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RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE

[NOTE: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In accordance with the Officer Employment Procedure Rules, Peter Bryant (Head of Democratic and Legal Services) has declared an interest in this Notice of Motion arising from him (i) being a member of the Cards Trust, the supporters' club for Woking Football Club and (ii) providing occasional unpaid assistance to Woking Football Club, e.g. acting as Returning Officer for the election of directors. The interest does not prevent Mr Bryant from advising the Council on this matter.

In accordance with the Officer Employment Procedure Rules, Leigh Clarke, (Finance Director) has declared an interest in this Notice of Motion arising from her husband having a small shareholding in the Club. The interest does not prevent Mrs Clarke from advising the Council on this matter.]

Executive Summary

The Council is invited to consider the recommendations from the meeting of the Executive held 28 March 2019 in respect of the notice of motion received from Councillor Ali concerning Partnership Working and Project Management. The extract from the report to be considered by the Executive is set out below. The minutes of the Executive will be tabled at the meeting of Council.

14a NOTICE OF MOTION – CLLR M ALI – PARTNERSHIP WORKING AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT

The Executive has been asked to consider the following Notice of Motion from Councillor Ali.

Partnership Working and Project Management

"1) On new partnerships - criteria for partnerships Council does not enter into any new partnerships until a comprehensive criteria has been agreed to asses new partners. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Similarly we chose GolDev as a partner which is a company with no real assets or experience to back the amount they are to get from us and the scale of projects.

This raises serious concerns on how we are assessing our potential partners and this motion calls for a pause until we have a criteria developed

2) Pause the Partnership with GolDev – This motions calls for a reassessment of our partnership with GolDev. When we were asked to approve the partnership with GolDev we had no clue that we will be required to fund them via a revolving loan and the huge scale of

it. I feel almost cheated that we were given half the information, either intentionally or we were just unaware, but either way it's an odd partnership and exposes us to huge risks. We thus pause the partnership, do not enter into any agreement and re assess our decision the light of full information.

3) Not all our projects have the right Project Management teams in place. And as owners we have not put any owner's team in place. As a council we naturally lack these skills and experience. And it is not a criticism of anyone but the reality is that no one has the right experience. This matter can be raised in the individual oversight meetings but since it affects the whole range of projects its best agreed here.

4) We hire the right people and do not exert undue pressure eon existing resources and also do not have unrealistic expectations from our staff or directors. Again the reality is that no one here has managed real life projects of this scale. As an example to expect a legal mind to manage a project is naïve. Let us put proper professionals in proper places.”

Background Papers: None.

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