

<b>NEW BERMONDSEY/SURREY CANAL INDEPENDENT INQUIRY</b>			
<b>Report Title</b>	Report to Council meeting presenting the report of the New Bermondsey/Surrey Canal Independent Inquiry		
<b>Key Decision</b>		Item No.	
<b>Ward</b>	All		
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<b>Class</b>	Open	Date:	19 December 2017

## **1. Purpose**

- 1.1 This report seeks the Committee's approval to a report to the Council Meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018 which is attached to this report as Appendix 1.

## **2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 That the Committee comment on and approve the attached report on the New Bermondsey/Surrey Canal Independent Inquiry to the Council Meeting, to be included in the agenda papers for the Council Meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018

## **3. Background**

- 3.1 This Committee was established by the Council at its meeting of 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017. The Committee was established to receive the report of the Independent Inquiry and to take responsibility for the report to Council, including any recommendations for action resulting from it. In the interests of transparency and in line with the requirements around proportionality, it was agreed that the Committee would comprise four majority group councillors and the minority group councillor.
- 3.2 The Committee was given responsibility for monitoring the progress of the Inquiry and monitoring the level of expenditure on the Inquiry and reporting to Council on the final report, including any recommendations for action. The Chair of the Committee, Councillor Chris Barnham, was kept informed as the report progressed but given that the Inquiry proceeded to timescale, concluded well within budget and with a procedure and process set and adhered to definitively by Lord Dyson himself, no decisions were required by the Committee up until this point, so this is its first and final meeting. The Committee is asked to agree the report for the Council Meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018. A draft is attached as Appendix 1.

#### **4. Legal Implications**

4.1 See attached report

#### **5. Financial implications**

5.1 The attached report identifies that £500,000 was put aside to meet the costs of the Inquiry and the final invoices have not yet been received, but final expenditure on the Inquiry is anticipated to be in the region of £250,000.

Appendix 1	Council – Report of the New Bermondsey/Surrey Canal Independent Inquiry Committee
Appendix 2	Report of the New Bermondsey/Surry Canal Independent Inquiry
Appendix 3	Executive Summary
Appendix 4	Correction to the Report of the New Bermondsey/Surrey Canal

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