

COUNCIL

Wednesday, 11 August 2021

Present: The Civic Mayor (Councillor George Davies) in the Chair

Councillors	T Anderson	E Gleaves	J McManus
	B Berry	H Gorman	P Martin
	M Booth	K Greaney	D Mitchell
	A Brame	EA Grey	S Mountney
	D Brennan	S Hayes	Y Nolan
	D Burgess-Joyce	J Johnson	C O'Hagan
	H Cameron	AER Jones	L Rennie
	K Cannon	C Jones	J Robinson
	C Carubia	S Jones	L Rowlands
	P Cleary	M Jordan	I Williams
	M Collins	S Kelly	KJ Williams
	H Collinson	B Kenny	J Williamson
	T Cottier	D Kenny	G Wood
	A Gardner	I Lewis	A Wright

13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members of the Council were invited to consider whether they had any disclosable pecuniary and / or any other relevant interest in connection with any matters to be determined at this meeting and, if so, to declare it and state the nature of the interest.

No such declarations were made.

14 CIVIC MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Civic Mayor announced that apologies had been received from the following –

Councillors:

Jo Bird	Phil Gilchrist	Tony Smith
Ivan Camphor	Jeff Green	Christine Spriggs
Wendy Clements	Paul Hayes	Paul Stuart
Chris Cooke	Andrew Hodson	Jason Walsh
Andy Corkhill	Kathy Hodson	Joe Walsh
Tony Cox	Tony Jones	Stuart Whittingham
Steve Foulkes	Moira McLaughlin	Steve Williams
Sam Frost	Cherry Povall	

15 **EXEMPT INFORMATION - EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

On a motion by the Mayor, Councillor George Davies, seconded by Councillor Janette Williamson, it was -

Resolved – That, under section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by paragraph 5 of Part I of Schedule 12A (as amended) to that Act. The Public Interest test has been applied and favours exclusion.

16 **HOYLAKE GOLF RESORT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT**

Further to the resolution of the Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting held on 28 July 2021 (minute 44 refers) to refer the matter to Council for a decision and having agreed to consideration of a referral item as a matter for consideration at this extraordinary Council, the Mayor called upon the Director of Law and Governance to introduce his exempt report on the matter of the Council's Framework Development Agreement relating to Hoylake Golf Resort.

Following the verbal update by the Director of Law and Governance, and prior to the tabling of a formal proposal and debate on the matter, the Mayor provided Councillors the opportunity to ask questions of the Director.

A number of Councillors sought clarification on a number of areas relating to the report, general history and timeline of the development agreement. The Director of Law and Governance responded accordingly.

Following the question and answer session, at 6.50pm, the Mayor adjourned the meeting for a short break.

The meeting resumed at 7.00pm.

Following a lengthy and considered debate, and after a further adjournment of 10 minutes, the Motion (recommendation as contained within the report) moved by the Mayor Councillor George Davies, seconded by Councillor Janette Williamson, was put to the vote.

In accordance with Standing Order 12, a number of Members rose to request a 'card vote'.

A recorded vote was then taken on the Motion and the Council divided as follows:

For the motion (22): D Brennan, K Cannon, H Collinson, T Cottier, G Davies, K Greaney, E Grey, S Hayes, AER Jones, C Jones, S Jones, B Kenny, D

Kenny, P Martin, J McManus, Y Nolan, C O'Hagan, J Robinson, I Williams, J Williams, J Williamson, G Wood.

Against the motion (21): T Anderson, B Berry, M Booth, A Brame, D Burgess-Joyce, H Cameron, C Carubia, P Cleary, M Collins, A Gardner, E Gleaves, H Gorman, J Johnson, M Jordan, S Kelly, I Lewis, D Mitchell, S Mountney, L Rennie, L Rowlands, A Wright.

It was therefore -

Resolved (22:21) no abstentions – That the recommendations within the report be approved.

Meeting concluded 7.52pm