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Attention is drawn to Update Sheets which include the latest information on a planning application. Please check the council's website for any supplementary dispatches which will include Update Sheets if available.

Dear Sir or Madam

**Planning and Regulatory Committee – Wednesday, 18 January 2023, 2.30 pm
– New Council Chamber - Town Hall**

A meeting of the Planning and Regulatory Committee will take place as indicated above.

Please Note that this meeting is a face-to-face meeting being held in the New Council Chamber, Town Hall and will not be livestreamed.

The agenda is set out overleaf.

Yours faithfully

Assistant Director Legal & Governance and Monitoring Officer

Councillors (13):

James Tonkin (Chairman), John Crockford-Hawley (Vice Chairman), Mike Bird, Peter Bryant, Caroline Cherry, Peter Crew, Ann Harley, Stuart McQuillan, Robert Payne, Timothy Snaden, Mike Solomon, Richard Tucker, Richard Westwood

Agenda

1. **Public speaking at planning committees (Standing Order 17 & 17A) (Agenda Item 1)**

Please note that following changes to SO17A, public speaking about applications for planning permission will be at the start of relevant agenda items rather than at the start of the meeting. Time limits and notification deadlines remain unchanged, as set out below.

To receive and hear any person who wishes to address the Committee. The Chairman will select the order of the matters to be heard. Each speaker will be limited to a period of five minutes for public participation on non-planning matters (up to a maximum of 30 minutes) and three minutes for the applicant/supporters and three minutes for objectors on a planning application (up to a maximum of 30 minutes).

If there is more than one person wishing to object to an application, the Chairman will invite those persons to agree a spokesperson among themselves. In default of agreement the Chairman may select one person to speak.

Requests to speak must be submitted in writing to the Assistant Director Legal and Governance and Monitoring Officer, or to the officer mentioned at the top of this agenda letter, by noon on the day before the meeting and the request must detail the subject matter of the address.

Please ensure that any submissions meet the required time limits and can be read out in five minutes for public participation on non-planning matters (up to a maximum of 30 minutes) and three minutes for applicant/supporter statements and three minutes for objector statements on a planning application (up to a maximum of 30 minutes). Members of the public are advised that 400 words at normal speaking speed equate to a three minute statement.

2. **Apologies for absence and notification of substitutes (Agenda item 2)**

3. **Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (Standing Order 37) (Agenda Item 3)**

A Member must declare any disclosable pecuniary interest where it relates to any matter being considered at the meeting. A declaration of a disclosable pecuniary interest should indicate the interest and the agenda item to which it relates. A Member is not permitted to participate in this agenda item by law and should immediately leave the meeting before the start of any debate.

If the Member leaves the meeting in respect of a declaration, he or she should ensure that the Chairman is aware of this before he or she leaves to enable their exit from the meeting to be recorded in the minutes in accordance with Standing Order 37.

4. Minutes 14 December 2022 (Agenda Item 4) (Pages 5 - 16)

14 December 2022 to approve as a correct record (attached)

5. Matters referred by Council, the Executive, other committees etc (if any)

6. Planning Application No: 21/P/3185/FUL Erection of additional building at Busy Buddies Nursery, to increase the capacity of existing nursery, Cowslip Lane, Hewish, Banwell (Agenda item 6) (Pages 17 - 24)

Section 2 report of the Director of Place Directorate (attached)

7. Planning Appeals 18.01.23 (Agenda item 7) (Pages 25 - 28)

Section 3 report of the Director of Place Directorate (attached)

8. Urgent business permitted by the Local Government Act 1972 (if any) (Agenda item 8)

For a matter to be considered as an urgent item, the following question must be addressed: "What harm to the public interest would flow from leaving it until the next meeting?" If harm can be demonstrated, then it is open to the Chairman to rule that it be considered as urgent. Otherwise the matter cannot be considered urgent within the statutory provisions.

Exempt Items

Should the Planning and Regulatory Committee wish to consider a matter as an Exempt Item, the following resolution should be passed -

"(1) That the press, public, and officers not required by the Members, the Chief Executive or the Director, to remain during the exempt session, be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business on the ground that its consideration will involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Section 100I of the Local Government Act 1972."

Also, if appropriate, the following resolution should be passed –

"(2) That members of the Council who are not members of the Planning and Regulatory Committee be invited to remain."

Mobile phones and other mobile devices

All persons attending the meeting are requested to ensure that these devices are switched to silent mode. The chairman may approve an exception to this request in special circumstances.

Filming and recording of meetings

The proceedings of this meeting may be recorded for broadcasting purposes.

Anyone wishing to film part or all of the proceedings may do so unless the press and public are excluded for that part of the meeting or there is good reason not to do so, as directed by the Chairman. Any filming must be done as unobtrusively as possible from a single fixed position without the use of any additional lighting, focusing only on those actively participating in the meeting and having regard to the wishes of any members of the public present who may not wish to be filmed. As a matter of courtesy, anyone wishing to film proceedings is asked to advise the Chairman or the Assistant Director Legal & Governance and Monitoring Officer's representative before the start of the meeting so that all those present may be made aware that it is happening.

Members of the public may also use Facebook and Twitter or other forms of social media to report on proceedings at this meeting.

Emergency Evacuation Procedure

On hearing the alarm – (a continuous two tone siren)

Leave the room by the nearest exit door. Ensure that windows are closed.

Last person out to close the door.

Do not stop to collect personal belongings.

Do not use the lifts.

Follow the green and white exit signs and make your way to the assembly point.

Do not re-enter the building until authorised to do so by the Fire Authority.

Go to Assembly Point C – Outside the offices formerly occupied by Stephen & Co