

# Revolving Investment Fund Committee Meeting

**Online Meeting, Virtual Meeting Platform  
Wednesday, 03 February 2021 at 18:00**

**The Revolving Investment Fund Committee has delegated authority from Cabinet to manage the Revolving Investment Fund, which has been established for the commercial management, disposal of and investment into key assets in order to drive forward income generation projects.**



## Information for Members of the Public

### Access to information and meetings

You have the right to attend all meetings of the Council, its Committees and Cabinet. You also have the right to see the agenda (the list of items to be discussed at a meeting), which is usually published five working days before the meeting, and minutes once they are published.

Dates of the meetings are available here:

<https://colchester.cmis.uk.com/colchester/MeetingCalendar.aspx>.

Most meetings take place in public. This only changes when certain issues, for instance, commercially sensitive information or details concerning an individual are considered. At this point you will be told whether there are any issues to be discussed in private, if so, you will be asked to leave the meeting.

### Have Your Say!

The Council welcomes contributions You can register to Have Your Say! and submit your contribution of no more than 3 minutes (no longer than 500 words) via the form accessed via the link below, before noon on the working day before the meeting date:

[Revolving Investment Fund Committee Have Your Say form](#)

If you would like to submit representations to a meeting and need to find out more, please refer to the Have Your Say! arrangements here:

<https://colchester.cmis.uk.com/colchester/HaveYourSay.aspx>.

## **Revolving Investment Fund Committee**

### **Terms of Reference**

To make decisions regarding the following:

- (1) Develop and Set the re-investment strategy for the rolling 5 year programme including:
  - (a) Establishment of a pipeline of high rental growth projects (subject to approval by way of a business case process) and subject to a spending cap of £5m
  - (b) Agree annual capital funds to be set aside for opportunity purchase of land/new investment assets (subject to investment business case being made).
- (2) A Project selection process – Establish a process for spend on non-income producing regeneration projects (subject to business case).
- (3) Developing and monitoring a capital receipts programme.
- (4) Developing and monitoring investment performance against key financial targets.
- (5) Developing a monitoring framework for schemes being developed with RIF investment.
- (6) Develop a strategy for any borrowing activities within the fund (subject to the Council's overall treasury management strategy).
- (7) Project Appraisal – Development of a formal business case procedure to include the following criteria:
  - (a) Return on investment (or regeneration outputs for non-income producing regeneration projects) – would income from the proposed project meet rates of return required to invest the capital requested?
  - (b) Deliverability – including a review of the planning status, barriers to development, market conditions, ownership and legal limitations
  - (c) Strategic fit – does the project support Council Strategic Priorities?
  - (d) Timescale for commencement of income
  - (e) Risk versus reward – Does the projected income outweigh the deliverability risks from the investment of capital, what is the security of income?
  - (f) Wider economic impacts – the wider impact of the project on the local economy eg stimulating other local development, contributing to growth of local business or housing targets, local supply chain utilisation.
- (8) Development and overseeing the overall approach to investment risk management including appropriate reviews of risks within the RIF against wider Council risk register.
- (9) Developing the mechanism for new assets to be added to the RIF capital receipts programme.

The Committee will have the authority to commission any reports or external advice/advisors that it needs to fulfil its responsibilities.

**COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**Revolving Investment Fund Committee**  
**Wednesday, 03 February 2021 at 18:00**

**The Revolving Investment Fund Committee Members are:**

Councillor David King (Chair)  
Councillor Julie Young (Deputy Chair)  
Councillor Mark Cory  
Councillor Theresa Higgins

**The Revolving Investment Fund Committee Substitute Members are:**

All members of Cabinet who are not members of this Committee.

**AGENDA**  
**THE LIST OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING**  
**(Part A - open to the public)**

**Please note that Agenda items 1 to 6 are normally dealt with briefly.**

**Live Broadcast**

Please follow this link to watch the meeting live on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/ColchesterCBC>

**1 Welcome and Announcements (Virtual Meetings)**

The Chairman will welcome members of the public and Councillors to the meeting and remind those participating to mute their microphones when not talking. The Chairman will invite all Councillors and Officers participating in the meeting to introduce themselves. The Chairman will, at regular intervals, ask Councillors to indicate if they wish to speak or ask a question and Councillors will be invited to speak in turn by the Chairman. A vote on each item of business will be taken by roll call of each Councillor and the outcome of each vote will be confirmed by the Democratic Services Officer.

**2 Substitutions**

Councillors will be asked to say if they are attending on behalf of a Committee member who is absent.

**3 Urgent Items**

The Chairman will announce if there is any item not on the published agenda which will be considered because it is urgent and will explain the reason for the urgency.

**4 Declarations of Interest**

Councillors will be asked to say if there are any items on the agenda about which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest which would prevent them from participating in any discussion of the item or participating in any vote upon the item, or any other pecuniary interest or non-pecuniary interest.

**5 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Committee will be invited to confirm that the minutes of the meeting held on 4 November 2020 are a correct record.

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**6 Have Your Say! (Virtual Meetings)**

Members of the public may make representations to the meeting. Each representation may be no longer than three minutes (500 words). Members of the public may register their wish to address the meeting by registering online by 12.00 noon on the working day before the meeting date. In addition a written copy of the representation will need to be supplied for use in the event of unforeseen technical difficulties preventing participation at the meeting itself.

**7 Queen Street Grow On and Digital Working Hub Facility**

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The Committee will consider a report seeking approval for development of Colchester's Grow-on facility and Digital Working hub at the site of the former bus garage in Queen Street. This proposed facility will form a key part of the Town's employment and enterprise infrastructure; recognising the strength of the Creative and Digital economic sector and addressing a notable market failure through lack of space for businesses wishing to expand, whilst also forming a key element within the broader St Botolph's regeneration programme.

**8 Exclusion of the Public (Cabinet)**

In accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 and in accordance with The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 to exclude the public, including the press, from the meeting so that any items containing exempt information (for example personal, financial or legal advice), in Part B of this agenda (printed on yellow paper) can be decided. (Exempt information is defined in Section 100I and Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972).

**Part B**

**(not open to the public including the press)**

**9 Queen Street Grow On and Digital Working Hub Facility - Part B**

The Committee are invited to note the note for publication appendix to the report at item 7 of the public agenda.