

**BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**

**ECONOMY AND SKILLS O&S COMMITTEE**

**1000 hours on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024, Committee Rooms 3&4, Council House**

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**Present:**

Councillors Katherine Iroh (Chair), Jon Hunt, Lisa Trickett, Simon Morrall, Richard Parkin, Jamie Tennant

**Also Present:**

Philip Nell, Strategic Director, Place, Prosperity and Sustainability

Kathryn James, Assistant Director, Investment and Valuation

Amelia Wiltshire, Overview and Scrutiny Manager

Baseema Begum, Scrutiny Officer

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**1. NOTICE OF RECORDING/WEBCAST**

The Chair, Councillor Iroh, advised those present that the meeting would be webcast for live and subsequent broadcast and that Members of the press/public may record and take photographs except where there are confidential or exempt items.

**2. APOLOGIES**

An apology was received from Cllr Bushra Bi.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest submitted.

**4. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair, Councillor Iroh.

**5. ACTION TRACKER**

**RESOLVED:** That the action tracker be noted.

## **6. COMMISSIONER'S REVIEW AND COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA**

**RESOLVED:** It was noted that no comments had been received.

## **7. ASSET DISPOSAL PROGRAMME UPDATE**

The Chair, Cllr Iroh welcomed Philip Nell, Strategic Director, Place, Prosperity and Sustainability and Kathryn James, Assistant Director, Investment and Valuation who were in attendance for this item.

Cllr Iroh explained that the report would need to be discussed in private session with the exclusion of the press and public and moved the recommendation under Exempt Information (category 3) as outlined in the Council's Constitution, Part C that was agreed by the Committee.

Following the private session the following recommendations were noted: -

### **RESOLVED: -**

1. That the report be noted.
2. Request Commissioners attend the Committee to understand the role of the Commissioners on achieving best value from asset sales.
3. Request the view from the City Solicitor on the role of the Commissioners in the asset sales programme.
4. Request dates/times and contents of meetings between Commissioners, the West Midlands Mayor and the buyers.
5. Seek assurance on the independence of the local planning authority on the asset disposal programme.

## **8. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Cllr Iroh confirmed that this was the last scheduled meeting of the municipal year.

## **9. WORK PROGRAMME**

Cllr Iroh noted that the Committee were anticipating briefings on the disposal of key assets including Woodcock Street. It was anticipated that this may take place in May. There was also the opportunity for Members to receive a briefing on the Our Future City Plan before it is presented to Cabinet in May.

### **RESOLVED: -**

1. That the report be noted.

## **10. REQUEST(S) FOR CALL IN/COUNCILLOR CALL FOR ACTION/PETITIONS RECEIVED (IF ANY)**

There were no requests for Call In received.

**11. OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

None.

The meeting ended at 11:15 hours.