

Minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Board

3 August 2023

-: Present :-

Councillor Billings (Chairman)

Councillors Brook, Bryant, Cowell (Vice-Chair), Harvey, Johns, Joyce, Long and Twelves

(Also in attendance: Councillors Fox, Barbara Lewis, Chris Lewis, David Thomas and Jacqueline Thomas)

8. Apologies

It was reported that, in accordance with the wishes of the Liberal Democrat Group and the Conservative Group, the membership of the Board had been amended to include Councillors Johns, Long and Brook in place of Councillors Douglas-Dunbar, Law and Maddison respectively.

9. Minutes

Subject to the value of the two solar farms being amended to £600,000, the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 5 July 2023 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

10. Disposal of Assets Call-In

The Board had before it details of a call-in by five Members of the Council of the decision of the Cabinet to dispose of surplus assets. The Call-in Promoter, Councillor Long, explained his reasons for call-in to the Board and the Cabinet Member for Place Services and Economic Growth responded. Julie Brandon, representative from the Torquay Neighbourhood Forum spoke in support of development of the sites but raised concerns over the potential for the sites not being developed as intended.

Resolved:

That no further action be taken in respect of the call-in.

Chairman