

9 JULY 2013

(19:15 - 19:33)

PRESENT: Councillor Stephen Alambritis (in the Chair); Councillors, Mark Betteridge, Nick Draper, Linda Kirby, Edith Macauley, Maxi Martin and Martin Whelton.

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors Iain Dysart, Henry Nelles and Peter Southgate

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda item 1)

Councillors Mark Allison and Andrew Judge.

2 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST (Agenda Item 2)

None advised.

3 MERTON REGENERATION PROGRAMME (Agenda Item 3)

Reason for urgency: The legal requirements for Access to Information have not been met. The Chair has agreed the submission of this item to this meeting as a matter of urgency in order that Cabinet is aware of the proposals being put forward By Merton Priory Homes on the engagement they are commencing on the Eastfields, High Path and Ravensbury estates.

Councillor Nick Draper introduced the report.

Cabinet had regard to the recommendations and supporting narrative in the submitted report and, upon the Chair putting the recommendations to the meeting, it was

RESOLVED: That

That Cabinet members note the proposals put forward by Merton Priory Homes and await, with interest, the results of the initial engagement with residents;

officers are asked to work with MPH to determine how the project could be delivered for the benefit of residents and the boroughs communities;

the overriding priority is to ensure that residents' needs are met now and in the future;

should regeneration proposals proceed, following MPH's initial engagement with residents, Cabinet members will:

- seek to influence MPH so that an agreed proportion of any new properties built are affordable, in accordance with the council's policies

- seek to influence MPH so that all current tenants, leaseholders and freeholders on the three sites will be offered a property that is the same or better quality compared to their current property

CABINET

9 JULY 2013

- seek to influence MPH so that all residents are guaranteed a home on their current estate if they choose
- seek to influence MPH so that no existing tenants, leaseholders or freeholders will need to move more than once – unless they choose to in order to get a better property
- seek to influence MPH so that rents and service charges will not go up as a direct result of any regeneration plans
- seek to influence MPH so that no current tenants are moved from social to affordable rents
- seek to influence MPH so that tenants who are living in overcrowded conditions will be offered a property which addresses their overcrowding
- Seek to influence MPH to ensure that the council's current 100% nominations agreement is preserved during any regeneration plans

4 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That the public are excluded from the meeting during consideration of agenda item 4 pursuant to Part 4A, Paragraph 10.4 and Category 3 of the constitution.

5 EXEMPT REPORT: SOUTH LONDON WASTE PARTNERSHIP – EXIT STRATEGY FOR PHASE A CONTRACT 2 (MANAGEMENT OF HOUSEHOLD REFUSE AND RECYCLING CENTRES) (Agenda Item 4)

Reason for Urgency

Pursuant to the Access to Information regulations the Chair has approved the submission of this item as a matter of urgency in order that Cabinet may confirm that it is in agreement with the recommendation of the South London Waste Partnership's proposed exit strategy.

Councillor Mark Betteridge introduced the report.

The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission confirmed his agreement to the waiver of the call-in procedure in respect of this matter (Part 4E, Paragraph 17(b) refers).

Cabinet had regard to the recommendations and supporting narrative in the submitted report and, upon the Chair putting the recommendations to the meeting, it was

RESOLVED: That

- A. approval is given to the proposed exit strategy as set out in the submitted report to the SLWP Joint Waste Committee (Appendix 1 to the submitted

CABINET

9 JULY 2013

report refers);

- B. the Royal Borough of Kingston as contracting authority execute the proposed termination agreement for the current contract with the contractor detailed in the submitted report;
- C. approval of the final terms of the termination agreement is delegated to the Director of Environment and Regeneration in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environmental Sustainability and Regeneration; and
- D. the decision of the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission to waive the call-in procedure in relation to this matter is acknowledged.