



Minutes

**RESIDENTS' AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
POLICY OVERVIEW COMMITTEE**

Wednesday 24 February 2016

**Meeting held at Committee Room 4- Civic Centre,
High Street, Uxbridge UB8 1UW**

	<p>Committee Members Present: Councillors Michael White (Chairman), Teji Barnes (Vice-Chairman), Mohinder Birah, Peter Davis, Jas Dhot, Patricia Jackson, Judy Kelly, Kuldeep Lakhmana and Brian Stead.</p> <p>Officers: Chris Mansfield (Deputy Director, Planning and Transportation), James Rodger (Head of Planning and Enforcement) and Khalid Ahmed (Democratic Services Manager).</p>	
<p>49.</p>	<p>TO CONFIRM THAT ALL ITEMS MARKED PART I WILL BE CONSIDERED IN PUBLIC AND THAT ANY ITEMS MARKED PART II WILL BE CONSIDERED IN PRIVATE</p> <p>It was confirmed that all items on the agenda would be considered in public.</p>	
<p>50.</p>	<p>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 19 JANUARY 2016</p> <p>Agreed as an accurate record.</p> <p>[In relation to Minute No. 45 - Residents' & Environmental Services Policy Overview Committee - Major Review 2015/16 - Mechanism for Reviewing Major Developments in the Borough and Identifying Lessons to be Learned for the Planning Process - officers reported that the comments which had been made by witnesses on their perception of local government's role in the process for developments should be amended as they did not reflect what had been said. They should read that "the applicants' perceptions were that Central Government was encouraging development whilst planning authorities had to give full detailed consideration to all planning applications, which slowed the process down."]</p>	
<p>51.</p>	<p>RESIDENTS' & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES POLICY OVERVIEW COMMITTEE - MAJOR REVIEW 2015/16 - MECHANISM FOR REVIEWING MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS IN THE BOROUGH AND IDENTIFYING LESSONS TO BE LEARNED FOR THE PLANNING PROCESS</p> <p>The Committee was provided with a summary of the evidence received during the review, together with areas which Members could discuss in relation to suggested recommendations.</p> <p>After discussion the Committee asked that consideration be given to the following suggested recommendations:</p>	<p>Action By:</p>

	<p>(i) The Council undertook post development review of planning decisions.</p> <p>(ii) The Members of the Planning Committees needed to visit high profile developments (once a year) that the Council had approved to understand and learn lessons from decisions made. This should also include an invitation to the Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Recycling. Also where appropriate, the Chairman of the Licensing Committee be invited to attend to visit those premises which required licensing (i.e hotels, restaurants, bars, casinos etc).</p> <p>(iii) The costs of this should be considered as part of the member development budget.</p> <p>(iv) There needed to be a properly established evaluation process that occurred during the site visits which included consideration of changes that occurred to the development post Committee, whether the planning conditions were fit for purpose and a means of evaluating what the end users thought of the development.</p> <p>(v) The architect/scheme designers from each development which were the subject of the site visit be encouraged to contribute into the post development review process (so Councillors and officers could hear their views).</p> <p>(vi) Ward Councillors should be given a list of sites the Committee would visit and asked if they had any feedback to give on particular developments in their Wards, in particular what end users and neighbours have told the Ward Councillors they thought of the development in question.</p> <p>(vii) That any suggested changes brought about by post development review be fed back into the planning process as part of the ongoing updating of planning policies.</p> <p>(viii) That it be noted that this review process should be about lessons learnt to strengthen Planning Committee decision making going forward and not for enforcement activity purposes.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked officers for their attendance and asked that for the next meeting of the Committee, a draft final report with the above suggested recommendations be presented for Members consideration.</p> <p>RESOLVED –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the information provided be noted and officers be asked to submit a draft final report on the review for Members' consideration. 	<p>Action By:</p> <p>James Rodger / Khalid Ahmed Action By:</p>
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52.	<p>FORWARD PLAN</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
53.	<p>WORK PROGRAMME</p> <p>The Committee asked that consideration be given to briefings at future meetings on the Music Service, the Funding of Arts in the Borough and on Allotments.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
	<p>Meeting commenced at 5.30pm and closed at 6.00pm Next meeting: 23 March 2016 2015 at 5.30pm</p>	

These are the minutes of the above meeting. For more information on any of the resolutions please contact Khalid Ahmed on 01895 250833. These minutes are circulated to Councillors, Officers, the Press and Members of the Public.

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