

MAYOR AND CABINET		
Report Title	Report Back on Matters Raised by the Overview and Scrutiny Business Panel	
Key Decision	No	Item No.3
Ward		
Contributors	Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel	
Class	Part 1	Date: 25 March 2015

1. Purpose of Report

To report back on matters raised by the Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel following their consideration of a pre-decision report on the New Bermondsey Housing Zone and an interim report on a response given on February 18 by the Mayor on the Revenue Budget Savings.

2. Decisions Made by Mayor and Cabinet on 11 February 2015 – Broadway Theatre

2.1 The Business Panel requests the Mayor to progress the creation of a member Working Party.

3. New Bermondsey Housing Zone – S106 Funding

3.1 Business Panel wanted to bring to the attention of the Mayor their concerns regarding the contents of this report. When Business Panel received this report, it had not been exempted from post decision Scrutiny by the Chair of Council. The report said the contrary.

3.2 This report has been placed on the Business Panel agenda without prior discussion with the Chair.

3.3 Following discussion at the meeting, Business Panel members unanimously agreed the following comments for the Mayor to consider prior to his decision on the report:

1. The Mayor is requested to inform officers that reports should not contain misleading information about decisions made by members. Business Panel believes this is unacceptable, and need to be assured this will not happen again.

2. Business Panel urged that this report should not be exempted from scrutiny, and should come back to the Panel for proper post decision scrutiny.
3. The Mayor is requested to instruct officers to aim to achieve a higher target of affordable housing instead of settling for the minimum target.
4. Business Panel noted that despite the Council's pledge of £500k to the Surrey Canal Sports Foundation, there did not seem to be any assurance given on the affordability of the sports facilities, and local people might be out-priced from using these facilities.
5. Business Panel noted that although this project was proposed some time ago, with planning permission granted the project has not started. Members would like to see progress being made.
6. Business Panel asks that any Memorandum of Understanding to be issued will be the subject of member approval and be subject to 7 below.
7. Business Panel asks that due diligence, including full disclosure of the directors, track record checks, capital and financial assurances be completed for the Housing Zone project.
8. Business Panel queries the use of the 'New Bermondsey' designation and asks that the developer be urged to reconsider this name.

4. Decisions Made by Mayor and Cabinet on 4 March 2015 – Lewisham Council Strategic Asset Management Plan 2015 - 2020

- 4.1** Following discussion at the Overview and Scrutiny Business Panel meeting, Business Panel members noted the decision of the Mayor and would like the Mayor to note the following:
- i. Business Panel was concerned that it was not very clear from the report and presentation, the involvement with this project at executive member level.
 - ii. Business Panel urges the Mayor to instruct officers to review the governance arrangements of this project to ensure it is very clear where responsibility lies at both member and officer level.