

MINUTES OF CABINET

Thursday, 1 October 2015
(1:04 - 1:35 pm)

Present: Cllr Darren Rodwell (Chair), Cllr Saima Ashraf (Deputy Chair), Cllr Dominic Twomey (Deputy Chair), Cllr Laila Butt, Cllr Evelyn Carpenter, Cllr Cameron Geddes, Cllr Bill Turner and Cllr Maureen Worby

47. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor L Rice and the Lead Member of the Living and Working Select Committee, Councillor P Waker.

48. Declaration of Members' Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

49. Call-In of Cabinet Decision - Barking Housing Zone (Minute 26, 21 July 2015)

Further to Minute 44 (15 September 2015), the Cabinet Member for Regeneration advised on the Living and Working Select Committee's (LWSC) consideration of a call-in of Minute 26 of the Cabinet on 21 July 2015 in respect of the Barking Housing Zone.

The LWSC had accepted the principle of the Barking Housing Zone but upheld the call-in and made six recommendations to Cabinet. The Cabinet Member suggested a response to the points raised by the LWSC and issues were also raised regarding the original Cabinet decision and the need for the statistical information to be consistent and up to date.

Members conveyed their disappointment that the Cabinet's decision had been called-in as they felt that the original report had set out a clear vision for new housing provision which was the most appropriate for a town centre area. It was also pointed out that Barking and Dagenham was already at the forefront of social housing provision in London.

Cabinet **resolved** to:

- (i) Note the outcome of the Living and Working Select Committee's consideration of the call-in of the Cabinet's decision in respect of the Barking Housing Zone proposals;
- (ii) Agree that the Cabinet Member for Regeneration respond on behalf of the Cabinet to the Lead Member of the Living and Working Select Committee along the lines discussed at the meeting; and
- (iii) Confirm the decision made under Minute 26 (21 July 2015) to enable the Barking Housing Zone proposals to be implemented.