

EXTRAORDINARY CABINET

Minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 14 July 2015 at 7.00 pm in Council Chamber, Council Offices, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent.

Present: Councillor Christopher T Wells (Chairman); Councillors L Fairbrass, Brimm, Smith, Stummer-Schmertzing and Townend

In Attendance: Councillors: Ashbee, Bayford, Buckley, Campbell, Collins, Connor, Curran, Elenor, Game, I Gregory, K Gregory, Jaye-Jones, Piper, D Saunders, M Saunders, Savage, Shonk and Taylor-Smith

271. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies received at the meeting.

272. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

273. MANSTON AIRPORT CPO

On the 21st May 2015, at an Extraordinary Council meeting, it was agreed that 'Council recommends to Cabinet that it reviews its position in relation to the Manston Airport site, taking account of all the surrounding circumstances relating to an indemnity partner for a possible Compulsory Purchase Order.'

Three major law firms had been approached to provide Council with estimates on the costs and work required to provide advice if commissioned to undertake the identification of an indemnity partner for a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) of Manston Airport. Cabinet would need to be satisfied that RiverOak met the requirements of a suitable indemnity partner before the commencement of a CPO process.

This process would be undertaken by the legal teams representing Thanet District Council and RiverOak, respectively. Before the CPO process commences Cabinet would need to formally agree on the indemnity partner for the CPO of Manston Airport.

Councillor Bayford and Councillor K. Gregory spoke under Council Procedure Rule 24.1.

Councillor Wells proposed, Councillor Smith seconded and Members agreed the following:

1. The recommendation from Council on the 21st May 2015 to review its position in relation to the Manston Airport site, taking account of all the surrounding circumstances relating to an indemnity partner for a possible Compulsory Purchase Order;
2. To authorise that specialist legal and finance advice be obtained to determine whether RiverOak are a suitable indemnity partner in relation to a CPO for Manston Airport and to provide advice on the indemnity agreement and CPO process generally.

Meeting concluded: 7.17 pm

