Resumption of Chair.

12 Councillor Scally resumed the Chair.

Office accommodation on 5th floor, Commonwealth House, 48 Albion Street (Ward 10) – Lease approved etc - Authority to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability and Director of Legal and Administration

13 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding proposals to enter into a lease for office accommodation on the 5th floor, Commonwealth House, 48 Albion Street (Ward 10), advising

(1) that this Council currently leased extensive office space within Commonwealth House, including part of the ground, first and second floors, on behalf of Social Work Services;

(2) of proposals to lease additional space on the 5th floor to accommodate staff that had been recruited as a result of the challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic that would allow them a private environment for the services that they provided; and

(3) of provisionally agreed heads of terms for the lease.

After consideration, the committee

(a) approved the Council entering into a lease for office accommodation on the 5th floor, Commonwealth House, 48 Albion Street (Ward 10) for a term expiring on 9th August 2030 at a rent of £22,140 per annum exclusive of VAT; and

(b) authorised the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability and Director of Legal and Administration to conclude all other matters pertaining to the lease of the subjects and to enter into the necessary legal agreements on terms which were in the best interest of the Council.