

**Committee:** Cabinet

**Date:** 11 November 2013

**Agenda item:**

**Wards:** All

**Subject:** **Reference from Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Panel –  
Call in of decision taken on Merton Priory Homes  
Regeneration Proposals**

**Lead officer:** Rebecca Redman, Scrutiny Officer

**Lead member:** Councillor Russell Makin, Chair of Sustainable Communities  
Overview & Scrutiny Panel

**Forward Plan reference number:**

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## **Recommendations:**

That the Cabinet consider the following recommendations made by the Sustainable Communities O&S Panel further to considering the call in of the decision taken on the Merton Priory Homes Regeneration Proposals:

a); That Cabinet appreciate the concerns expressed by the Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Panel regarding the lack of clarity on the process and timetabling (which needs to be re-addressed) that gave rise to the call-in;

b) That Cabinet agree that there be a full and timely scrutiny of the Master plan, financial impact of the proposals from Merton Priory Homes, and of the fit with the Borough's Development Framework (and other relevant core strategies);

c) That consideration be given by Cabinet to establishing a cross party Member working group to engage in the process of drawing up proposals for the Merton Regeneration Programme; and

d) That any proposals from Merton Priory Homes regarding regeneration be brought to the Council in due course for full consideration

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## **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1.1 To present to Cabinet the recommendations of the Sustainable Communities O&S Panel in relation to the call in of the decision taken on the Merton Priory Homes Regeneration Proposals. Members have made these recommendations with a view to informing the next stage of the Merton Priory Homes Regeneration Proposals.

1.2 This report was differed by Cabinet on 21 October 2013 so that it could be considered alongside the following report on this agenda.

## **2. DETAILS**

- 2.1 At its meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2013, the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel heard the call in of the decision taken on the Merton Priory Homes Regeneration Proposals (see Call in form attached as Appendix 1 and Record of decision attached as Appendix 2).

## **3. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL**

- 3.1 The Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Panel received a report detailing the officer response to the Call In request (Appendix 3) and considered the views the call in signatories, as well as hearing representations from the Cabinet Member for Environmental Sustainability and Regeneration, Cabinet Member for Community and Culture, Director of Corporate Services and Director of Environment and Regeneration. Deborah Upton, Executive Director of Governance, and Sargeant, Director of Regeneration – Merton Priory Homes.

- 3.2 Members agreed for the decision to be implemented as agreed but wished to make the following recommendations for Cabinet consideration to inform the next stage of the Merton Priory Homes Regeneration Proposals.

a) That Cabinet appreciate the concerns expressed by the Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Panel regarding the lack of clarity on the process and timetabling (which needs to be re-addressed) that gave rise to the call-in;

b) That Cabinet agree that there be a full and timely scrutiny of the Master plan, financial impact of the proposals from Merton Priory Homes, and of the fit with the Borough's Development Framework (and other relevant core strategies);

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## **4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 4.1 Cabinet is required under the terms of the Constitution to receive, consider and respond to references from overview and scrutiny.

## **5. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED**

- 5.1 None for the purposes of this report.

## **6. TIMETABLE**

- 6.1 None for the purposes of this report.

## **7. FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 None for the purposes of this report.

## **8. LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1 None for the purposes of this report.

- 9. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**
- 9.1 None for the purposes of this report.
- 10. HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS**
- 10.1 None for the purposes of this report.
- 11. RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**
- 11.1 None for the purposes of this report.
- 12. APPENDICES – THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED WITH THIS REPORT AND FORM PART OF THE REPORT**
- Appendix 1 – Call in Request Form
- Appendix 2 – Record of decision
- Appendix 3 – Officer response to call in request
- 13. BACKGROUND PAPERS**
- 13.1 Minutes of the Sustainable Communities O&S Panel meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2013.

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