

THE EXECUTIVE

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND HEALTH

LAND DISPOSAL SITES: ST ANNS DEVELOPMENT - NAMING OF AFFORDABLE BLOCKS	FOR DECISION	
<p><i>This report asks the Executive to approve names for 3 blocks of rented flats on the new St Ann's development. The authority for naming new buildings is reserved to the Executive.</i></p> <p><u>Summary</u></p> <p>This report provides background to the new housing development currently underway at St Ann's, Barking. It is a mixed tenure development providing 125 units, 36 rented units, 20 community bonus units, 37 units for sale and 32 shared ownership units. The Council is working in partnership with Southern Housing and Countryside Properties to provide more affordable housing and the first units to be made available to the Council to take applicants from the Housing and Transfer waiting lists will be available in June. The residents currently living at St Ann's have been heavily involved in helping to develop the design of the scheme.</p> <p><u>Recommendation</u></p> <p>The Executive is asked to agree names for the 3 blocks as set out in paragraph 1.3 and give consideration to names suggested by local residents as set out in paragraph 1.2.</p> <p><u>Reason</u></p> <p>The new development is helping to provide a range of new homes on a mixed tenure site and will help to meet local housing need while at the same time is part of the overall regeneration of Barking Town Centre. The naming of the blocks allows for the first affordable units to be commissioned.</p>		
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1. Background

- 1.1 The St Ann's development replaces Ardleigh, Curfew and Gateway houses, which were demolished in 1998 and will be providing 125 units, 20 community bonus units, 37 units for sale, 32 shared ownership units and 36 of the units will be rented. The development will act as a gateway to Barking town centre and will be still known as St Ann's it will also set the standards for further schemes in the town centre. St Ann's has a strong and active Tenants and Residents association, which has been involved in regular consultation on major aspects concerning the development including the choice of RSL development partner and developer.

1.2 The residents of St Ann's are still keen to play an active role in the ongoing development and to encourage new residents to become part of the strong community. As a result and in the continuing spirit of consultation and involvement the residents have put forward some suggestions for block names which they hope can be given some consideration, these are:

- Partnership House
- Quayside
- Abbeyfield
- Abbeyquays
- Eleanor Retreat

1.3 Currently the blocks are identified as building A comprising 9 flats, building G comprising 12 flats and building I comprising 15 flats.

2. Consultation

2.1 Consultation has continued through the local tenants and residents association for St Ann's who have included block name suggestions from their membership.

2.2 The following Local Ward Councillors have been involved in the development and consultation process:

Cllr Kay Flint
Cllr Milton McKenzie
Cllr Val Rush

Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.