

# Housing, Finance and Customer Services Policy and Scrutiny Committee Report

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<b>Title:</b>	<b>Call-in of: Ebury Bridge Estate Renewal</b>
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<b>Financial Summary:</b>	<b>The appendices containing the Cabinet report sets out the financial implications</b>
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## 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 On 9 July 2018 the Cabinet made the following executive decisions in respect of the Ebury Bridge Estate Renewal report:
1. Take forward Scenario 7 as the preferred development scenario.
  2. Concluded the Outline Business Case (Part 1).
  3. Agreed to extend the re-development boundary to the area needed by the preferred scenario. Please note this land is held freehold by the Council.
  4. Authorised Officers to enter into voluntary negotiations with residents and retailers to acquire all interests in scenario 7 by agreement at open market value together with compensation commensurate with that payable under compulsory purchase provisions.
  5. Agreed to extend rehousing commitments to both tenants and leaseholders contained in new development boundary.
  6. Authorised determination/future agreement of commercial leases in line with retail strategy.
  7. Agreed to voids no longer being let on residential secure tenancies.

8. Authorised tender and commencement of enabling and demolition works including initial demolition notices on void properties to de-risk unknowns and accelerate a start on site in dialogue with Community Future Group (CFG).
  9. Authorised the implementation of a Meanwhile Use strategy in partnership with the CFG for temporary uses on cleared areas.
  10. Agreed for a Cabinet Member decision in October 2018 to select a preferred delivery route that will be supported by the Outline Business Case (Part 2).
  11. Agreed to the need for external procurement, property and legal advice associated with the delivery of the overall project.
- 1.2 Three Members of the Housing, Finance and Customer Services Policy and Scrutiny Committee have subsequently exercised their right that the decision be “called-in” for scrutiny by the Committee.

## **2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 That the Committee reviews the decision outlined above and, in this instance, agrees one of the following options:
- (a) To endorse the decision made by the Cabinet.
  - (b) To refer the matter back to the Cabinet for reconsideration.

## **3. Background**

- 3.1 On 10 July 2018 notice of this decision was published in accordance with the Council’s Constitution.
- 3.2 On 16 July 2018 a valid call-in from Councillors Adam Hug, Pancho Lewis and Matt Noble, was received, triggering the requirement from the Committee to consider the call-in.
- 3.3 The options available to the Committees are:
- Option A:** Endorse the decision taken by Cabinet.
- Option B:** Refer the decision back to the Cabinet. They should then reconsider the decision having regard to the views of the Policy and Scrutiny Committee within 10 working days, amending the decision or not, adopting a final decision.
- 3.4 Further information on Ebury Bridge Estate Renewal is included in Cabinet report in the appendices. This is the full report considered by the Cabinet on 9 July 2018 and may assist with answering questions from the Committee.

#### **4. Financial Implications**

4.1 The financial implications are contained in the Cabinet report in the appendices.

#### **5. Legal Implications**

5.1 The legal implications are contained in the Cabinet report in the appendices.

#### **List of Appendices**

Statement of Decision – Ebury Bridge Estate Renewal

Cabinet Report, 9 July 2018 – Ebury Bridge Estate Renewal

Appendix A – Shaping the Preferred Scenario

Appendix B – My Ebury Engagement Report

Appendix C – Scenario Assessment Matrix

Appendix D – Financial Implications, **Exempt, not for publication**

Appendix E – Other Implications