

# Housing, Finance and Regeneration Policy and Scrutiny Committee Report

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| <b>Date:</b>                              | <b>12 September 2019</b>  |
| <b>Classification:</b>                    | <b>General Release, Appendix B and C not for publication</b>  |
| <b>Title:</b>                             | <b>Call-in of: Disposal of 24 homes in Hounslow</b>   |
| <b>Report of:</b>                         | <b>Reuben Segal, Acting Head of Committee and Governance Services</b>   |
| <b>Financial Summary:</b>                 | <b>The Cabinet Member report in the appendices sets out the financial implications</b>  |
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## **1. Executive Summary**

- 1.1 On 5 September 2019, the Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Regeneration and the Cabinet Member for Housing Services made the following executive decisions in respect of the Disposal of 24 homes in Hounslow report.
1. That this report be exempt from disclosure by virtue of the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, Part 1, paragraph 3, in that it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
  2. That the Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Regeneration and the Cabinet Member for Housing Services approved the disposal of 24 units in Hounslow to the organisation and the agreed disposal price as set out in the report.
  3. That the Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Regeneration and the Cabinet Member for Housing Services authorised the Director of Housing, in conjunction with the Director of Law, to agree the contract terms and to conclude the contract.

- 1.2 Three Members of the Housing, Finance and Regeneration Policy and Scrutiny Committee have subsequently exercised their right that the decision be “called-in” for scrutiny by the Committee.

## **2. Recommendations**

- 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 Members.
  - (b) To refer the matter back to the Cabinet Members for reconsideration.
  - (c) If, in the opinion of the Chief Executive, the matter is contrary to the Budget and Policy framework, refer the matter to Full Council.

## **3. Background**

- 3.1 On 5 September 2019 notice of this decision was published in accordance with the Council’s Constitution.
- 3.2 On 5 September 2019, a valid call-in from Councillors Adam Hug, Guthrie McKie 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 the Cabinet Members.

**Option B:** Refer the decision back to the Cabinet Members. 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.

**Option C:** If, in the opinion of the Chief Executive, the matter is contrary to the Budget and Policy framework, refer the matter to Full Council

- 3.4 Further information on Disposal of 24 homes in Hounslow is included in the confidential Cabinet Member report. This is the full report considered by the Cabinet Members on 5 September 2019 and may assist with answering questions from the Committee.
- 3.5 Confidential Appendix B sets out a note provided by the Councillors setting out the background to the reasons for the call-in together with a detailed response.

## **4. Financial Implications**

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

## **5. Legal Implications**

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

### **List of Appendices**

Appendix A - Statement of Decision – Disposal of 24 homes in Hounslow

Appendix B – Response to call-in (Not for Publication)

Appendix C - Cabinet Member Report, 4 September 2019 – Disposal of 24 homes in Hounslow (Not for Publication)