE, Gavin Harrison, David O'Rourke, Vince Settle, Elaine Silverwood.

Other Members: Councillor Karen Buckley.

**Officers Present:** Paul Walker, Ian Curtis, Philip Haworth, Lyndsey Lacey-Simone.

Wednesday, 23 September 2020

Members of the Public:

There was one member of the public in attendance during the open part of the meeting.

#### **Public Platform**

There were no requests to speak under the Public Platform arrangements.

## **Procedural Items**

# 1. <u>Declarations of Interest</u>

Members were reminded that any disclosable pecuniary interests should be declared as required by the Localism Act 2011 and any personal or prejudicial interests should be declared as required by the Council's Code of Conduct for Members. There were no Declarations of Interest.

#### 2. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Tourism and Leisure Committee meeting held on 3 September 2020 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

#### 3. Substitute Members

The following substitution was reported under Council procedure rule 23(c):

Councillor David O'Rourke for Councillor Shirley Green.

#### **Decision Items**

#### 4. Exclusion of the Public

IT WAS RESOLVED: That under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, that the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business, on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined under paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

#### **Exempt Item**

#### 5. Review of Rent Subsidies on Leases/ Concessions Due to the Impact of COVID -19

Philip Haworth (Estates and Assets Officer) reported on proposals for the tapering of tenant rent subsidies as part of the support to businesses due to the impact of COVID- 19. Details regarding this matter were set out in the report.

Included as an appendix was a schedule of tenancies and proposed tapering in rent.

Various members sought clarification on key aspects of the report. These were addressed in turn by Mr Haworth.

Following consideration of this matter it was RESOLVED: To approve the subsidies and tapering arrangements for tenants as set out in the schedule attached to the report due to the impact of COVID-19, which grants a total subsidy of £127k to the tenants and an equivalent cost to the Council in income foregone.

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