

Decisions of the Housing Committee

6 April 2016

Members Present:-

Councillor Tom Davey (Chairman)
Councillor Shimon Ryde (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Melvin Cohen	Councillor Adam Langleben
Councillor Val Duschinsky	Councillor Bridget Perry
Councillor Ross Houston	Councillor Tim Roberts
Councillor Jim Tierney (substitute for Councillor Kath McGuirk)	

Apologies for Absence

Councillor Kath McGuirk

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 1 February 2016 be agreed as a correct record.

2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS

Councillor Kath McGuirk.

3. CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

The Chairman made the following statement with regard to Purdha and the Members Items on the agenda:

“Members are reminded that as we are in the pre-election period, no reference may be made to candidates, political parties or their manifestos, nor must any speech be worded so as to influence voters. Members’ items have been permitted on the basis that they are requests for factual information, and the discussion must be contained to this. Any deviation from this will result in the committee having to move towards a decision on the item immediately.

In addition, 1 item on the agenda (strawberry vale) is not subject to a committee vote, but rather a chairman’s decision. The item on regeneration sites sales as worded is not subject to a chairman’s decision (but response would be contained to officer held info).

The item referring to affordable housing is not for this committee to consider, but can be requested to P&R, or the information can be requested from officers outside of the meeting (which is the quickest route) alternative, the item could be brought as a members item by councillor Houston to P&R.

It is also the case that members are allowed one members item each per meeting, and as such, no amendments/ motions can be proposed by members who have submitted a members' item, nor their substitutes.”

4. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER (IF ANY)

None.

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS (IF ANY)

None.

6. MEMBERS' ITEMS (IF ANY)

The Committee considered the following Members Items:-

<p>Cllr Tim Roberts</p>	<p>Update on Strawberry Vale from Peabody</p> <p>That Peabody be invited to come to the 6 April Housing Committee to update us on progress to restore the gas supply at Strawberry Vale, and interim measures taken to assist residents in the meantime.</p> <p>The Committee received representations from Councillor Mittra and Councillor Moore.</p> <p>The Chairman stated that he had chosen not to invite Peabody to the meeting on this occasion, that the Committee would be kept informed of progress and that it might be necessary to invite Peabody to a future meeting.</p>
<p>Cllr Kath McGuirk</p>	<p>Progress on meeting affordable housing targets</p> <p>To ask for an update on meeting the council's affordable housing target of 40% affordable housing across all</p>

	<p>development in the borough, including the current breakdown of affordable housing secured on each development in the last 5 years, and on each development with planning consent going forward. Please also include the rent/intermediate breakdown and, if available, the level of rent.</p> <p>It was noted that this issue was properly within the remit of Policy and Resources Committee. However, Members were entitled to request this information and highlight it to other Members.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Officers be requested to supply this information to Members.</p>
<p>Cllr Ross Houston</p>	<p>Sales of homes on regeneration estates</p> <p>To ask for an update on the number of homes sold to UK or EU residents and the number of homes sold to non UK/EU residents on the council's regeneration estate developments (figures to include those sold off-plan).</p> <p>It was agreed that the Chairman would request Officers to ask developers to supply this information on the basis that some of the developers may not wish to share or even hold this information.</p>
<p>Cllr Adam Langleben</p>	<p>Social housing tenure on new Grahame Park development</p> <p>To ask for the fourth time for the full details and specifics of social unit tenure on the regenerated Grahame</p>

	<p>Park Estate. Specifically about the replacement social units' status as social housing in perpetuity.</p> <p>It was noted that this information could be found in the Annual Report submitted to Assets Regeneration and Growth Committee, dated 17 March 2016.</p>
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7. COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

There was not a Work Programme on this occasion.

8. ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

None.

The meeting finished at 7.54pm