

South Thames Gateway Building Control Joint Committee

Thursday, 7 December 2023

10.00 am

Present:

Cllr John Burden (Chair)

Councillors: Tim Gibson (Swale)
 Naushabah Khan (Medway)
 Pat Edwards (Canterbury)

Janine Weaver	Director of South Thames Gateway Building Control (STGBC)
Kirsty Stoddart	Technical and Administration Manager (STGBC)
Simon Thomas	Head of Planning (Canterbury)
Mark Breathwick	Assistant Director Community and Culture (Medway)
Joanne Johnson	Head of Regeneration, Economic Development and Property and Interim Head of Planning (Swale)
Nick Brown	Director (Environment) and Deputy Chief Executive (Gravesham)
Chloe Taylor	Committee Services Officer (Minutes)

16. Apologies

No apologies for absence were received.

17. Minutes

The minutes of the South Thames Gateway Building Control Joint Committee held on Thursday, 21 September 2023 were agreed and signed by the Chair.

18. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

19. Exclusion

To move, if required, that pursuant to Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 that the public be excluded from any items included in Part B of the agenda because it was likely in view of the nature of business to be transacted that if members of the public are present during those items, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

20. Monitoring Report September to November 2023

The Director (STGBC) presented the Committee with the South Thames Gateway Building Control Business Plan from September to November 2023, and highlighted key points.

Members acknowledged the legal issue with obtaining signed duty holders' statements at completion which may result in non-issuing of certificates and agreed the pragmatic

approach to issue where written evidence of difficulties and steps taken is received and satisfactory to enable release.

The members held an in-depth discussion and noted the report.

21. Business Plan 2024 - 2027

The Director (STGBC) presented the Committee with the Business Plan 2024 – 27 and highlighted key points.

In the event of a S114 notice being issued, the council serving the notice would not be able to incur any new expenditure, with the exception of that relating to the delivery of statutory services and contractual commitments. On that basis, it would be expected that funding for STGBC functions would continue.

The members of the committee approved the updated version of the Business Plan and requested that it be referred to each partner authority to approve the Final Draft Business Plan.

Close of meeting

The meeting ended at 10.51 am