

SUMMARY OF URGENT DECISION TAKEN BY THE LEADER REPORTED TO CABINET FOR INFORMATION

The following reports were considered in accordance with paragraph 1.21 of the Leader's Portfolio.

ITEM

15.1 SALE OF THE IRISH CENTRE AT 3, BLACK'S ROAD, LONDON W6

Cabinet agreed the sale of this building in February 2011 and to give the current tenants first refusal. After negotiations with them it is proposed to sell the building to them at less than best consideration reasonably obtainable using the General Disposal Consent 2003.

Reasons for Urgency

The tenant's lease expires at the end of March 2012 and both parties wish to enter into contracts for the sale of this building prior to the termination of the lease.

Decision taken by the Leader on: 23 March 2012

- 1. That authority is given to sell this property to the Irish Cultural Centre at an undervalue using the General Disposal Consent 2003 on the terms set out in this report.**
- 2. That the details of the sale contract are delegated to the Assistant Director (Legal and Democratic Services) and the Assistant Director (Building & Property Management).**

Wards: Hammersmith Broadway

15.2 APPROPRIATION FOR PLANNING PURPOSES OF THE WHITE CITY COLLABORATIVE CARE CENTRE, BLOEMFONTEIN ROAD, WHITE CITY

Building Better Health (White City) Limited (**BBH**) have a long lease of the former Janet Adegoke Centre, Bloemfontein Road, White City (**Property**) from the Council. BBH have been developing a scheme for the provision of the White City Collaborative Care Centre together with 170 apartments to be sold to Notting Hill Housing Association and two retail units (**Scheme**). The Scheme will provide a significant regeneration boost to the area as well as allowing the Council and the NHS to provide an improved range of services in a much needed location. In addition, a section 106 agreement will see the Scheme fund more than £1,000,000 to improve Wormholt Park. A very small number of properties in the vicinity of the Property may have the benefit of rights of light acquired by prescription. A Plan showing the position of the Property is attached to this report.

In the context of the benefit to the locality of the Scheme, it is proposed that the Council appropriates the Property for planning purposes to enable Section 237 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to be relied on so that claimants to rights of light remain entitled to compensation but cannot seek an injunction to prevent construction or the subsequent use of the Scheme.

Reasons for Urgency:

The Scheme was granted planning permission on 18 November 2011 and the judicial review period is very nearly at an end. It was intended, before this issue recently came to light, for financial close of the Scheme to happen by 17 February and all the parties were on target to achieve this, enabling construction to start immediately thereafter.

If the potential rights of light claims are not dealt with by appropriation under this procedure and reliance on s.237 now, there is a danger that: (a) it may not be possible to deal with rights of light claims by way of negotiation or insurance and the delay and uncertainty that this would bring could cause the Scheme to fail and (b) left with only the uncertain option of negotiation or insurance the parties will walk away from the Scheme entirely, leaving the Property undeveloped and the regeneration benefits of the Scheme will be lost.

Decision taken by the Leader on: 28 February 2012

That a resolution is made to appropriate the Property for planning purposes to enable reliance on Section 237 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (1990 Act).

Ward: Wormholt and White City

15.3 SUBSCRIPTIONS/AFFILIATIONS FOR EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS 2012/13

This report deals with the major corporate subscriptions/affiliations whose funding is included in the Finance and Corporate Services' estimates. Other departments carry out a similar exercise, reported separately to committee or dealt with under delegated authority in the case of small subscriptions.

Reasons for Urgency:

Need to meet subscription renewal dates.

Decision taken by the Leader on: 23 February 2012

- 1. That approval is given to the subscription renewal in 2012/13 to the organisations listed in Appendix A at a total cost of £199,022.**
- 2. That for financial reasons notice of potential withdrawal from London Councils and the Local Government Association be maintained.**

Wards: All

15.4 WHITE CITY NEIGHBOURHOOD BUDGETS

This report seeks approval to establish a budget to resource the White City Neighbourhood Budgets pilot for the two years - 2012/13 and 2013/14.

Reasons for Urgency:

A budget needs to be established before 1 April 2012 in order to fund planned expenditure, and to enable this high profile project to progress.

Decision taken by the Leader on: 8 March 2012

That approval be given to establish a budget for the White City Neighbourhood Community Budget pilot of £405,000 and £345,000 for the years 2012/13 and 2013/14 respectively, to be funded via contributions from General Fund reserves of £730,000 and from the Housing Revenue Account working balance of £20,000.

Wards: College Park & Old Oak; Shepherds Bush Green