

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE

Executive Summary

The Council is invited to consider the recommendations from the meeting of the Executive held on 5 October 2023. The extracts from the minutes of the Executive will be published in due course. Set out below are the recommendations in the reports to be considered by the Executive.

THE EXECUTIVE – 5 OCTOBER 2023

9A. SHEERWATER REGENERATION

Recommendations

The Executive is requested to:

RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL That

- (i) the progress on Red, Yellow and Copper phases be noted;
- (ii) the Council retains and refurbishes circa 106 homes within the Sheerwater Regeneration area as set out in Section 5 of the report;
- (iii) the costs of refurbishment, estimated at £2.9 million, be covered by capital receipts and Local Authority Housing Funding (if appropriate);
- (iv) the Strategic Director – Communities, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Key Projects, be authorised to agree proposals to consolidate ownership of vacant housing assets between ThamesWey and the Council; and
- (v) the residual land and properties within the Sheerwater Regeneration area (excluding those to be retained) continue to be vacated and offered to the market for disposal, as set out in Section 4.7, to maximise the capital receipt.

Reasons for Decision

Reason: To enable a sustainable delivery option for the Sheerwater Regeneration project whilst reducing financial risks and exposure to the Council.

9B. 2023 REVIEW OF THE WOKING CORE STRATEGY

Recommendations

The Executive is requested to:

RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL That

- (i) the conclusions of the 5 Year Review of the Core Strategy set out in the report be confirmed; and**
- (ii) Officers bring forward a timetable and associated outline of the work programme to produce a new Local Plan for the Borough of Woking.**

Reasons for Decision

Reason: To consider a 5 year review of the Core Strategy which determines whether the policies contained within it are up to date and effective, as required by the local plan regulations and the National Planning Policy Framework. The last review of the Core Strategy was undertaken in 2018. There is a legislative requirement to review a Core Strategy every five years and a review in 2023 was required. The Core Strategy sets out strategic planning policy for the Borough until 2027. A new Local Plan or possibly a new Core Strategy will be required from 2027.

The Council has the authority to determine the recommendations set out above.

Background Papers: None.

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