CABINET

4 August 2014

Title: Call-In of "Gascoigne Estate (East) Regeneration Proposals - Site Masterplan and Phase 1" report

Report of the Monitoring Officer

Open	For Decision
Wards Affected: Gascoigne	Key Decision: Yes
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Summary:

A call-in was received from Councillors Tarry and Young in respect of the report "Gascoigne Estate (East) Regeneration Proposals – Site Masterplan and Phase 1" which was considered by the Cabinet on 30 June 2014.

The issues raised in the call-in are as follows:

- 1. The previously agreed policy for the Gascoigne development had an expected tenure mix of 33% at social rent (as stated in 2.3 of the report). Unfortunately, this has now changed to 25% "affordable rent". The relatively small amount of social rent housing originally planned has turned into an even lower figure, with some of those being at rents higher than social rent, and needs to be seen in the context of a loss of 1709 HRA units ending up as an affordable rent replacement figure of 394 on the project as a whole.
- 2. The massive decanting operation necessary to develop the new estate was to be assisted by a Housing Association partner contributing at least 20% towards the decanting in real terms. This agreed commitment appears to have been dropped. This will add massively to the burden that decants create on the current waiting and will restrict those on our waiting list getting access to our current stock.

The Living and Working Select Committee is to consider the call-in on Wednesday 30 July 2014. The Select Committee may either:

- (i) Dismiss the Call-In and let the Cabinet decision stand with immediate affect, or
- (ii) Refer the matter back to the Cabinet with recommendations for an alternative course of action.

The outcome of the Select Committee meeting will be reported to this meeting.

Recommendation(s)

The Cabinet will be asked to note the outcome of the Select Committee and, if appropriate, consider any recommendations for an alternative course of action.

Reason(s)

To accord with the Council's call-in processes.

Public Background Papers Used in the Preparation of the Report: None

List of appendices: None