



## **RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of**

### **Extraordinary Meeting of Council**

**Venue:** The Custom House, Harbour Parade.

**Date:** Wednesday 7 July 2021.

**Present:** Councillors; Albon, Ara, Austin, Crittenden, Green, Hetherington, Makinson, Moore, Nixey, L Piper, S Piper, Rusieki, Wing and Young.

Miss E. Richford – Deputy Town Clerk (RFO), D Williams – Digital Communications and Marketing Officer.

059 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Huxley and Knight.

060 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None declared.

Cllr S Piper stated that he formally objected to the Chair making the decision on behalf of Council in relation to declarations of interest. He also stated that he will complain to the Monitoring Officer at TDC that he felt that the decision from the meeting held on 30 July 2021 was wrong.

061 **RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCILS RESPONSE TO THE SOS TRANSPORT'S CALL FOR EVIDENCE TO INFORM HIS DECISION REGARDING THE DCO APPLICATION BY RSP FOR A FREIGHT HUB AT MANSTON - TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE.**

Mr Peter Forbes of Alan Stratford and Associates Ltd presented his report to Council. Members were invited to ask questions for clarification of points in the report.

Proposed by Cllr Albon and seconded by Cllr Nixey that;

The draft report be used as RTC's response to the SoS transport's call for evidence to inform his decision regarding the DCO application by RSP for a freight hub at Manston.

Proposed by Cllr Wing, seconded by Cllr Crittenden and RESOLVED that;

A recorded vote be taken.

Councillor Albon - FOR

Councillor Ara - FOR

Councillor Austin - FOR

Councillor Crittenden - FOR

Councillor Green - FOR

Councillor Hetherington - FOR

Councillor Makinson - FOR

Councillor Moore - FOR

Councillor Nixey - FOR

Councillor L Piper - AGAINST

Councillor Rev. S Piper - AGAINST

Councillor Rusiecki - AGAINST

Councillor Young - AGAINST

Councillor Wing - FOR

10 FOR 4 AGAINST – THE RESOLUTION WAS CARRIED.

Council considered the letter provided by the Chair of Council as an attachment to the report.

Proposed by Cllr Crittenden and seconded by Cllr Green that;

The first 3 paragraphs of the letter be sent with the report as follows;

“Thank you for inviting Ramsgate Town Council to comment on your intention to remake your decision regarding RSP's application for a DCO regarding their intended freight hub at Manston.

It is not Ramsgate Town Council's intention to comment on the technical issues involved except to say that our understanding of the DCO process is that the applicant must show unequivocally a “need” for the proposed facility. “Need” in this context

meaning a facility or service that cannot reasonably be provided nationally by existing arrangements. Clearly in this case the expert planning inspectors, after an extensive investigation, one of the largest ever undertaken, found that this case had not been made.

Ramsgate Town Council has taken the best view that it could do to assist the Secretary of State to arrive at a decision based on fact rather than opinion, and to serve its electorate in the most effective way, was to commission a report from an independent aviation expert organisation. This organisation, Stratford's Ltd were given no guiding instructions other than to respond factually to the SoS's questions. Peter Forbes, Stratford's managing director's report is attached".

Proposed by Cllr S Piper, seconded by Cllr Wing and RESOLVED that;

A recorded vote be taken.

Councillor Albon - FOR

Councillor Ara - FOR

Councillor Austin - FOR

Councillor Crittenden - FOR

Councillor Green - FOR

Councillor Hetherington - FOR

Councillor Makinson - FOR

Councillor Moore - FOR

Councillor Nixey - FOR

Councillor L Piper - AGAINST

Councillor Rev. S Piper - AGAINST

Councillor Rusiecki - AGAINST

Councillor Young - AGAINST

Councillor Wing – FOR

10 FOR 4 AGAINST – THE RESOLUTION WAS CARRIED.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.20 pm.