

**Houghton Regis Town Council
New Office Provisions Sub Committee
5th March 2019 at 7.30pm**

Present:	Cllrs:	Mrs T McMahon C Slough Mrs Y Farrell T Welch	Chairman Substitution
	Officers:	Clare Evans Louise Senior	Town Clerk Head of Democratic Services
Apologies:	Cllr:	M Kennedy	
Also present:	Cllr:	J Carroll	
Absent:	Cllr:	Ms L Ellaway	

NOP19 APOLOGIES & SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies were received from Cllr M Kennedy (Cllr C Slough substituted).

NOP20 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

None.

NOP21 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

NOP22 MINUTES

To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 4th December 2018.

Resolved: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 4th December 2018.

NOP23 OPTIONS REPORT

Members received a draft options report compiled by the consultants engaged to assist and in accordance with the agreed Scope of Service.

Members were invited to comment on the options listed.

Members discussed the list and removed several non-viable options and reconsidered some of the previously discounted options.

The remaining shortlisted options were:

1. Existing Peel Street Site: But repair construction faults
2. Existing Peel Street Site: Partly demolish and construct replacement over single or two floors, incorporate a new Debating Chamber or move this function to another premises.
3. Existing Peel Street Site: Fully demolish current building. Rebuild over single or two storeys.
4. Bedford Square Community and Youth Centre - Take over all available rooms for office function. (potentially smaller than Peel Street – survey to verify. Debating Chamber and Meeting Rooms in shared Community Rooms. No direct parking available.
5. Houghton Regis Central Development - Shop unit on street frontage as offices. Community rooms used as Debating Chamber.
6. Tithes Farm Recreation Ground Pavilion
7. Parkside Day Centre
8. Former Morrisons (Netto) Supermarket
9. Townsend Day Centre

The CBC budget setting process indicated that CBC may be willing to consider future options for the Bedford Square Community Centre. An approach has been made to CBC to advise that HRTC were considering options for new offices and as such may like to have further discussions around this centre.

Members suggested that Central Bedfordshire Council be contacted to discuss further the availability of the options listed.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10pm

Dated this day of

Chairman