

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the CABINET held in the the Civic Suite 0.1A, Pathfinder House, St Mary's Street, Huntingdon, PE29 3TN on Tuesday, 28 February 2012.

PRESENT: Councillor J D Ablewhite – Chairman.
Councillors B S Chapman, J A Gray,
T D Sanderson and D M Tysoe.

APOLOGY: An apology for absence from the meeting was submitted on behalf of Councillor N J Guyatt.

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor T V Rogers

94. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

No declarations were received.

95. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

that the press and public be excluded from the meeting because the business to be transacted contains exempt information relating to the financial and business affairs of a particular person (including the authority that holds that information) and to terms proposed in the course of negotiations for the acquisition or disposal of property.

96. CASTLE HILL HOUSE - FORMER HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL OFFICES, HIGH STREET, HUNTINGDON

Further to Minute No 11/93 and having observed the earlier meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Economic Well-Bell), the Cabinet considered a report by the Managing Director (Resources) (a copy of which is appended in the Annex to the Minute Book) outlining a range of options for the future of Castle Hill House, Huntingdon.

Having considered details of an offer received for the building, the potential to market for residential use, development options for an area of land east of the property and the marketing methods employed by the Agent, the Cabinet

RESOLVED

- (a) that the Managing Director (Resources) be requested to instruct the Council's Agents to contact the potential purchaser referred to in the report now submitted and to advise them that an offer of £625,000 for Castle Hill House would be acceptable but that this excludes the hardstanding hatched area shown in Annex A of the report;

- (b) that the Council's Agents be advised to continue to market Castle Hill House with a view to attracting potential interest locally and from outside the area; and
- (c) that the Managing Director (Resources) be requested to instruct another agent to market the property as a residential dwelling.

97. OFFICER EMPLOYMENT PROCEDURE RULES

(The Chairman announced that he proposed to admit the following urgent item in accordance with Section 100B (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 given the need to deal with outstanding personnel issues)

Having been acquainted with the requirements of paragraph 4(e) of the Officer Employment Procedure Rules, the Cabinet confirmed that there was no material or well-founded objection to the Senior Officers' Panel's decision to make the post of Head of Housing Services redundant and as a result the post will be deleted from the establishment.

Chairman