

	Council 3 March 2015
Title	Housing Committee - Referral to Council
Report of	Head of Governance
Wards	All
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Enclosures	Appendix 2: Member's Item - Councillor Adam Langleben - Barnet Regeneration Estates
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Summary

Agenda Item 8 'Member's Item – Councillor Adam Langleben – Barnet Regeneration Estates' of the Housing Committee on 2 February 2015 was referred up to Full Council by four members in accordance with the Constitution. Council is therefore requested to consider the recommendations and take a decision on them.

Recommendations

That Council consider and vote on the recommendations contained in Agenda Item 8 of the Housing Committee on 2 February 2015.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 The Constitution allows a certain number of members to refer a matter on which a Committee has taken a decision to its parent body. At the meeting on 2 February 2015, the required number of members of the Housing Committee referred Agenda Item 8 'Member's Item – Councillor Adam Langleben – Barnet Regeneration Estates' up to the next meeting of Full Council.

- 1.2 Housing Committee on 2 February 2015 considered a Member's Item from Councillor Adam Langleben to ask for the committee to grant all longstanding non-secure tenants on Barnet's regeneration estate flexible tenancies of 5 years.

Upon being put to the vote, the motion was declared lost.

- 1.3 Immediately following the decision, four members of the Committee supported a referral of the decision to Council. The reason given for the referral was that councillors have a duty of care towards this group of people who are caught in unique circumstances, and that all councillors are likely to have a view on this matter.
- 1.4 As the Housing Committee did take a decision and immediately indicated after the decision had been taken that they required the decision to be referred up, the procedures to be followed will be those set out in Paragraph 20 of Full Council Procedure Rules (Rules of Debate). For reports of Committees (including Overview and Scrutiny Committees), the Chairman of the relevant committee, or the Vice-Chairman in their absence, will move reception of the report and adoption of the recommendations. This report need not be seconded. The leader of each of the other groups, or another member of their group, will then have an opportunity to comment on the recommendation, and at the end of the time allowed the Mayor will bring this part of the debate to an end, whether or not all those entitled have spoken or completed their speeches.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 As set out in the substantive report.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 As set out in the substantive report.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 As set out in the substantive report.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.1.1 As set out in the substantive report.

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

- 5.2.1 As set out in the substantive report.

5.3 Legal and Constitutional References

- 5.3.1 Constitution, Responsibility for Functions, Paragraph 6, Members Rights to Refer Matters to Parent Body – states that "A specified number of Members of a Committee or Sub-Committee may require that a matter on which the

Committee or Sub-Committee had proposed an action which was as yet untaken is referred up to the next meeting of Full Council or the relevant Committee to which the Committee or Sub-Committee reports, subject to the exceptions set out in 6.5, 6.6 6.7, 6.8 and 6.9 below. This must occur before the decision has been taken at the committee or sub-committee.”

5.3.2 Constitution, Full Council Procedure Rules, Paragraphs 20 and 21- Rules of Debate and Time for Debate

5.4 Risk Management

5.4.1 As set out in the substantive report.

5.5 Equalities and Diversity

5.5.1 As set out in the substantive report.

5.6 Consultation and Engagement

5.6.1 None

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 None.