

Regulatory Committee

Tuesday 6 August 2024

Minutes

Attendance

Committee Members

Councillor Robert Tromans (Chair)
Councillor John Cooke (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Jeff Clarke
Councillor Judy Falp
Councillor Dave Humphreys
Councillor Andy Jenns
Councillor Dale Keeling
Councillor Justin Kerridge
Councillor Chris Mills
Councillor Adrian Warwick

Officers

Helen Barnsley, Senior Democratic Services Officer
Andy Carswell, Democratic Services Officer
Caroline Gutteridge, Delivery Lead Commercial & Regulatory
Steve Smith, Director of Strategic Infrastructure & Climate Change
Nichola Vine, Head of Legal and Governance

1. General

(1) Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Caroline Phillips and Tim Sinclair.

(2) Disclosures of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

There were none.

(3) Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the meetings held on 2 April 2024 and 14 May 2024 were both approved as an accurate record.

2. Delegated Decisions

Members noted the delegated decisions made by officers since the last meeting as set out in the report.

In response to a question from Councillor Justin Kerridge, it was confirmed there had been no change to the scope for which a decision could be delegated to an officer. The terms could be found in section 2.10 of the Council's Constitution.

In particular respect of application WDC/23CC005, where there was a concern the decision to build a school had been taken under delegated powers, officers clarified that the decision that had been made under delegated powers related to the planning approval and not to the approval of the scheme itself. This was subject to the usual governance requirements including Cabinet approval and addition to the capital programme. Additionally, there had been no complaints raised about the application from statutory consultees.

In respect of application NWB/23CM009, Councillor Dave Humphreys said it was his belief the site had been used as a sewage pumping station for some time prior to the application being approved and asked for clarification on this. Members were told it was possible the Council would decide not to take enforcement action while an application was being considered. Confirmation would be sought and circulated to members in writing.

3. Appointment of Director to Warwickshire Legal Services Ltd

The Chair reminded members that a short form of Caroline Gutteridge's CV had been circulated to demonstrate she was suitably qualified to hold the position that had been proposed.

Resolved unanimously:

That the Committee approves the appointment of Caroline Gutteridge (Legal Service Manager – Commercial & Regulatory) as a Director of WLStl.