

Report to Council – 16 July 2024

Report of Cabinet – 8 July 2024

Cabinet met on 8 July 2024. The minutes have been published on the council's website.

The following were present at the meeting:

Present: Mayor Taylor (Chair)
Councillor Dychton (Deputy Mayor and Portfolio Holder for Community)
Councillor Pattinson (Portfolio Holder for Housing and Wellbeing)
(for minute numbers 12 to 17 and 20 to 21)
Councillor Rodrigues (Portfolio Holder for Property and Resources)
Councillor G Saffery (Portfolio Holder for Planning)
Councillor Stotesbury (Portfolio Holder for Transport and Sustainability)
Councillor Williams (Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhood Services)

Also present: Councillor Bell, Opposition Group Leader

Officers: Chief Executive
Chief Finance Officer
Associate Director of Customer and Corporate Services and Monitoring
Officer
Associate Director of Environment (for minute numbers 12 to 16)
Associate Director of Housing and Wellbeing
Waste Recycling and Venues Lead (LA) (for minute numbers 12 to 16)
Environmental Health Manager – Environment
Housing Enabling and Development Manager
Democratic Services Manager

19. Proposed use of commuted sums to deliver social rented homes – Sydney Road

Cabinet received a report of the Housing Enabling and Development Manager which was proposing a recommendation to Council for approval of a contribution of the commuted sums to secure the delivery of five social rented homes.

The Mayor invited Councillor Rodrigues to introduce the report.

Councillor Rodrigues stated that the increase in the number of affordable homes was important for the council. He advised that it was recommended that commuted sums were used to support the proposal to secure the delivery of social rented units at the private development in Sydney Road. The sum of £375,000 would support the conversion of five units. He explained that the Mayor had delegated authority to approve the use of commuted sums and had agreed to this proposal. However, it required Council approval to make the capital grant to

Watford Community Housing. He praised the work the Housing Team was doing to improve the housing situation in Watford.

Councillor Bell commented that he supported the proposal.

The Mayor invited Cabinet to vote on the recommendation to Council.

Resolved –

That Cabinet recommends that Council, as part of the Capital Programme, approves a contribution of £375,000 of the commuted sums to secure the delivery of five Social Rented homes on the site known as 'Land to rear of 1-43 Sydney Road and 7-9 Sydney Road (Humphreys)'.