

Agenda Item 3

MERANTUN DEVELOPMENT LIMITED SUB-COMMITTEE
25 MARCH 2019

(7.34 pm - 7.40 pm)

PRESENT Councillors (in the Chair), Stephen Alambritis and Martin Whelton

Ged Curran (Chief Executive), Chris Lee (Director of Environment and Regeneration), Caroline Holland (Director of Corporate Services), Paul Evans (Assistant Director of Corporate Governance), Paul McGarry (FutureMerton Manager), James McGinlay (Assistant Director for Sustainable Communities) Octavia Lamb (Policy and Research Officer, Labour Group) and Mandy Little (Communications Officer) Louise Fleming (Senior Democratic Services Officer)

ALSO PRESENT Councillors Nigel Benbow, Daniel Holden and Nick McLean

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 1)

Apologies for absence were received from the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Councillor Mark Allison.

2 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST (Agenda Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest made.

3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Agenda Item 3)

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2019 were approved as a correct record.

4 MERANTUN DEVELOPMENT LTD: COMPANY PROGRESS REPORT (Agenda Item 4)

The Director of Environment and Regeneration presented the report which provided an update on progress. The design consultant had been appointed initial designs would be brought to the Design Review Panel for consideration. There had been some minor slippage in the timetable, due to the appointment of the design company taking longer than originally anticipated. It had been the intention to appoint two companies, however it became apparent that the company appointed had the capacity to carry out the whole design brief. The Council was among over 100 local authorities who had either established or were in the process of establishing property companies for the provision of housing in their boroughs.

The Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Housing and Transport thanked the Company for the update and welcomed the progress made to date. In response to questions from the Cabinet Member, officers advised that the design company had experience of working with the London Borough of Southwark on schemes of a

similar scale. Officers were in the process of assessing the risks and constraints and putting mitigating measures in place and detailed the community engagement which had taken place.

RESOLVED

1. That the progress of Merantun Development Limited (MDL) for the delivery of their new build housing programme be noted.
2. That the appointment of the architectural design team for all four sites, led by Weston Williamson + Partners be noted.
3. That the year to date expenditure incurred by the Company be noted.