

## **Decisions of the Assets, Regeneration and Growth Committee**

1 June 2015

Members Present:-

Councillor Daniel Thomas (Chairman)

Councillor Gabriel Rozenberg (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Pauline Coakley Webb

Councillor Philip Cohen

Councillor Geof Cooke

Councillor Caroline Stock (as substitute)

Councillor Rohit Grover

Councillor Nagus Narenthira

Councillor Shimon Ryde

Apologies for Absence

Councillor Richard Cornelius

### **1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLVED** – that the minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2015 be agreed as a correct record.

### **2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Richard Cornelius, who was substituted by Councillor Caroline Stock.

### **3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

The following interests were declared:

| Councillor           | Agenda Item | Nature of Interest        | Details  |
|----------------------|-------------|---------------------------|--|
| Nagus Narenthira     | 8           | Disclosable non-pecuniary | That the Councillor is a member of Hanuman Community Centre, West Hendon |
| Pauline Coakley Webb | 8           | Disclosable non-pecuniary | That the Councillor is a member of Friern Barnet Community Library.      |
| Philip Cohen         | 10          | Disclosable non-pecuniary | That the Councillor is an employee of Barnet Homes.                      |

### **4. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER (IF ANY)**

There was none.

## **5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS (IF ANY)**

Councillor Hugh Rayner made a public comment in relation to item 9 (Land at Pavilion Way). Members asked questions following the comments, which were answered by Councillor Rayner.

Jasmin Parsons made a public comment in relation to items 7 (Breakdown of Existing and Proposed properties), 8 (Community Asset Strategy), 9 (Land at Pavilion Way) and 10 (London Borough of Barnet Accommodations Options Review). Members asked questions following the comments, which were then answered by Jasmin Parsons.

Councillor Sury Khatri made a public comment in relation to items 6 (Member's Item relating to Former Copthall School Grounds) and 8 (Community Asset Strategy). Members asked questions following the comments, which were answered by Councillor Khatri.

## **6. MEMBERS ITEM : FORMER COPTHALL SCHOOL GROUNDS - COUNCILLOR DANIEL THOMAS**

The Chairman introduced his Member's Item, which related to the Former Copthall School Grounds.

The Committee provided the following instruction on the Member's Item:

**RESOLVED: That officers work with Camden Community Sports and Football Association to help them realise their proposal in time for the September 2015 season. Officers are requested to bring a report to the September meeting of the Committee setting out means of achieving this objective.**

## **7. BREAKDOWN OF EXISTING AND PROPOSED PROPERTIES FOR EACH REGENERATION ESTATE**

The Chairman introduced the item which related to a breakdown of existing and proposed properties for each regeneration estate in the borough.

Following discussion of the item, the Committee requested that this information should be shared with the Housing Committee.

The Committee **RESOLVED: to note the report.**

## **8. COMMUNITY ASSET STRATEGY**

The Chairman introduced the report, which related to the Community Asset Strategy.

The Chairman **MOVED** the following motion:

- *3. That the Committee instruct officers to confirm the accuracy of assets stated on the Community Asset List and make necessary amendments to the list where applicable.*

The Committee unanimously agreed the motion; the motion was therefore carried.

Following discussion of the item the Chairman moved to the vote. Votes were recorded as follows:

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|---------|---|
| For     | 5 |
| Against | 0 |
| Abstain | 4 |

The vote was therefore carried.

The Committee therefore **RESOLVED**:

- 1. To approve Appendix 1 - Draft Community Asset Strategy and note the contents of the report.**
- 2. To note that, following engagement with existing occupiers of community buildings, an implementation plan will be presented to Assets, Regeneration and Growth Committee on 07 September 2015.**
- 3. That the Committee instruct officers to confirm the accuracy of assets stated on the Community Asset List and make necessary amendments to the list where applicable.**

**9. LAND AT PAVILION WAY, BURNT OAK- APPROPRIATION OF THE SITE FOR PLANNING PURPOSES AND THE GRANT OF TENANCY AT WILL FOR A TEMPORARY SCHOOL BUILDING.**

The Chairman introduced the item, which related to land at Pavilion Way, Burnt Oak, and the appropriation of the site for planning purposes and the grant of Tenancy at Will for a temporary school building.

Following discussion of the item, the Chairman moved to a vote. Votes were recorded as follows:

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| For     | 5 |
| Against | 0 |
| Abstain | 4 |

Immediately following the vote Councillor Narenthira moved to refer the item to the next practicable meeting of Full Council. The reason given for the request to refer the item was that there had been a lot of opposition to the proposals, and that Burnt Oak Councillors – who were not present – had concerns about the effect the proposals would have on their ward. The referral was supported by:

- Councillor Coakley Webb
- Councillor Philip Cohen
- Councillor Geof Cooke

**RESOLVED – That having received the requisite number of support for referral, the item will be placed on the agenda for consideration by Full Council.**

**10. ADDENDUM TO THE REPORT - LAND AT PAVILION WAY**

The Chairman introduced the addendum to Item 9, which laid out further recommendations to the main report.

Following discussion of the item, the Chairman moved to a vote. Votes were recorded as follows:

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| For     | 5 |
| Against | 0 |
| Abstain | 4 |

The recommendations set out in the report were therefore carried.

Therefore, the Committee **RESOLVED**:

- 1. To note the additional response to the public advertising of the Council's intended appropriation of the Site as shown edged red on drawing number 23839 to planning purposes under Section 122 (2A) Local Government Act 1972**
- 2. That the Committee note the amendment to paragraph 3.1 of the main report as detailed in the report.**

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- Councillor Geof Cooke

**RESOLVED – That having received the requisite number of support for referral, the item will be placed on the agenda for consideration by Full Council.**

## **12. LONDON BOROUGH OF BARNET ACCOMMODATIONS OPTIONS REVIEW**

The Chairman introduced the item, which related to the London Borough of Barnet accommodations options review.

Following discussion of the item the Chairman moved to a vote. The votes were recorded as follow:

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| For     | 5 |
| Against | 0 |
| Abstain | 4 |

The recommendations were therefore carried.

The Committee therefore **RESOLVED**:

- 1. To acknowledge and note the contents of the Outline Business Case (OBC).**
- 2. To note that the preferred option for Barnet Council's office accommodation is to proceed on the basis of a new build development at Colindale.**
- 3. To grant authority to procure a contractor through a framework panel.**
- 4. To delegate the authority to approve the appointment of the preferred contractor to enter into the pre-construction stage agreement to the Director of Commercial.**
- 5. To note that a Full Business Case (FBC) be prepared for consideration in December 2015.**

## **13. BRENT CROSS CRICKLEWOOD STATION PROJECT UPDATE**

The Chairman introduced the item, which related to an update on the Brent Cross Cricklewood station.

Following discussion of the item, the committee unanimously **RESOLVED**:

- 1. To note progress on the Brent Cross Cricklewood Regeneration Project.**
- 2. To A) Approve the terms for the draft Collaboration Agreement between the Council and Argent and Related Companies as set out in the Exempt Report; B) Authorise the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council to agree the detail of the Collaboration Agreement;**
- 3. To confirm as a matter of principle, that the Council is prepared to use its compulsory purchase powers pursuant to section 226(1)(a) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) to acquire the land edged red on the plan at Appendices A & B.**

**4. To note that :-**

- A) the appropriate Chief Officers are commencing negotiations to acquire by private treaty the land and interests in the areas required to deliver the Thameslink Station as shown on the plan at Appendices A & B and to approve and enter into agreements and undertakings with the owners and/or occupiers of the land in the said areas so as to facilitate its acquisition**
- B) the appropriate Chief Officers are undertaking the work needed to prepare for a possible Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) together with the associated documentation and, if necessary, will bring a further report back to the Committee seeking authority to make a CPO in respect of the land shown on the plan at Appendix C.**

**14. BARNET DEVELOPMENT PIPELINE**

The Chairman introduced the report which related to the Barnet Development Pipeline.

After considering the contents of the report, the Committee unanimously **RESOLVED:**

- 1. To note progress to date.**
- 2. To commence the procurement of a suitable building contractor with final appointment to follow the approval of the Full Business Case.**
- 3. For officers to report back to the Committee in September with a Full Business case and proposed development structure.**

**15. COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME**

The Committee noted the work programme.

**16. ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT**

There were none.

**17. MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

The Chairman did not exclude the press and public as the Committee decided to note the contents of the following item without discussion of its contents.

**18. BRENT CROSS CRICKLEWOOD STATION PROJECT UPDATE - EXEMPT APPENDIX D**

The Committee noted the exempt appendix.

**19. ANY OTHER EXEMPT ITEM(S) THAT THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT**

There were none.

The meeting finished at 9.21 pm