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# Cabinet - Supplementary Agenda

# Monday 11 October 2021 at 10.00 am

Conference Hall - Brent Civic Centre, Engineers Way, Wembley, HA9 0FJ

# Membership:

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M Butt (Chair) Leader of the Council

McLennan (Vice-Chair) Deputy Leader of the Council and Lead Member for

Resources

Farah Lead Member for Adult Social Care

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M Patel Lead Member for Children's Safeguarding, Early Help

and Social Care

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#### **Notes for Members - Declarations of Interest:**

If a Member is aware they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest\* in an item of business, they must declare its existence and nature at the start of the meeting or when it becomes apparent and must leave the room without participating in discussion of the item.

If a Member is aware they have a Personal Interest\*\* in an item of business, they must declare its existence and nature at the start of the meeting or when it becomes apparent.

If the Personal Interest is also significant enough to affect your judgement of a public interest and either it affects a financial position or relates to a regulatory matter then after disclosing the interest to the meeting the Member must leave the room without participating in discussion of the item, except that they may first make representations, answer questions or give evidence relating to the matter, provided that the public are allowed to attend the meeting for those purposes.

#### \*Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:

- (a) **Employment, etc. -** Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit gain.
- (b) **Sponsorship -** Any payment or other financial benefit in respect of expenses in carrying out duties as a member, or of election; including from a trade union.
- (c) **Contracts** Any current contract for goods, services or works, between the Councillors or their partner (or a body in which one has a beneficial interest) and the council.
- (d) **Land -** Any beneficial interest in land which is within the council's area.
- (e) **Licences-** Any licence to occupy land in the council's area for a month or longer.
- (f) **Corporate tenancies -** Any tenancy between the council and a body in which the Councillor or their partner have a beneficial interest.
- (g) **Securities -** Any beneficial interest in securities of a body which has a place of business or land in the council's area, if the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body or of any one class of its issued share capital.

#### \*\*Personal Interests:

The business relates to or affects:

- (a) Anybody of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management, and:
  - To which you are appointed by the council;
  - which exercises functions of a public nature;
  - which is directed is to charitable purposes;
  - whose principal purposes include the influence of public opinion or policy (including a political party of trade union).
- (b) The interests of a person from whom you have received gifts or hospitality of at least £50 as a member in the municipal year;

or

A decision in relation to that business might reasonably be regarded as affecting the well-being or financial position of:

- You yourself;
- a member of your family or your friend or any person with whom you have a close association or any person or body who is the subject of a registrable personal interest.

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9 Proposal for ownership and refurbishment of Granville New Homes 1 - 2 blocks

Attached are the recommendations from the Community & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee held on 7 October 21 relating to their pre decision scrutiny of the implications for BHM and HRA arising from the proposals for ownership and refurbishment of Granville New Homes blocks contained in the report.



# **Supplementary Paper – Cabinet: 11 October 2021**

Agenda Item 9 (Proposals for ownership & refurbishment of Granville New Homes Blocks)

Scrutiny of implications for BHM and HRA of proposals for ownership and refurbishment of Granville New Homes blocks undertaken by Community & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee on Thursday 7 October 21

### **Scrutiny Committee recommendations to Cabinet:**

- That the officers give assurance that the council has undertaken due diligence reviews of its subsidiary bodies, including governance, fitness for purpose, financial soundness and reputational risk.
- That the officers ensure the Ridge report is made available to the scrutiny committee and audit committee.
- That the officers review arrangements for entering into contracts of this kind, in particular to ensure adequate arrangements are made to ensure appropriate design/build quality – and that the council has appropriate recourse where latent defects are later identified.
- That the officers ensure all potential contractors are made aware of the standards expected by the council and to ensure these are met before buildings are formally accepted by the council.
- That the council provide written assurance that it has taken or will take independent legal and financial advice (including tax) regarding the proposals and next steps.
- That all contracts procured by the council and its subsidiaries include a review of past delivery of any potential contractors.
- That the council ensures where issues are evident in a particular project, all remaining projects by the same contractor are reviewed as a matter of urgency.
- That the officers review the steps that make-up the procurement, commissioning and contract monitoring system to identify any gaps especially in relation to risk and review aspects. Where these are identified that immediate action is taken.
- That the council put in place arrangements to ensure learning about this case –
  and any others raising issues of similar significance is shared across the
  council as well as with existing and potential future partners/contractors.
- That the officers establish and publish a comprehensive plan for ongoing engagement with residents.

