



Council

19 October 2021

Title

Referral from Housing and Growth Committee – North Finchley Site Assembly and Land Agreement

Report of

Head of Governance

Wards

West Finchley and Woodhouse

Status

Public except for Appendix 1 of Annex 1 which is exempt under Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 Paragraph 3, information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person including the authority and Paragraph 5, information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.

Enclosures

Annex 1 – Report to the Housing & Growth Committee, 13 September 2021, North Finchley Site Assembly and Land Agreement
Appendix 1 – North Finchley Land Assembly and Site Assembly Legal Summary [Redacted]
Appendix 2 (Exempt) – North Finchley Land Assembly and Site Assembly Legal Summary

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Summary

At the Housing and Growth Committee on the 13th September before the vote on the item was taken, four Members of the Committee referred the decision to Council. The reason for the referral was that those Members deemed the decision to be a substantial one about a land disposal in North Finchley, which would benefit from Full Council input. In addition, they felt referring it would allow residents a further say in the decision.

The Constitution, Article 2 Members of the Council states that “*unless the matter is urgent three members of a committee or sub-committee may refer a key decision to Council or parent committee, but any such reference must be requested before this decision on the matter is made*”

by the committee. The reasons for the referral must be stated.”

Officers Recommendations

That Council:

- 1. Delegate authority to the Deputy Chief Executive to enter into the North Finchley Land Agreement and Site Assembly Agreement with Regal JP North Finchley Limited and Regal Holdco Ltd. See appendix 1 for Legal Summary.**
- 2. Note the above agreements, including the extension of the exclusivity period with Regal JP North Finchley Limited until the 31st December 2022.**
- 3. Delegate authority to the Deputy Chief Executive in consultation with the Chairman of this committee to continue to extend the exclusivity period if the Council deems necessary.**
- 4. Delegate authority for the Deputy Chief Executive to authorise the appointment of professional team(s) as necessary to deliver associated projects set out in report at paragraph 1.5 to support placemaking, public realm improvements and the wider comprehensive regeneration of North Finchley Town Centre.**

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 At the Housing and Growth Committee on the 13th September before the vote on the item was taken, four members of the Committee referred the decision to Council. The reason for the referral was that those Members who voted to refer deemed the decision to be a substantial one about a land disposal in North Finchley, which would benefit from Full Council input. In addition, they felt referring it would allow residents a further say in the decision.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 As set out in the report attached at Annex 1.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 As set out in the report at Annex 1.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 As set out in the report attached at Annex 1.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

5.1.1 As set out in the report attached at Annex 1.

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

5.2.1 As set out in the report attached at Annex 1

5.3 Social Value

5.3.1 As set out in the report attached at Annex 1

5.4 Legal and Constitutional References

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5.5 Risk Management

5.5.1 As set out in the report attached at Annex 1.

5.6 Equalities and Diversity

5.6.1 As set out in the report attached at Annex 1.

5.7 Corporate Parenting

5.7.1 As set out in the report attached at Annex 1.

5.8 Consultation and Engagement

5.8.1 As set out in the report attached at Annex 1.

5.9 Insight

5.9.1 As set out in the report attached at Annex 1.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1.1 As set out in the report attached at Annex 1.