

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)	
Report of the Monitoring Officer	
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Summary <p>The Living and Working Select Committee met on 9 September 2015 to consider a call-in, 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
Recommendation(s) <p>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.</p>	
Reason(s) <p>To accord with the Council's Call-In processes.</p>	

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”