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Lead Member of the Living &  
Working Select Committee

**BY EMAIL**

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Dear Councillor Waker

**Cabinet, 4 August 2014 - Consideration of Key Issue Not Included in Forward Plan**

I am writing to advise you that the Chief Executive has asked officers to report to the next Cabinet meeting on proposals in respect of a bid under the Greater London Authority's London Housing Zones programme.

The London Housing Zones programme was only recently launched by the GLA and invites bids from London boroughs to a £400 million programme, jointly funded by the Mayor and the Government, to create 20 housing zones across London, delivering 50,000 new homes and over 100,000 associated jobs over the next ten years - further details can be found at <https://www.london.gov.uk/priorities/housing-land/increasing-housing-supply/housing-zones>. The deadline for submission of bids is 30 September 2014 and it is critical that the support of the Cabinet is secured for the key priorities and content of any bid in order to steer the extensive work required to prepare a bid.

In view of the potential funding that would be made available to the Council, the subject matter qualifies as a 'Key Issue' and, as such, should have been included in the Council's Forward Plan in advance. However, the statutory publication deadline for the August edition of the Forward Plan was 4 July so cannot now be included. As the issue cannot practically wait until the 23 September Cabinet meeting (the first meeting after the publication of the next Forward Plan), the Chief Executive has agreed, in accordance with the provisions of the General Exception rule (paragraph 14, Article 13, Part B of the Constitution), that the report be presented to the Cabinet on 4 August.

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If you have any questions, or would like to see a draft of the report before it is published, may I suggest that you to contact Alan Dawson on ext. 2348 who is dealing with this matter on my behalf.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. Taylor'.

Fiona Taylor  
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