

## **Decisions of the Housing and Growth Committee**

26 November 2019

Members Present:-

Councillor Richard Cornelius (Chairman)

Councillor Sarah Wardle (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Sara Conway

Councillor Paul Edwards

Councillor Ross Houston

Councillor Kath McGuirk

Councillor Alex Prager

Councillor Thomas Smith

Councillor Daniel Thomas

Councillor Peter Zinkin

Also in attendance

Apologies for Absence

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

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Assets and Growth Committee held on 16 September 2019 be approved as a correct record.

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

None.

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

Councillor Wardle declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to item 7: Annual Performance Review of Registered Providers (RPs) - by virtue of her employer acting on behalf of some of the Housing Associations.

Councillor Houston declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to item 7: Annual Performance Review of Registered Providers (RPs) by virtue of being a council appointed member of the Barnet Group Board and a £1 Shareholder of Notting Hill Genesis.

Councillor McGuirk declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to item 7: Annual Performance Review of Registered Providers (RPs) by virtue of being a tenant of Notting Hill Genesis.

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

None.

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

Details of the public question and response were circulated in advance of the meeting. A supplementary question was asked by Mr Cox on behalf of Mr Levy and responded to at the meeting.

## **6. MEMBERS' ITEMS (IF ANY)**

The Members items in the name of Councillors Paul Edwards and Councillor Sara Conway were deferred to the next meeting.

The Member item in the name of Councillor Ross Houston was withdrawn and it would be submitted to Policy and Resources Committee.

## **7. ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW OF REGISTERED PROVIDERS (RPS)**

The Chairman introduced the Annual Performance Review of Registered Providers (RPs) Report.

Following consideration of the item, the Chairman moved to vote on the recommendations as set out in the report.

### **RESOLVED:**

**The Committee unanimously agreed to note the report.**

## **8. GRAHAME PARK: PDA VARIATION UPDATE**

The Chairman introduced the Grahame Park: PDA Variation Update Report.

Following consideration of the item, the Chairman moved to vote on the recommendations as set out in the report.

### **RESOLVED:**

**The Committee unanimously agreed that should be it necessary to provide compensation costs for the demolition (at 2.15 of the original report) that this is referred to the Policy and Resources Committee at the appropriate time for information.**

## **9. QUARTER 2 (Q2) 2019/20 DELIVERY PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT**

The Chairman introduced the Quarter 2 (Q2) 2019/20 Delivery Plan Performance Report.

Following questions from Councillors, officers undertook to confirm the reasons behind the shortfall of income of £0.126m detailed in 2.2 of the report.

Officers also undertook to keep Councillors regularly updated of any operational changes.

Following consideration of the item, the Chairman moved to vote on the recommendations as set out in the report.

**RESOLVED:**

The Committee unanimously agreed to review the budget, performance and risk information for Q2 2019/20 and did not make any referrals to Policy and Resources Committee or Financial Performance and Contracts Committee.

**10. BRENT CROSS CRICKLEWOOD UPDATE REPORT**

The Chairman introduced the Brent Cross Cricklewood Update Report.

Following consideration of the item, the Chairman moved to vote on the recommendations as set out in the report.

The votes were recorded as follows:

For	6
Against	0
Abstain	4

**RESOLVED:**

**The Committee agreed:**

- 1. To note the progress update across the scheme since the last report to the committee on 16 September 2019.**
- 2. To note that the Policy and Resources Committee on 3 October 2019:**
  - a) Approved the appointment of Volker Fitzpatrick as the preferred bidder to design, build and handback the Brent Cross West Station and Vinci Taylor Woodrow as reserve bidder; and**
  - b) Authorised Deputy Chief Executive in consultation with the Chairman of this Committee to finalise and enter into the NEC contract to deliver the Brent Cross West Station with the preferred bidder (or with the reserve bidder should it prove not to be possible to complete contracts with the preferred bidder).**
- 3. to approve the amendments to the Brent Cross South (BXS) Business Plan Executive Summary and delegate authority to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Chairman of this Committee to finalise and agree the BXS Business Plan main report in accordance with paragraphs 1.8-1.24 of this report.**
- 4. To note that a revised First Phase Proposal is being developed to reflect the update to the Business Plan as summarised in Appendix 1 and authorises the Chief Executive to determine that the Best Consideration requirement has been met following:**
  - a) approval of the Business Plan by this Committee;**
  - b) completion of the Phase Project Valuer (PPV) review and on receipt of a formal letter on Best Consideration from the PPV Valuer at a minimum of £10.5m; and**
  - c) confirmation that the tests set out in paragraph 1.31 of this report will be met.**

5. To re-confirm that the council Land Value be re-invested in BXS to secure a revenue stream and authorise Officers to explore options for securing this investment for consideration by this Committee in due course.
6. To authorise the Deputy Chief Executive in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee to update and make any consequential changes as may reasonably be required to the BXS legal documentation in light of the updated Business Plan and revised Phase Proposal and Homes England Loan Facility Agreement.

#### **11. BRENT CROSS CENTRAL TEAM**

The Chairman introduced the Brent Cross Central Team Report.

Following consideration of the item, the Chairman moved to vote on the recommendations as set out in the report.

#### **RESOLVED:**

**The Committee unanimously agreed to:**

1. note and endorse the outcome of the review of contractual arrangements for the Brent Cross development scheme, namely that integrated programme management and land delivery functions should move to the council and that regulatory planning and highways related to Brent Cross should remain with RE, subject to the outcome of staff consultation and financial due diligence.
2. note that the preferred option will not create an increased financial pressure above continuation of the contractual arrangements currently in place, and six staff would be directly impacted.
3. acknowledges that the Deputy Chief Executive, acting in the best interests of the council, will carry out all necessary actions and negotiations to implement option 3.

#### **12. ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT**

The Chairman introduced the Urgent Members item in the name of the Chairman on behalf of Stephen Sowerby – Maintenance of War Memorials Report.

Following consideration of the item, the committee unanimously agreed to allocated up to £5000 to undertake the heritage survey.

The Chairman then moved to vote on the recommendation as agreed.

#### **RESOLVED:**

**The Committee unanimously agreed to allocate up to £5000 to undertake the heritage survey on the 15 Statutory listed structures.**

#### **13. MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

The Chairman asked committee members if there were any questions on the exempt reports on the agenda. The Committee confirmed that there were no questions. There was therefore no requirement to move into exempt session.

**14. EXEMPT GRAHAME PARK: PDA VARIATION UPDATE**

**RESOLVED** that the exempt information be noted.

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

None.

The meeting finished at 7.35 pm

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