

Report for: Cabinet 9 October 2017

Title: **High Road West Regeneration Scheme – appointment of a preferred bidder and next steps**

Report

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Ward(s) affected: N/A

Report for Key/

Non Key Decision: Key decision

1. Describe the issue under consideration

This report sets out the outcome of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's consideration of the Cabinet decision of 12 September 2017, 'High Road West Regeneration Scheme – appointment of a preferred bidder and next steps', following its referral to the OSC under the Call-In process (as described in Part 4 Section H of the Council's Constitution).

2. Introduction

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the Cabinet's decision at a special meeting on 3 October. The Committee heard from two deputations, one led by Paul Burnham and the other by Faruk Tepeyurt of the Peacock Industrial Estate. The Committee also heard from Councillor Carter, the lead signatory of the call-in request and other backbench members.

The Committee did not find that the decision reached fell outside the Budget or Policy Framework.

The Committee agreed to refer the decision back Cabinet, as the decision-maker, for reconsideration. To assist with this, the Committee makes a number of recommendations to Cabinet, as follows.

3. Recommendations

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee makes the following recommendations in respect of the decision taken by Cabinet on 12 September:

- a) That the number of replacement council homes available at social rent within the proposed arrangements be at least equal to the current provision;
- b) That there be more engagement with council leaseholders and that Cabinet outline the steps they will take to satisfy the reasonable expectations of leaseholders including replacement homes and succession rights;
- c) That more work be carried out to support businesses affected, and that any business currently based on the site be able to remain within the masterplan area, should they wish to do so.

4. **Background**

The papers considered by the Overview and Scrutiny are attached to provide the background to this paper. They are:

- Copy of the Call-in request
- Excerpt from the draft minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held on 12 September 2017
- Report to Cabinet 12 September 2017 – High Road West Regeneration Scheme – appointment of a preferred bidder and next steps
- EXEMPT report to Cabinet 12 September 2017 – High Road West Regeneration Scheme – appointment of a preferred bidder and next steps
- Report of the Monitoring Officer and Chief Finance Officer
- Report of the Strategic Director of Regeneration, Planning and Development