

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
VALUE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Town Hall, Main Road, Romford
17 January 2013 (6.00 - 6.35 pm)**

Present:

Councillors Robby Misir (Chairman), Ted Eden, Ron Ower, +Wendy Brice-Thompson, +Linda Hawthorn and +Frederick Thompson

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ray Morgon, Billy Taylor and Damian White.

+Councillors Wendy Brice-Thompson, Frederick Thompson and Linda Hawthorn substituted in the place of Councillors White, Taylor and Morgon respectively.

Also present at the meeting was Councillors Clarence Barrett, Andrew Curtin and Keith Darvill.

The Chairman reminded Members of the action to be taken in an emergency.

22 DISPOSAL OF THE FREEHOLD INTEREST IN THE OLD WINDMILL HALL AND CAR PARK, ST MARY'S LANE, UPMINSTER - REQUISITION OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

In accordance with paragraph 17 of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee Rules, a requisition signed by two Members representing more than one Group (Councillors Clarence Barrett and Keith Darvill) had called in an executive decision signed on 22 November 2012.

The executive decision was:

1. To formally confirm that the Old Windmill Hall and adjacent car parking as detailed on the attached plan be declared surplus and to authorise the disposal of the freehold interest in the site.
2. To authorise the commencement of the statutory process to appropriate from open space and then dispose of the land detailed on plan sps 1294/1 Rev A.
3. To authorise the appropriation of the land shown on plan sps 1294/1 Rev A from the cartilage of the Old Windmill Hall to open space use subject to the removal from the open space use of the land shown

4. To authorise the Property Strategy Manager, in consultation with the assistant Chief Executive (Legal & Democratic Services) to deal with all matters arising from this decision and to complete the disposal. This was to include completion of the statutory process for the appropriation of open space land in the event of there being no representation on the proposal.

At the start of the meeting, the Chairman allowed the Cabinet Member for Value to make a statement on the executive decision.

Cllr Ramsey explained that following discussion with the Leader as to one of the reasons of the call-in, namely that Cabinet should receive a further report on the option of disposing of the Old Windmill Hall site as agreed by Cabinet on 26 October 2011 he had decided to withdraw the executive decision in order for the report be produced and circulated.

As a result the report would be considered at the Cabinet meeting of 13 February 2013.

For the rest of the meeting, members of the committee and other members present took the opportunity to contribute issues that they would like the report to address.

As the Executive Decision had been withdrawn, the Committee took no further action as regards the requisition, which was no longer needed.

Chairman