



Housing Scrutiny Committee 19 September 2023

Decisions

6. Update on Options Appraisal work at Ekin Road Estate

The Executive Councillor:

- i. Noted the completion of Stage 1 of the options appraisal for Ekin Road.
- ii. Noted the proposals for further consultation with residents in the course of Stage 2.
- iii. Approved the progression to Stage 2 of the options appraisal on the basis of the criteria and the options set out in the Stage 1 report.
- iv. Approved that a revenue budget of £300,000 be identified to support this further Stage 2 options appraisal work.

7. Compliance Report

The Executive Councillor:

- i. Noted the progress of the compliance related work detailed within the report.

8. Local Government & Social Care Ombudsman Findings – Drop Kerb

The Executive Councillor:

- i. Noted the information contained within the report.
- ii. Approved the remedial actions outlined and measures established to reduce or eliminate the risk of repeat mistakes in future cases.

9. Update on New Build Council Housing Delivery

The Executive Councillor:

- i. Noted the continued progress on the delivery of the approved housing programme.

10. Update Report on Development at Fanshawe Road

The Executive Councillor:

- i. Approved that a mixed tenure scheme be brought forward in line with the design proposals set out in the report.
- ii. Authorised the Assistant Director for Assets and Property in consultation with the Executive Councillor for housing to approve variations to the scheme including the number of units, tenure, mix of property types and sizes outlined in this report.
- iii. Authorised the Assistant Director for Assets and Property in consultation with the Executive Councillor to approve the transfer of the land known as 12-30b Fanshawe Road and shown edged red on the attached plan in Appendix 2, to Cambridge Investment Partnership (CIP) for redevelopment. This transfer will be at a value provided by a further independent valuation, which will also be approved by CIP Board as detailed in the financial appraisal set out in Appendix 1. The HRA land receipt will be incorporated at the

minimum value suggested in the appraisal until final valuation has been received.

- iv. Authorised the Assistant Director for Assets and Property in consultation with the Executive Councillor to approve the Affordable Housing Agreement with CIP for the 45 affordable homes. This agreement will be at a value provided by an independent valuer, to be approved by CIP Board as detailed in the financial appraisal set out in Appendix 1. This will mean an amended and reduced budget of £13.0m from £28.5m including decant costs and other on costs. This budget to be brought forward in the forthcoming November 2023 Mid Term Financial Strategy.

11. Report on proposed Section 106 Housing Acquisition

The Executive Councillor:

- i. Approved the purchase of 32 new Council homes at the Eddeva Park, Worts' Causeway and delegated authority to the Assistant Director of Asset and Property to approve contract terms with This LandTM in respect of this transaction.
- ii. Delegated authority to the Assistant Director to vary rental tenures in line with Council Policy and planning consents for the Eddeva Park Affordable Housing.
- iii. Approved a total budget of £8,021,000.00 to enable the development of 32 homes at the Eddeva Park, Worts' Causeway, with this budget bid subject to approval in the forthcoming November 2023 Mid Term Financial Strategy.

12. Rooftop Development with associated retrofit to high efficiency standards.

The Executive Councillor:

- i. Noted the selection of the sheltered housing schemes at Lichfield Road (243 - 313 Odds) and Walpole Road (1-12 Bracondale, 1-18 Fernwood, 1-18 Heatherfield) as approved candidates for pilot scheme consideration.
- ii. Approved the bringing forward of pilot feasibility studies through a specialist and OJEU complaint Procurement Framework.
- iii. Approved that a revenue budget of £190,000 be identified to support feasibility work, with this budget bid subject to approval in the forthcoming November 2023 Mid Term Financial Strategy.

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