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THE CABINET

Tuesday, 15 September 2015

Agenda Item 13a Call-In of Cabinet Decision - Housing Asset

Management Strategy (Minute 27, 21 July 2015)

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Agenda Item 13b Call-In of Cabinet Decision - Barking Housing Zone

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This report is submitted under Agenda Item 13a. The Chair will be asked to decide if it can be considered at the meeting under the provisions of Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 as a matter of urgency in order for the outcome of the call-in meeting to be considered.

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15 September 2015

Title: Call-In of Cabinet Decision – Housing Asset Management Strategy (Minute 27, 21 July 2015)

Report of the Monitoring Officer

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Summary

The Living and Working Select Committee met on 9 September 2015 to consider a callin, submitted by Councillors P Waker and McCarthy, in respect of Minute 27 of the Cabinet on 21 July 2015, which related to the adoption of the Housing Asset Management Strategy.

The focus of the Living and Working Select Committee's concerns related to consultation in general including with the Select Committee. There were also concerns raised about contractor positions and decorating schemes within the Borough and the general approach taken to a variety of HRA projects. The Select Committee acknowledged points made by the Cabinet Member for Housing that the strategy was a high level document and had been written before the budget announcements had been made by Central Government in July 2015. The Select Committee also noted that the document was a live document, with different programmes feeding into the Strategy. Taking that into account and the expressed willingness to consult on the strategy issues the Select Committee agreed to support the adoption of the Housing Asset Management Strategy subject to the following recommendations to Cabinet:

- (i) That the Living and Working Select Committee is consulted on the programmes which will deliver the Housing Asset Management Strategy.
- (ii) That further benchmarking is undertaken on the Housing Asset Management Strategy.

Recommendation(s)

The Cabinet is asked to:

(i) Note the outcome of the Select Committee's consideration of the matter; and

(ii) Consider whether to support the recommendations of the Select Committee.

Reason(s)

To accord with the Council's Call-In processes.

Public Background Papers Used in the Preparation of the Report:

- Report to Cabinet, 21 July 2015, entitled "Housing Asset Management Strategy"
- Report to LWSC, 9 September 2015, entitled "Call-In of Cabinet Decision Housing Asset Management Strategy"

This report is submitted under Agenda Item 13b. The Chair will be asked to decide if it can be considered at the meeting under the provisions of Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 as a matter of urgency in order for the outcome of the call-in meeting to be considered.

CABINET

15 September 2015

Title: Call-In of Cabinet Decision – Barking Housing Zone (Minute 26, 21 July 2015)

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Summary

The Living and Working Select Committee met on 9 September 2015 to consider a callin, submitted by Councillors Mullane and Young, in respect of Minute 26 of the Cabinet on 21 July 2015, which related to the forming of the Barking Housing Zone.

The focus of the Living and Working Select Committee's concerns related to the loss of social housing within the Borough and the lack of social housing provision proposed in the Barking Housing Zone. The Select Committee acknowledged points made by the Cabinet Member for Regeneration in relation to the current pressures on social housing and the proposal from Central Government to reduce social housing rents by 1% over the next 4 years. However, in considering the Call-In, the Select Committee felt that there were some contradictory statements and that more information would be required with regard to the Barking Town Centre Regeneration Strategy and how that related to the potential housing mix for the area to enable full consideration of the item. The Cabinet Member for Regeneration agreed to work with officers to provide this.

Taking that into account, the Select Committee therefore requested further information from officers to enable full consideration of the Call-In and reach a view. The Select Committee was mindful of the timescales regarding the implementation of decisions and agreed to hold a special meeting as soon as possible.

Recommendation(s)

The Cabinet is asked to note that there will be a further meeting of the Select Committee to consider the call-in in more detail.

Reason(s)

To accord with the Council's Call-In processes.

Public Background Papers Used in the Preparation of the Report:

- Report to Cabinet, 21 July 2015, entitled "Barking Housing Zone"
- Report to LWSC, 9 September 2015, entitled "Call-In of Cabinet Decision Barking Housing Zone"