

Response to Overview & Scrutiny Committee - TTH

24 Dec 2010

Background and current situation

The Council's objectives in disposing Tottenham Town Hall and the former Clyde Road depot are as follows:

- To restore / refurbish the Town Hall and preserve and enhance the character of the Conservation Area.
- To assist in creating additional employment opportunities in the area.
- To improve the local environment, through development, to actively benefit the local community.
- To develop the site to provide for a mix of uses including new housing units which complement the adjoining Bernie Grant Arts Centre and neighbouring use.
- To attract further private and public investment and to act as a catalyst for the regeneration of the wider Tottenham Green area.

Based on the above objectives, the Cabinet of 31 October 2006 approved the appointment of Newlon Housing Trust as the preferred development partner to undertake the refurbishment of the principal heritage areas of the Town Hall and redevelopment of the former Clyde Road Depot at the rear.

The sale to Newlon is on a long leasehold interest to enable the Council as freeholder to have a degree of control over the proposals by working closely with Newlon to finalise the detailed scheme proposals and how they are delivered.

The development agreement which exchanged on 18 December 2008 places an obligation on Newlon HT to complete the first phase of the development being the refurbishment of the Town Hall building prior to the grant of the lease by the Council notwithstanding whether or not the second phase has commenced.

The Head of Corporate Property Services confirms that the works undertaken by Newlon so far has been the refurbishment of the Town Hall building which Newlon confirm is scheduled to be completed by the end of February 2011 and are inviting officers and Members for a walk around in the New Year to showcase the refurbished building.