

**Minutes of the SPECIAL Meeting of the STRATEGY AND RESOURCES
COMMITTEE held on 24 October 2018**

PRESENT -

Councillor Eber Kington (Chairman); Councillor Clive Smitheram (Vice-Chairman); Councillors Richard Baker, Kate Chinn, Hannah Dalton, Colin Keane, Omer Kokou-Tchri, Barry Nash and Clive Woodbridge

Absent: Councillor Tony Axelrod

Officers present: Kathryn Beldon (Chief Executive), Damian Roberts (Chief Operating Officer), Amardip Healy (Chief Legal Officer), Brendan Bradley (Chief Accountant) and Fiona Cotter (Democratic Services Manager)

31 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In regard to item 2 on the Agenda (Supporting a bid for Step-Free Access for Stoneleigh Station), in the interests of openness and transparency, Councillor Hannah Dalton declared that she was a Ward Councillor for Stoneleigh.

32 SUPPORTING A BID FOR STEP-FREE ACCESS FOR STONELEIGH STATION

The Committee received and considered a report that sought support for a bid to the Department of Transport to secure an estimated £5million of funding to deliver step and obstacle free access to Stoneleigh Railway Station through the national "Access for All" station improvement programme.

For the rail operator to meet the criteria for a bid, a matched funding contribution was required. This could potentially come from a number of sources but, should this not be the case, the full matched funding requirement (10%) would need to be met by the Council. It was proposed that the matched funding should be allocated from Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) contributions. In the event that the bid was successful but improvement works proved more costly, the rail operator would look to the Department of Transport to fund the shortfall.

The Committee:

- (1) Agreed to support the South Western Rail bid to deliver step and obstacle free access for Stoneleigh Station as part of the Department of Transport, 'Access for All' station improvement programme

- (2) Agreed that up to £0.5m of match funding is earmarked from Community Infrastructure Funding (CIL) for this project, should the bid be successful.

33 FUNDING FOR PLAN E

The Committee received and considered a report proposing the use of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) to enable the completion of the agreed Plan E scheme – namely the works to the Market Place and the Northern High Street.

Given the importance of Plan E and strategic importance of the Market Place within the overall scheme, the Committee approved additional funding of £2.245m from the Council's Community Infrastructure Fund (CIL) balance to meet the costs of completing the agreed scheme for the Market Place and Northern High Street.

The meeting began at 7.30 pm and ended at 8.34 pm

COUNCILLOR EBER KINGTON (CHAIRMAN)