

	<p>Assets Regeneration & Growth Committee</p> <p>8 September 2014</p>
Title	Members' Item – Small Business Support
Report of	Head of Governance
Wards	All
Status	Public
Enclosures	N/A
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Summary

The report informs the Assets Regeneration & Growth Committee of a Member's Item and requests instructions from the Committee.

Recommendations

- 1. The Assets Regeneration & Growth Committee's instructions in relation to this Member's item are requested.**

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 Councillor Philip Cohen has requested on 27 August 2014 that a Member's Item be considered on the following matter:

“To ask for an update on SME start-ups and failures in Barnet to include details of what the council is doing to support small businesses in the Borough.”

- 1.2 Relevant officers will be present at the meeting to respond to queries.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 No recommendations have been made. The Assets, Regeneration & Growth Committee are therefore requested to give consideration to the issues raised and provide instruction.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 N/A.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 Post decision implementation will depend on the decision taken by the Committee.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.1.1 As and when issues raised through a Member's Item are progressed, they will need to be evaluated against the Corporate Plan and other relevant policies.

5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

- 5.2.1 None in the context of this report.

5.3 Legal and Constitutional References

- 5.3.1 Council's Constitution, Meeting Procedure Rules (Section 6) provides that a Member, including appointed substitute Members of a Committee may have one item only on an agenda that he/she serves. Members items must be within the term of reference of the decision making body which will consider the item.

- 5.3.2 Paragraph 6.3 states that the Head of Governance must receive written notice

of a Member's item, at least seven clear working days before the meeting. Any item received after 5pm will be recorded as received on the next working day. Items received after that time will only be dealt with at the meeting if the Chairman agrees they are urgent.

5.3.3 Council Constitution, Responsibility for Functions, Annex A – details the terms of reference of the Assets, Regeneration and Growth Committee which includes “Engagement with the business community and measures to support local business.”

5.3.4 There are no legal references in the context of this report.

5.4 **Risk Management**

5.4.1 None in the context of this report.

5.5 **Equalities and Diversity**

5.5.1 Member's Items allow Members of a Committee to bring a wide range of issues to the attention of a Committee in accordance with the Council's Constitution. All of these issues must be considered for their equalities and diversity implications.

5.6 **Consultation and Engagement**

5.6.1 None in the context of this report.

6. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

6.1 E-mail to Governance Team Leader dated 27 August 2014