



Agenda

Meeting: **Otterpool Park Working Group**
Date: **6 November 2019**
Time: **12.00 pm**
Place: **Boulogne Room, Civic Centre, Folkestone**

To: Councillors Ray Field, Gary Fuller, Jim Martin, David Monk (Chairman), Terence Mullard and David Wimble

The Working Group will consider matters listed below on the date and at the time and place shown. **This meeting will not be open to the press and public.**

1. **Welcome and Introduction**
2. **Apologies for Absence**
3. **Declarations of Interest**

Members of the Council should declare any interests which fall under the following categories:

- a) Disclosable pecuniary interests (DPI);
- b) Other Significant Interests (OSI);
- c) Voluntary announcements of other interests.

4. **Minutes**

To approve the minutes of the Otterpool Working Group held on 7 October 2019.

5. **Presentation from BNP Paribas, Commercial Advisors to the Council**
6. **Presentation from PWC on the financial model**
7. **Decisions for Council in November's Cabinet and Council reports**

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8. **Future delivery of Otterpool Park**

9. **To agree items for future Otterpool Park Working Groups**

List discussed at the Working Group meeting held on 7 October 2019:

- Housing mix
- Future mobility and technology
- Biodiversity
- Design
- Employment
- Long term stewardship

10. **Next steps**

Declarations of Interest

Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI)

Where a Member has a new or registered DPI in a matter under consideration they must disclose that they have an interest and, unless the Monitoring Officer has agreed in advance that the DPI is a 'Sensitive Interest', explain the nature of that interest at the meeting. The Member must withdraw from the meeting at the commencement of the consideration of any matter in which they have declared a DPI and must not participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter unless they have been granted a dispensation permitting them to do so. If during the consideration of any item a Member becomes aware that they have a DPI in the matter they should declare the interest immediately and, subject to any dispensations, withdraw from the meeting.

Other Significant Interest (OSI)

Where a Member is declaring an OSI they must also disclose the interest and explain the nature of the interest at the meeting. The Member must withdraw from the meeting at the commencement of the consideration of any matter in which they have declared a OSI and must not participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter unless they have been granted a dispensation to do so or the meeting is one at which members of the public are permitted to speak for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence relating to the matter. In the latter case, the Member may only participate on the same basis as a member of the public and cannot participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter and must withdraw from the meeting in accordance with the Council's procedure rules.

Voluntary Announcement of Other Interests (VAOI)

Where a Member does not have either a DPI or OSI but is of the opinion that for transparency reasons alone s/he should make an announcement in respect of a matter under consideration, they can make a VAOI. A Member declaring a VAOI may still remain at the meeting and vote on the matter under consideration.

Note to the Code:

Situations in which a Member may wish to make a VAOI include membership of outside bodies that have made representations on agenda items; where a Member knows a person involved, but does not have a close association with that person; or where an item would affect the well-being of a Member, relative, close associate, employer, etc. but not his/her financial position. It should be emphasised that an effect on the financial position of a Member, relative, close associate, employer, etc OR an application made by a Member, relative, close associate, employer, etc would both probably constitute either an OSI or in some cases a DPI.

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Minutes

Otterpool Park Working Group

Held at:	Folkestone Room - Civic Centre Folkestone
Date	Monday, 7 October 2019
Present	Councillors Ray Field, Gary Fuller, Jim Martin, David Monk (Chairman), Terence Mullard and David Wimble
Apologies for Absence	None
Officers Present:	Kate Clark (Committee Services Officer), Andy Jarrett (Chief Strategic Development Officer), John Bunnett (Corporate Director - Place and Commercial Services), Tim Madden (Corporate Director - Customer, Support and Specialist Services), Susan Priest (Head of Paid Service), Charlotte Spendley (Assistant Director) and Julia Wallace (Masterplanning Project Manager)
Others Present:	Councillors Lesley Whybrow, Connor McConville, Tim Prater and Ian Meyers

1. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

2. **Purpose of the Working Group**

The terms of reference document of the Working Group was highlighted to members.

3. **Council Objectives**

The Council's objectives were highlighted to members;

- Keep councillors informed about progress on the development of Otterpool Park.
- Provide strategic oversight
- To act as an informal body in challenging the project to ensure high quality outcomes.
- Monitor the delivery of the project.

- Enable Councillors to champion the Garden Town

The Council's five year housing land supply & its significance were outlined to the group.

The location of the site was discussed and officers confirmed that other potential areas for housing development in the District are subject to flooding and AONB constraints.

Officers confirmed one objective of the project is to provide income and capital to the District enabling financial security for the future.

4. **Progress to date**

Members received information with regard to phasing along with a map showing the whole area.

A planning application for 8500 homes has been submitted to the Local Planning Authority. Phasing of the development is key and initially the plan would be to commence Phase 1A which would include high density dwellings and phase 1b which would be more family homes at a lower density.

Members were keen to ensure that the Council considers high quality technology which would attract digital and creative employment. Sustainable and forward thinking transport options will be paramount, although traditional methods may be used to monitor in the short term. Longer term aspirations will include catering for electric vehicles with the relevant infrastructure.

Members agreed it was important that the Otterpool Park Development is held up as an exemplar of future technology.

Further discussions took place on financial issues, appropriate scrutiny and land ownership.

5. **Delivery vehicle**

Discussions took place around:

- Sustainability
- Commercial aspects
- Land ownership

6. **Programme and next steps**

Members were advised a report will be brought to Cabinet and Full Council in November outlining the current position and proposals for additional capital funding.

Further subjects for this Working Group to consider would be:

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- Housing mix
- Future mobility and technology
- Biodiversity
- Design
- Employment
- Long term stewardship

It was proposed that the next meeting of this Working Group would be in approximately two to three weeks' time.

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