Minutes of the Proceedings of the **Test Valley Borough Council** held in the on 12 April 2017 at 4:00 pm

342 <u>Prayers</u>

Prayers were led by Reverend Canon Tim Sledge.

343 Apologies

Resolved:

That the apologies of Councillors Brooks, Cosier, Hope, Lovell, Mutton, Preston and Tupper be noted.

344 **Declarations of Interests**

Councillor Cooper declared a personal interest in relation to item 351 as he knew the owner of the property and advised Council that he would leave the meeting for the consideration of that item.

345 <u>Minutes</u>

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 24 February 2017 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

346 <u>Mayor's Announcements</u>

The Worshipful the Mayor reminded those present of the Charity Spring Walk, which will take place on Sunday 30 April 2017. There will be a 3 mile and 10 mile route option.

347 <u>Committee Reports</u>

347.1 <u>Minutes of Meetings</u>

Resolved:

That the minutes of the following Committees and Cabinet meetings be received.

Cabinet – 15 February 2017

Northern Area Planning Committee – 16 February 2017

Southern Area Planning Committee –21 February 2017

Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 22 February 2017

Northern Area Planning Committee – 9 March 2017

Southern Area Planning Committee –14 March 2017

Cabinet - 15 March 2017

Planning Control Committee – 21 March 2017

Overview and Scrutiny Committee -22 March 2017

348 **Property Purchase under Head of Estates Delegation**

Consideration was given to a report of the Economic Portfolio Holder, which informed Council of property purchase investments exercised by the Head of Estates in consultation with a Member Panel, under delegated authority. In accordance with the delegated authority granted in November 2015, the report was presented to update Council on the details of the purchase.

Resolved:

- 1. That the decision to purchase the properties identified in the Confidential Annex, be noted.
- 2. That following completion of the purchase, the budget for property investments be re-established in the Council's Capital Programme at £3m, with the additional sum to be financed from the Capital Receipts Reserve.

349 <u>Exclusion of the Public</u>

Resolved:

That pursuant to Regulation 4 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, the public be excluded from the meeting for the consideration of the following matters on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the following Paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, indicated below.

The public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information for the reason given below:

Property Purchases under Head of Estates Delegation – Confidential Annex Paragraph 3

It is considered that the annex to the report contains exempt information within the meaning of paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended. It is further considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information because the information relates to the financial or business affairs of the Council and third parties who are necessarily identified, which information is commercially sensitive and which by its disclosure would have an adverse effect upon the interests of those third parties and the Council as they seek to settle agreed terms of business.

Estates Property Matters

Paragraph 3

It is considered that this report contains exempt information within the meaning of paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended. It is further considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information because the information relates to the financial or business affairs of the Council and third parties who are necessarily identified, which information is commercially sensitive and which by its disclosure would have an adverse effect upon the interests of those third parties and the Council as they seek to settle agreed terms of business.

350 <u>Property Purchases under Head of Estates Delegation – Confidential Annex</u>

Issues of clarification were sought on information contained within the confidential annex which were answered by the Economic Portfolio Holder.

351 **Estates Property Matters**

Councillor Cooper left the meeting for the consideration of this item for the reasons specified in item 344 above.

Resolved:

- 1. That the Head of Estates and economic Development be authorised to purchase the property identified in the report subject to him being satisfied, following the completion of a survey and any other enquiries, that it constitutes a sound strategic investment for the Council.
- 2. That the cost of the purchase and minor repair works, as shown in paragraph 6.2 of the report be financed from the Capital Receipts Reserve.
- 3. That once purchased, the management of the property be included in the Valley Housing Ltd business plan.

(The meeting ended at 4.20 pm)