

MINUTES OF THE COMPANIES SCRUTINY PANEL

Monday 14 September 2020

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COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Councillors Fry (Chair), Landell Mills, Munkonge and Simmons.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Anita Bradley (Head of Law and Governance), Andrew Brown (Committee and Member Services Manager), Nigel Kennedy (Head of Financial Services) and John Mitchell (Committee and Member Services Officer).

COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Kevin Minns (Executive Director, OxWED) and Jane Winfield (Director of Barton Oxford LLP and OxWED).

1. APOLOGIES

The Panel noted that Councillor Simmons would be leaving the meeting at 6.30pm for an engagement in his capacity as Lord Mayor.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN PRIVATE

The Panel resolved to move into private session on the grounds that the presence of the public would likely involve the disclosure of exempt information in accordance with paragraph 3, Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Subject to officers checking whether Councillor Landell Mills had left the meeting as stated in the draft minutes, the record of the meeting of 22 June 2020 was **AGREED**.

5. RESPONSES TO PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS

The Panel **NOTED** the responses to previous recommendations.

6. SHAREHOLDER AND JOINT VENTURE GROUP REPORTS

Minutes of the consideration of the relevant Shareholder and Joint Venture Group reports are detailed below.

(a) Barton minutes

The Panel discussed the exempt appendix in private session and agreed to **NOTE** the report.

Jane Winfield, Director of Barton Oxford LLP was present to answer questions.

The Director of Barton Oxford LLP agreed to report back on whether innovative online methods of marketing homes were being used, and to facilitate a site visit for Panel Members.

(b) OxWED minutes

The Panel discussed the exempt report in private session and agreed to **NOTE** the report.

Kevin Minns, OxWED Executive Director, and Jane Winfield, OxWED Director, attended the meeting to answer questions from the Panel.

Councillor Simmons left the meeting during this item.

7. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next scheduled meeting was **NOTED**.

Subject to the Shareholder and Joint Venture Group agreeing to hold a meeting on 22 October 2020 to consider the Oxford Direct Services business plan, the Panel **AGREED** to hold a meeting on 20 October 2020.

The meeting started at 6.00 pm and ended at 7.00 pm