

## Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Held at:	Council Chamber - Civic Centre, Folkestone
Date	Tuesday, 12 February 2019
Present	Councillors Miss Susan Carey, Peter Gane (Chairman), Clive Goddard, Ms Janet Holben (Vice-Chair), Mrs Claire Jeffrey, Mrs Mary Lawes, Michael Lyons, Ian Meyers, Russell Tillson and Mrs Rodica Wheeler
Apologies for Absence	None
Officers Present:	Kate Clark (Committee Services Officer), Andy Jarrett (Chief Strategic Development Officer), John Bunnett (Corporate Director - Place and Commercial Services), Amandeep Khroud (Assistant Director), Tim Madden (Corporate Director - Customer, Support and Specialist Services), Susan Priest (Head of Paid Service) and Dave Shore (Strategic Development Projects Manager)
Others Present:	Simon Molden (The Sports Consultancy), Stephen Jepson (Hadron Consulting), David Parry (Savills), Paul Gannaway (Betteridge and Milsom) and Councillor Mrs Carol Sacre

### 161. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### 162. **Princes Parade Business Plan**

Report C/18/89 presented the business case for the Princes Parade project and set out a proposal for the procurement of the contractor for the leisure centre and associated infrastructure, core consultant team and leisure centre operator. The report also seeks approval of Cabinet to allow the Director for Place and Commercial to take the steps necessary to deliver the project in consultation with the Leader and the Princes Parade Working Group.

Mr Dave Shore, Strategic Development Project Manager, introduced the report, giving an overview of the scheme which includes a new leisure centre, promenade, open space and residential units. He advised members that the Secretary of State's decision not to call in the application had been received. A copy of the correspondence is attached to these minutes.

In receiving a presentation members agreed the business case was very clear, concise and meticulously structured. The presentation is attached to these minutes.

Comments made by members included:

- Scepticism about the project was apparent in some pockets of the local community, however there is a need for a new leisure facility in the District.
- The project will provide a fantastic leisure and tourism facility for the whole District.
- Affordable housing needs will be addressed, noting the scheme is policy compliant.
- Increased health and GP referrals could be met by the project.
- Financial risk considerations, which will be managed as part of the risk register, should be actively managed.

Councillor Russell Tillson asked that the third party schedule of works which could affect the timing receipt of S106 monies be highlighted to Cabinet.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Lyons  
Seconded by Councillor Ms Susan Carey and

**RESOLVED:**

**To received and note report C/18/69.**

(Voting: For 9; Against 1; Abstentions 0)

(Councillor Mrs Mary Lawes voted against the resolution)

**163. Exclusion of the Public**

Proposed by Councillor Russell Tillson  
Seconded by Councillor Peter Gane

**RESOLVED:**

**To exclude the public for the following item of business on the grounds that it is likely to disclose exempt information, as defined in paragraph 3 or Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 –**

**‘Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). “Financial or business affairs” includes contemplated as well as current activities.’**

(Voting: For 8; Against 2; Abstentions 0)

(Councillor Mrs Mary Lawes voted against the resolution)

164. **Princes Parade Business Plan (exempt)**

**UNRESTRICTED MINUTES**

Member discussions concentrated on the following:

- Tendering process
- Pricing structures and staffing costs.
- Contractor Business and Asset Management Plans
- Length of contract
- Financial risk
- Land contamination

Proposed by Councillor Ian Meyers  
Seconded by Councillor Peter Gane

**RESOLVED:**

**To recommend to Cabinet that consideration is given to use the National Living Wage in relation to staffing costs for the proposed Leisure Centre.**

(Voting: For 7; Against 3; Abstentions 0)