

Decisions of the Assets, Regeneration and Growth Committee

16 March 2015

Members Present:-

Councillor Daniel Thomas (Chairman)

Councillor Richard Cornelius	Councillor Geof Cooke
Councillor Pauline Coakley Webb	Councillor Gabriel Rozenberg
Councillor Philip Cohen	Councillor Shimon Ryde
Councillor Alison Moore (as substitute)	Councillor Val Duschinsky (as substitute)

Apologies for Absence

Councillor Daniel Seal

Councillor Nagus Narenthira

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting held on 3 March 2015 be agreed a correct record.

2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Daniel Seal, who was substituted by Councillor Val Duschinsky, and from Councillor Nagus Narenthira, who was substituted by Councillor Alison Moore.

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

There were none.

4. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER (IF ANY)

There was none.

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS (IF ANY)

Jez Simms (on behalf of Sheila Mahmood and separately in his own right), Kanu Dave and Stamo Ampatielou made public comments on agenda item 10.

Details of the questions asked and the published answers were provided with the agenda papers for the meeting.

Oral responses were given to the supplementary questions at the meeting.

6. MEMBERS' ITEMS (IF ANY)

There were none.

7. ANNUAL REGENERATION REPORT

The Committee considered the report.

Councillor Cooke moved a motion that was seconded by Councillor Moore,

“The Committee receive a report at the next meeting giving a breakdown for each regeneration area since 2003 and aggregation over all areas of the number of housing units in each tenure type, before and after the regeneration, the difference between them, and time during construction when no housing units are available for occupation”

Having been put to the vote the Committee voted:

For: 9

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

The motion was therefore carried.

Having been put to the vote the Committee voted:

In Favour: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 4

The Committee;

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RESOLVED –

1. To note the general progress being made towards delivering the Borough's regeneration schemes and skills and enterprise activities, including key achievements and successes from April 2014 to March 2015, as well as expected activities in 2015/16.
2. To note the Forward Plan of Milestones for 2015/16.
3. To receive a report at the next meeting giving a breakdown for each regeneration area since 2003 and aggregation over all areas of the number of housing units in each tenure type, before and after the regeneration, the difference between them, and the time during construction when no housing units are available for occupation.

8. LONDON BOROUGH OF BARNET ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS REVIEW STRATEGIC OUTLINE CASE

The Committee considered the report.

Having been put to the vote the Committee voted:

In Favour: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 4

The Committee;

RESOLVED

1. To acknowledge and note the contents of the Strategic Outline Case (SOC).
2. To note the SOC indicates the preferred way forward for Barnet Council's office accommodation is to proceed on the basis of a new build development at Colindale.
3. That an Outline Business Case (OBC) should be prepared for consideration by LBB in June 2015.

9. TOWN CENTRE REPORT

The Committee considered the report.

Councillor Cooke read a letter from a local business suggesting a way in which the council can engage with local businesses. The committee agreed that officers should meet with ward councillors to discuss the idea further.

Having been put to the vote the Committee voted:

In Favour: 9
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

The Committee;

RESOLVED –

1. To approve and confirm the town centres set out in paragraph 2.6 as Main town centres.
2. To approve the amendments to the "town centre offer" set out in table 1.

10. DEPOT RELOCATION PROJECT

Councillor Barry Rawlings, Councillor Andreas Ioannidis and Councillor Lisa Rutter had requested to address the Committee on this item and made comments in relation to the item.

The Committee considered the report. The Chairman invited Members to indicate whether they had any questions regarding the information contained in the exempt report, which would require the Committee to go into private session. The questions were answered in the private session.

Having been put to the vote the Committee voted:

In Favour: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 4

Immediately following the decision, four members of the Committee supported a referral of the decision to Full Council, because it was considered that the large sum of money being paid to secure the deal, in addition to the annual rent, for a short term lease was a decision that should be taken by all councillors, not just the members of the committee.

The referral was supported by:

Councillor Phil Cohen

Councillor Geof Cooke

Councillor Pauline Coakley Webb

Councillor Alison Moore

The Committee;

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

11. BARNET DEVELOPMENT PIPELINE - TRANCHE 1

The Committee considered the report.

Councillor Cooke moved a motion that was seconded by Councillor Moore,

“That all developments by the council on council owned land should be 100% affordable housing”

Having been put to the vote the Committee voted:

For: 4

Against: 5

Abstain: 0

The motion was lost.

The Chairman invited Members to indicate whether they had any questions regarding the information contained in the exempt appendix, which would require the Committee to go into private session. There were none.

Having been put to the vote the Committee voted:

In Favour: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 4

The Committee;

RESOLVED –

1. To agree in principle to take forward the development opportunities at Broadfields, Whittings Hill, Northway/Fairway, with Coppetts Road and Moxon Street to follow.

2. To receive a report in June with the preferred development option, and funding route for all five sites.

12. DEVELOPMENT PIPELINE PROGRAMME TRANCHE 2

The Committee considered the report.

Having been put to the vote the Committee voted:

In Favour: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 4

The Committee;

RESOLVED – To approve the principles of the projects within Tranche 2 of the Development Pipeline Programme.

13. DAWS LANE

The Committee considered the report.

Having been put to the vote the Committee voted:

In Favour: 9

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

The Committee;

RESOLVED – To agree the principle of a community hub on the Daws Lane site and instructs officers to come back to the June committee with detailed proposals around the redevelopment of Daws Lane as a community hub.

14. COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee noted the work programme.

15. ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

There were none.

16. MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Committee;

RESOLVED – that under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act (as amended).

17. DEPOT RELOCATION PROJECT - EXEMPT

The Committee;

RESOLVED - that the information contained in the exempt report be noted.

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

There were none.

The meeting finished at 10.00 pm