

MINUTES OF THE **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12th APRIL 2017** AT 6.30 P.M. AT THE TOWN HALL, 9 DEVON SQUARE, NEWTON ABBOT.

PRESENT:

Councillors Ms L Roberts (Mayor) Presiding

Councillors

Mrs C Bunday	C N Parker
Mrs J Cleave	M Pilkington
C Coyle-Moore	K Purchase
M Hocking	M Ryan
D Howe	Mrs L Sheffield
Mrs S Kingdom	Mr T Ward

In attendance: Mr P A Rowe – Town Clerk
Mrs A Robinson – Committee Administrator

449. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors D Corney-Walker, R Hayes, R Jenks, M Joyce and Mrs J A Jones (Dep Mayor).

450. **INTERESTS**

None declared.

451. **PROCUREMENT STRATEGY**

The Mayor invited the Town Clerk to inform Members of the purpose of the proposed Procurement Strategy, previously circulated. The Clerk reminded Members that the Council would need a formal strategy for the procurement of goods and services for the development phase of the Newton's Place Project. The document would provide an overall structure to the procurement process, thereby sitting above the existing Financial Regulations. Members raised questions in relation to the practical elements of procurement, insurance and risk management. Members noted the inclusion of an additional paragraph in the Financial Regulations, paragraph 12.3 Contractual Considerations. Following discussion among Members the Clerk noted that the Council may need to consider an Ethical Policy in conjunction with the Council's Financial Regulations when accepting funding for projects.

Accordingly, it was

RESOLVED that a) the **Procurement Strategy** be hereby approved and adopted; b) the **Financial Regulations** be approved as amended and c) the Clerk to produce a draft **Ethical Policy** for consideration by Members.

Chairman