

Response to the matters raised by Overview and Scrutiny Business Panel on 31 January 2017.

The draft minutes of Business Panel held on 31/1/17 show that the Committee resolved as follows:-

- (i) To ask officers to respond to correspondence from Eversheds and Shoosmiths.

Officers have responded to these letters.

- (ii) To ask officers to ensure that all Housing Action Zone bid documents are made available to Scrutiny members, and a redacted copy made available to the public.

A redacted copy can be viewed here.

<https://files.acrobat.com/a/preview/1934fab3-ee61-4701-bef6-08382209f496>

Renewal have agreed that members may have access to an unredacted copy. It was intended that this be available to members on a confidential basis when it is relied on as a background document in the report concerning the Memorandum of Understanding relating to the Housing Action Zone. Unredacted copies are available for inspection by all members on a confidential basis in Legal Services. Anyone wishing to view them should contact Siobhan Da Costa in Legal Services ext 49276

- (iii) To ask officers to ensure that the Section 106 Agreement is reviewed by members of the Strategic Planning Committee

It is officers' understanding that this request related to amendments arising out of the fact that the Housing Action Zone funding of £20 million is no longer to comprise solely of loan funding. Instead £12 million of this funding is to be by way of grant. Officers can reassure members that any changes to the Section 106 agreement would not be taken by officers but referred to Strategic Planning Committee for decision.

- (iv) Notes that the Business Panel remains unconvinced by the reported results of the investigation into the Lambert Smith Hampton documents

Officers note the views of the Business Panel. All of the documents which were supplied to the Council in relation to this matter are available for inspection by any member on a confidential basis in Legal Services. Anyone wishing to view them should contact Siobhan Da Costa in Legal Services ext 49276

Though not part of the matters resolved at Overview and Scrutiny Business Panel on 31st January 2017, the draft minutes state that the Business Panel believed that the independent inquiry and its terms of reference should be overseen by full Council. It is intended that a report on the establishment of the external investigation will be submitted to the Council at its meeting on 22nd February 2017. Once the investigation is complete, the outcome will be reported to full Council and made public.