

Da Costa, Siobhan

From: Mayor
Sent: 20 January 2017 19:07
To: Quirk, Barry
Cc: Nicholson, Kath
Subject: Articles in the Guardian today

Barry,

There have been two articles published in the Guardian today concerning the Surrey Canal Sports Foundation of which I am a director. These raise issues in relation to the governance of the SCSF which are not matters for the council but also about decisions made by the Council and my involvement in them. In these circumstances I believe that it would now be appropriate for an authoritative external party to carry out a review of the issues raised in order to establish whether any errors have occurred and whether anyone including me has acted in an inappropriate way.

It would be for yourself and Kath to identify a suitable person of course.

Steve

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Da Costa, Siobhan

From: Hall, Cllr Alan
Sent: 20 January 2017 16:35
To: Quirk, Barry
Cc: Senior, Janet; Nicholson, Kath; Talbot, Emma; Buckton, Aileen; Sheehan, Kevin
Subject: Surrey Canal Sports Foundation
Attachments: Barry Quirk formal letter SCSF 20.01.17 ah pdf.pdf

Importance: High

Dear Barry,

It with regret that I find myself writing to you formally on the subject of the Surrey Canal Sports Foundation.

I shall be copying this letter to Members and others shortly.

The letter is self explanatory and I look forward to your response.

With kind regards,

Alan

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Councillor Alan Hall
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Barry Quirk
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Lewisham Council

20th January 2017

Dear Barry,

Surrey Canal Sports Foundation

Earlier today, *The Guardian* published an article on the Surrey Canal Sports Foundation. The article is here:

<https://www.theguardian.com/football/2017/jan/19/millwall-stadium-false-funding-claims-the-den>

I am writing to request that you arrange a full and independent investigation of all the matters raised within this article.

This includes but is not limited to:

- Has the Council been misled by the Surrey Canal Sports Foundation?
- Has the Council carried out 'due diligence' on the Surrey Canal Sports Foundation?
- Does the Surrey Canal Sports Foundation have good governance?
- Are the other partnership monies for example, Onside Youth Zone real?
- The operation and delivery of public sports facilities by the Surrey Canal Sports Foundation are key to the Section 106 planning permission and the approval of a Compulsory Purchase Order. How do the revelations in the article and the questions raised affect these two public processes?

Furthermore, the Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel raised serious concerns about the pledge of money by the Council to the Surrey Canal Sports Foundation for example see 8th July 2014 minutes and referral to the Cabinet and these concerns were dismissed on advice from Council officials. On the evidence so far it appears that the Scrutiny Business Panel members were lied to. I hope that this is not the case. Lewisham's scrutiny councillors have raised the issue of governance and due diligence throughout the whole period of the Council's involvement with Renewal and I am greatly alarmed by this current situation.

So in conclusion, I request a full and independent review of governance and due diligence with verification of all Renewal's statements be provided to our Non Executive Committee and look forward to your prompt reply.

Yours sincerely



Councillor Alan Hall

From: Townsend, Charmaine **On Behalf Of** Quirk, Barry
Sent: 24 January 2017 09:48
To: Mayor; _All Councillors
Subject: Letter to Mayor and Councillors

Dear Mayor and Councillors

Late on Friday 20 January I received formal requests by email from the Mayor, Sir Steve Bullock, and Cllr Alan Hall, the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny, both asking me to commission an independent review of the matters referred to in a Guardian article of that day on the Surrey Canal Sports Foundation. As you will know this matter relates to the proposal, in the compulsory purchase order (CPO) for the New Bermondsey scheme, to relocate the Millwall Community Trust (MCT) into a new sports centre.

I feel that these requests are entirely sensible in the circumstances. Therefore, I am urgently putting arrangements in place to secure an independent external review. As soon as I am in a position I shall advise you of the terms of reference of that review and the name of the person conducting the review.

Obviously, the process and timing of the reconsideration of the proposed CPO by the Cabinet may be affected by this review.

yours sincerely,

Barry Quirk
chief executive