



Cabinet

8 MARCH 2010

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SERVICES**
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**FULHAM COURT ESTATE IMPROVEMENT
STRATEGY: PHASE 1 PHYSICAL
IMPROVEMENTS, FURTHER REPORT**

**Ward:
Town**

Further to the decision taken on 11 January 2010, a further decision is needed to clarify (recommendation 1) that approval be given to the implementation of a combined Children's Centre and Community Centre to be located within the boundary of Fulham Court or Barclay Close Estates (subject to any necessary statutory consents and the outcome of comprehensive resident consultation and in consultation with the Cabinet Members for Housing and Childrens' Services).

The report approved on 11 January is attached as an Appendix and sets out work being undertaken to formulate an Estate Improvement Strategy for Fulham Court and seeks approval to the implementation of phase 1—physical improvement programme. The estate has suffered from a number of complex issues for a long time. A strategy is being developed to transform it, and to improve residents' quality of life through a multi agency steering group and a process to understand the problems and to develop a vision for transformation. The strategy will seek to harness resources from numerous sources to create a deliverable programme of physical and social improvements over the next 3-4 years.

**HAS A PEIA BEEN
COMPLETED?
YES**

CONTRIBUTORS

CSD/HFH/FCS/LS/
ENV/NHSH&F/CHSD/
RSD
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DFCS

Recommendations:

- 1. That approval be given to the implementation of a combined Children's Centre and Community Centre to be located within the boundary of Fulham Court or Barclay Close Estates (subject to**

any necessary statutory consents and the outcome of comprehensive resident consultation).

- 2. To authorise the Chief Executive of H& F Homes and the Chief Executive of the Council to finalise the location of the Centre in conjunction with the Cabinet Members for Housing and Children's Services.**
- 3. To approve a programme of consultation with residents to evaluate the possibility of physical estate improvement.**
- 4. To agree to earmark £4.057m of funding from the HRA Disposal Receipts over the years 2009/2013 to enable the works programme to proceed, subject to detailed resident consultation and further approval, and to agree the provisional annual budgets across the 2009/2013 years as shown in the body of the report to Cabinet on 11 January 2010 (subject to confirmation at tender approval stage) and that £0.450m of grant funding be applied regarding the provision of a Children's Centre.**
- 5. To approve the delegation to H&F Homes of the responsibility for the development and delivery of the physical improvement programme, subject to detailed approval being sought to the final scheme from the Cabinet.**

1. BACKGROUND

2. Cabinet approved on 11 January 2010 the implementation of a Children's Centre (subject to any necessary statutory consents and comprehensive resident consultation). The report approved in January is attached as the Appendix to this report.
3. That report stated (para. 3.2.4) that replicating the successful model of combining a Children's Centre with a Community Centre similar to the centre developed on the Old Oak Estate will enable a seamless service to be delivered under one roof.
4. The Community Centre was to be replaced at a later phase in the project as stated in para 6.1 & para 6.3 of the attached report. This decision was made so as not to delay the provision of the Children's Centre. (para. 3.2.6). A decision to move ahead with the provision of a Children's Centre is urgent. The Council has a capital allocation of £450,000 (which comes from the DCFS) available to provide a Children's Centre and this needs to be spent by the end of March 2011.
5. This report seeks to clarify the plan to design and build the combined Children's Centre and the Community Centre (not just a Children's Centre) in phase 1 following the feedback received from the first round of consultation with residents and stakeholders.
6. A comprehensive resident consultation will take place on 8 February 2010. The outcome of this consultation will inform the final location of the Centre. This report also seeks authority for the Chief Executive of H& F Homes and the Chief Executive of the Council to finalise the location of the Centre in consultation with the Cabinet Members for Housing and Children's Services.

2. COMMENTS OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES)

- 2.1 These are in the 11 January 2010 report (Appendix).

3. COMMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES

- 3.1 These are in the 11 January 2010 report (Appendix).

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000
LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

No.	Brief Description of Background Papers	Name/Ext. of holder of file/copy	Department/Location
1.	Fulham Court resident Profile and Service Audit ; Fulham Court Practitioners Workshop Feedback	Riad Akbur Ext 4043	Community Services/145 King Street
2.	'Choice for parents, Better Start for Children' - Guidance documents : Phase 2 and Phase 3 Childrens's Centre	Pat Bunche Ext 3772	Children's/Early Years Services/ Barclay House