

**A MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD
WAS HELD ON 31 JANUARY 2013**

The Mayor (Councillor Dickson) (ex-officio); Chairman of the Policy and Organisation Board (Councillor Hook) (ex-officio) (P), Councillors Allen (P); Burgess (P), Chegwyn (P), Edgar, Forder, Geddes (P); Mrs Hook (P), Lane (Chairman) (P), Langdon (P), Philpott (P) and Mrs Searle (P).

It was noted that, in accordance with Standing Orders, Councillors Burgess and CR Carter had been nominated to replace Councillors Forder and Edgar for this meeting.

31. APOLOGIES

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were received from the Mayor and Councillors Forder and Edgar.

32. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of pecuniary interest were declared by Councillors Hook, Mrs Hook and Philpott in the urgent exempt agenda item (Property Issues).

33. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Economic Development Board meeting held on 12 December 2012 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

34. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations.

35. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

PART II

**36. NEW LEASE TO CORNERSTONE TELECOMMUNICATIONS
INFRASTRUCTURE LIMITED FOR PART OF THE TOWN HALL ROOF**

Consideration was given to a report by the Community and Customer Service Manager which sought the Board's approval to the grant of a lease of part of the Town Hall roof to Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Limited (CTIL) for the operation of a telecommunications station.

RESOLVED: That:

- a) the granting of a lease to Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Ltd on the terms set out in the report of the Community and Customer Services Manager be approved; and

- b) the Borough Solicitor be authorised to enter into such legal documentation as is necessary to complete the lease.

37. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That in relation to the following item the public be excluded from the meeting, as it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during this item there would be disclosure to them of exempt information within Paragraphs 1 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, and further that in all circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, for the reasons set out in the report.

Note: Councillor Chegwyn requested that it be noted in the minutes that he had voted against the above resolution.

38. PROPERTY ISSUE

Councillors Hook, Mrs Hook and Philpott declared a pecuniary interest in this item, left the meeting room and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

By reason of special circumstances the Chairman determined that this item be considered at this meeting notwithstanding the fact that the item had not been available for public inspection in accordance with the provisions of Section 100(4)(a) of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985.

The special circumstances were that the final details of the agreement had only been finalised on 29 January 2013 and a delay in considering the item until the next ordinary meeting of the Board would have resulted in the Council paying more rent.

The report was exempt from publication as it contained information relating to the financial or business affairs of two persons.

Consideration was given to a report by the Chief Executive.

RESOLVED: That the recommendations contained in the report of the Chief Executive be approved.

The meeting concluded at 6.07 pm

CHAIRMAN