

HOUSING, ECONOMY AND BUSINESS COMMITTEE**3 March 2015 at 7.30 pm**

MEMBERS: Councillor Jayne McCoy (Chair), Councillor Nick Emmerson (Vice Chair) and Councillors Sam Bourne, Jean Crossby, Trish Fivey, Neil Garratt, David Hicks, Nick Matthey, Joyce Melican and Daniel Sangster.
(*Absent) *Councillor Ruth Dombey (ex-officio)

49. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTES

No apologies were received.

50. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 January 2015 were approved as a correct record of the meeting, and signed by the Chair.

51. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

52. OPPORTUNITY SUTTON REVIEW

The Head of Economic Renewal and Regeneration introduced the report, detailing the key outputs and deliverables of the Opportunity Sutton programme since its inception, and the priorities for 2015/16. Comments and questions from members were invited. Members placed on record a vote of thanks to officers for their achievements on this programme.

Resolved:

That the Housing, Economy and Business Committee:

1. Endorses the Opportunity Sutton programme's 2015/16 priority work streams
2. Agrees key deliverables and outcomes for 2015/16, subject to endorsement of the Hackbridge and Beddington Members Steering Group for the Hackbridge and Beddington Programme deliverables.
3. Delegates authority for the implementation of the North Sutton Gateway Project to the Executive Head of Economic Development, Planning and Sustainability in consultation with the Chair of Housing, Economy and Business Committee.
4. Delegates authority for the implementation of the Rosehill District Project to the Executive Head of Economic Development, Planning and

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Sustainability in consultation with the Chair of the St. Helier, The Wrythe and Wandle Valley Local Committee

5. Agrees to receive a review of Economy Watch framework at the next HEB committee, to ensure that the range of indicators properly track the impacts and benefits of the revised programme.

53. SUTTON DECENTRALISED ENERGY NETWORK BUSINESS CASE APPROVAL TO PROCEED

The report was introduced by the Executive Head of Economic Development, Planning and Sustainability, together with the Project Manager. They outlined the progress made to date on the project, together with a revised financial model. Comments and questions were invited from committee members.

The recommendations were put to the vote. 7 councillors voted for the recommendations and 3 voted against.

Resolved:

That the Housing, Economy and Business Committee:

1. Accepts the Business Case which confirms that a Sutton Decentralised Energy Network is viable, with a projected cumulative cash return over 25 years of £1.5m.
2. Approves an OJEU compliant procurement process to appoint a Design and Build, Operation and Maintenance, Customer Services and Meter and Billing Contractor(s), subject to agreeing Head of Terms with Schrodgers in accordance with the Business Case.
3. Delegates authority to the Strategic Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods, in consultation with the Strategic Director of Resources, the Chair of Housing, Economy and Business Committee, the Chair of the Environment and Neighbourhood Committee, and Councillor Colin Hall, to agree amendments to the Business Case that may be required, insofar as the overall parameters of the Business Case can still be achieved and to award and sign contracts with preferred bidders.

54. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUSINESS PLAN 2015/2016

The report was introduced by the Executive Head of Community Living and Strategic Commissioning. He pointed the Committee to the summary of the report and invited questions on issues not covered in the report.

Resolved:

That the Housing, Economy and Business Committee:

1. Notes and agrees the recommendation from the Task and Finish Group that the funding arrangements set out in base model in the HRA business plan are agreed, rather than those in the sensitivity test, where borrowing resources are diverted to additional investment in existing stock and away

from new build;

2. Notes and agrees the recommendation from the Task and Finish Group that Sutton Housing Partnership carries out further work in 2015/16 to improve the data used for modelling stock investment needs;
3. Notes and agrees the recommendation from the Task and Finish Group that the Committee receives a further report on SHP's new updated asset management strategy and that further work is carried out specifically to appraise the Unity properties on the Clockhouse Estate and their sustainability;
4. Notes and agrees the recommendation from the Task and Finish Group that the case for the potential for installing further door entry security systems to flatted blocks be assessed against clear criteria and looked at on a case by case basis;
5. Agrees the draft HRA business plan, as set out in Appendix A, be published via the Council's website, subject to any amendments the Committee wishes to make and any further updating or minor amendments that officers consider necessary, after consultation with the Chair of the Committee, and
6. Agrees that the HRA Business Plan modelling be updated and reported to members at appropriate points during the coming year reflecting the changing picture with regard to projected Right to Buy income and new build development and major work costs.

55. TASK AND FINISH GROUPS - SUTTON HOUSING PARTNERSHIP DELIVERY PLAN

The report was introduced by the Executive Head of Community Living and Strategic Commissioning. He noted that final version of the Plan will be formally agreed at the next meeting of this Committee.

Resolved:

That the Housing, Economy and Business Committee:

1. Appoints a task and finish group to review and agree the final version of the SHP Delivery Plan 2015/16;
2. Agrees the membership of the Task and Finish Group shall be Councillors Jayne McCoy, Nick Emmerson, Jean Crosby, Neil Garratt, David Hicks, and Joyce Melican.
3. Delegates to the Strategic Director, Adult Social Services, Housing and Health, in consultation with the chair, authority to agree the terms of reference of the Group.

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56. HOUSING STRATEGY 2015/16

The report was introduced by the Executive Head of Community Living and Strategic Commissioning. He undertook to issue the consultation responses to those people who had made a response. The Chair requested that an updated delivery plan be brought to the next meeting of the Committee.

Resolved:

That the Housing, Economy and Business Committee:

1. Approves the Housing Strategy;
2. Delegates authority to the Strategic Director, Adult Social Services, Housing and Health, in consultation with the Chair of the Committee, to make further and final amendments to the Strategy.

57. ANY URGENT BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE DIRECTION OF THE CHAIR

No urgent business was brought forward.

58. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

No discussion took place on items exempt from publication.

The meeting ended at 10.05 pm

Chair:

Date: