

Meeting not open to the public

Notes of meeting the Office Accommodation Executive Group
Held on
Wednesday 3 December 2014

Present:

Councillors: Paul Diviani, David Cox, Ray Bloxham, Andrew Moulding

Officers: Richard Cohen, Steve Pratten, Rachel Pocock, Simon Davey

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1.	Apologies: Karen Jenkins, Mark Williams	
2.	Minutes of previous meeting held on 5 November 2014: agreed.	
3..	Progress update: RC gave an update on the proposed report and briefing for the Cabinet meeting. Comments were: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Need to make sure that we are able to give an explanation on how the finance has been spent on the project so far including cost of legal support for objections received etc.• Knowle & Manstone Marketing exercise – update on the recent interviews for the successful bidders but make it clear that this is not the final decision but part of the decision making progress.• Need to emphasis what 'Red Book' is in terms of market valuation etc.• Explain the negative value apportioned to Manstone and the decision not to sell. Interest is in Knowle only. All the offers exceeded the value of the Knowle site only. All offers were for residential/retirement. No bids received to retain the Buildings, no bids to retain employment but need to make it clear that employment status has not been eliminated. Keep Manstone as a depot.• Once official decision has been made for a preferred bidder then a pre-app decision will be made in February 2015 followed by the issuing of Heads of Terms in March.• Ed Heynes, Planning Consultant has been in discussion with the two highest bidders to make sure that in terms of planning and any pre-app meetings everything is in order. Any discussion re affordable housing will be between the Consultant the Planning department, we are only acting as the landowner.	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skypark – explain all the pros & cons why it is no longer a viable project. The EU procurement issues were not resolved. • Heathpark – explain that due to a reduced offer for the site selling no longer makes economic sense. Need to reinforce that everything we are now proposing in on land we own so simplifies and reduces any risk. Explain now that County are moving out of the Exmouth it makes a move to Honiton/Exmouth viable. This would also be more attractive to staff. We would still have touch down/hubs in each town. 	
8.	<p>Next meeting to be held on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 February 2015 at 3.00pm 	