

Motion F: Committing Haringey Council to review property decision arrangements

Proposer: Councillor Peray Ahmet

Seconder: Councillor Ruth Gordon

Council notes:

- The report from the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman, dated 10 January 2022;
- That the council failed to fully co-operate with the Ombudsman's investigation by failing to provide information around contact with the owner of 'Property B';
- That the council misled the Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Panel regarding the timing of decisions taken on the Cranwood development;
- As is standard practice, the council requested that the LGO to remove Cllr Ejiiofor's name from the final report and replace it with the office holder title;
- The Metropolitan Police investigation into allegations of fraud linked to the Cranwood development, which is not linked to the findings of the LGO report;
- The Council has committed to adopting the recommendations of the LGO report. The Council has written to Mr X to apologise, and has paid him £1000 in compensation;
- The Council has committed to fully cooperating with the active police investigation;
- The Leader of the Council has asked the new Interim Chief Executive to review arrangements for how property decisions are taken and acquisitions made to ensure that the decision-making process is robust, transparent, and accountable;
- The Leader of the Council has requested an independent external investigation into historical arrangements for property transactions.

Council resolves:

- To cooperate in full with the investigations noted above;
- For the Leader of the Council to invite the Interim Chief Executive and Leader of the Opposition to meet to discuss the scope of the external investigation.