

# AGENDA

**Meeting:** Cabinet - Shareholder Group

**Place:** Council Chamber - County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, BA14

**8JN**

**Date:** Tuesday 27 June 2023

**Time:** 12.30 pm

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## **Membership:**

Cllr Richard Clewer

Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Military-Civilian Integration, Heritage, Arts, Tourism, Health and Wellbeing

Cllr Nick Botterill

Cabinet Member for Finance, Development Management and Strategic Planning

Cllr Phil Alford

Cabinet Member for Housing, Strategic Assets and Asset Transfer

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1 **Apologies**

2 **Declarations of Interest**

To receive any declarations of disclosable interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.

3 **Leaders Announcements**

4 **Public Participation and Questions from Councillors**

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5 **Minutes of Previous Meeting** (*Pages 5 - 8*)

To confirm and sign the minutes of the Cabinet Shareholder Group meeting held on 7 November 2022.

6 **Shareholder Approvals**

To consider a number of approvals to the Stone Circle Companies – to be circulated.

7 **Business Plan**

To consider and approve the Stone Circle Companies Business Plan – to be circulated.

8 **Performance Management**

To receive a verbal update on voids.

9 **Urgent Items**

Any other items of business, which the Leader agrees to consider as a matter of urgency.

**Part II**

***Item(s) during consideration of which it is recommended that the public should be excluded because of the likelihood that exempt information would be disclosed***

10 **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

This is to give further notice in accordance with paragraph 5 (4) and 5 (5) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 of the intention to take the following

item in private.

To consider passing the following resolution:

To agree that in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the public from the meeting for the business specified in Item Numbers 11 and 12 because it is likely that if members of the public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act and the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information to the public.

Reason for taking item in private:

Paragraph 3 - information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

#### **11 Business Plan**

To consider and approve the Stone Circle Companies Business Plans – to be circulated.

Reason for taking item in private:

Paragraph 3 - information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

#### **12 Outcome of Review of Stone Circle Development Sites**

To consider a report of the Head of Estate and Development – to be circulated.

Reason for taking item in private:

Paragraph 3 - information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

## Cabinet - Shareholder Group

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**MINUTES OF THE CABINET - SHAREHOLDER GROUP MEETING HELD ON 7 NOVEMBER 2022 AT KENNET ROOM - COUNTY HALL, BYTHESEA ROAD, TROWBRIDGE, BA14 8JN.**

**Present:**

Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Nick Botterill and Cllr Phil Alford

**Also Present:**

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18 **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

19 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the Cabinet Shareholder Group meeting held on 1 August 2022 were presented.

**Resolved:**

**To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 1 August 2022.**

20 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest from members of the Shareholder Group.

Simon Hendey, Director of Housing and Commercial Development at Wiltshire Council, reported that he was attending the meeting in his capacity as a Director of the Stone Circle Companies.

21 **Leaders Announcements**

There were no Leaders announcements.

22 **Public Participation and Questions from Councillors**

There was no public participation or questions from Councillors.

23 **Stone Circle Bi-Annual Report - Update**

The Shareholder Group received a presentation from the Director, Stone Circle Housing Company Ltd and Stone Circle Development Company Ltd, Simon Hendeby, which provided an update on the Companies Business Plans.

The Director reported that Housing Company purchases were challenging due to ongoing supply shortages which impacted yields, however, flexibility on prices allowed by the 2022/23 Business Case revision allowed for more successful bids to be made. He also commented on historic purchases and opportunities in the current market.

The Group were informed of six projects currently being progressed by the Development Company and the Director provided updates for each project being undertaken. They noted that there had been delays in the planning process which hindered progress on several projects, however, the Director confirmed that the delays and changes in the housing market did not warrant projects being ended prior to completion, sale or tenanted. The Director confirmed that he would provide additional feedback in relation to the reasons for delays.

The Director also reported on the Stone Circle Companies Business Plan for 2023/24 highlighting the Companies plans in relation to finance, shared ownership, and registered provider status. In response to comments raised during the meeting it was noted that the Stone Circle Companies would continue acquiring properties and these could be used to receive nominations of Ukrainian families going forward.

**Resolved:**

**That the Stone Circle Business Plan update be noted.**

24 **Appointment of Chair - Delegation**

The Shareholder Group considered a request to delegate authority to Council officers, in consultation with the Leader of the Council to approve the appointment of the Chair and non-executive directors of the Stone Circle Companies Boards.

**Resolved:**

**That the Shareholder Group delegate to the Director of Legal & Governance, in consultation with the Leader of the Council to undertake the reserved matter of appointments of the Chair and non-executive directors to the relevant Boards of the Stone Circle companies, in accordance with recommendation 5 of the September 2021 Governance Review.**

25 **Urgent Items**

There were no urgent items.

(Duration of meeting: 1.30 - 1.55 pm)

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