

EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE FOR PROPERTY

A meeting of the Executive Sub-Committee for Property was held on 2 March 2017.

PRESENT: Councillors C M Rooney (Chair); M Carr, T Harvey, J Rostron, N J Walker and L Young

OFFICIALS: B Carr, S Fletcher, A Hoy and N Younis.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor J Brunton, Councillor M Thompson

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None Declared.

16/24 MINUTES - EXECUTIVE SUB COMMITTEE FOR PROPERTY - 25 JANUARY 2017

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Sub Committee for Property held on 25 January 2017 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

16/25 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

ORDERED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds that, if present, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

16/26 CONFIDENTIAL - REMOVAL OF THE TUXEDO ROYALE

An exempt report of the Executive Member for Finance and Governance, the Deputy Mayor and Executive Member for Regeneration, the Executive Director of Economic Growth and Places and the Strategic Director for Finance, Governance and Support was submitted, which sought approval to contribute towards the dismantling and removal of the Tuxedo Royale, in partnership with Able. The ship was currently sitting on the bed of the River Tees/primarily within Able's Middlesbrough port with some sitting within the Crown's Estate, i.e. public water. A location plan was attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

The Committee considered additional information from three individual groups with regard to proposals for the ship's restoration. The Committee considered however, that none of the groups were in a viable financial position to proceed with the restoration. In any event, any proposals for the restoration would have to be agreed by Able.

The Committee was advised that the ship was currently on the National Register of Historic Vessels. The body who collates this is the National Historic Ships UK, a Government funded organisation, which provides independent advice to local authorities, grant funders, and other interested historic ship groups regarding historic vessels.

Whilst the group sought to support restoration, wherever possible, it was recognised that not all ships could be salvaged, particularly where there was severe detriment and where there was a lack of funding available to do such. The Committee was advised that the inclusion of the Tuxedo Royale on the list did not prevent dismantling as the group had no legal powers to prevent this course of action.

ORDERED

That the recommendations included in the report be approved.

REASON

The decisions were supported for the reasons outlined within the report.

16/27 CONFIDENTIAL - INVESTMENT IN MIDDLEHAVEN INFRASTRUCTURE

An exempt report of the Executive Member for Finance and Governance, the Deputy Mayor and Executive Member for Regeneration, the Executive Director of Economic Growth and Places and the Strategic Director for Finance, Governance and Support was submitted, which sought approval for the acquisition of land which allowed for the delivery of aspirations for the new Middlehaven bridge and relief road, together with the inclusion of land which was proposed to become the new snow centre's main car park.

The report outlined many of the associated direct and indirect benefits to the wider Middlehaven area. The principle of the acquisition had been agreed at the Executive meeting held on 10 May 2016.

The report also sought to endorse the onward sale of Council owned land. The sale had been agreed, in principle, to be recovered via a loan payment method, on a commercial basis and approval was sought for a revised sales value and loan amount. The Executive report of 10 May 2016 had established key principles relating to the land disposal, as well as the loan payment method.

ORDERED

That the recommendations included in the report be approved.

REASON

The decisions were supported for the reasons outlined within the report.

The decision (s) will come into force with immediate effect and is not subject to scrutiny call-in procedures.