



MINUTES OF THE BARHAM PARK TRUST COMMITTEE

Held on Thursday 2 February 2017 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillor McLennan (Chair), Hirani (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Farah, Miller and Southwood

1. Chair's opening remarks

The Chair welcomed all those present to the meeting and extended particular welcome to Councillor Miller, who had been appointed to the committee by the Cabinet at its meeting on 12 December 2016.

2. Declarations of Interests

In the interest of openness, the Chair declared that the Trust had received an email from a member of the public regarding the following item of business on the agenda and officers had responded accordingly: 'Property update, Barham Park Building Complex, 660 Harrow Road, Wembley'.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED:-

that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 7 September 2016 be approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None.

5. Property Update, Barham Park Building Complex, 660 Harrow Road, Wembley

Sarah Chaudhry (Property Adviser to the Trust / Head of Property) introduced the report to the committee which updated members on property matters in respect of the Barham Park building complex and proposed that a lease for Unit 1 be granted to Tamu Samaj UK (TSUK) for a seven year term. The Trust was informed that as per the committee's decision of 2 July 2015, Unit 1 had been marketed under the Council's Community Asset Transfer (CAT) policy. Members' attention was drawn to Appendix 1 to the report which detailed the evaluation of the four bids received. Two of the bids which had most closely met the criteria had progressed to an interview stage; Tamu Samaj UK (TSUK) and Shree Vishwakarama Association (SVAUK). It was highlighted that the bid from TSUK had received a greater social value measure, whilst the bid from SVAUK presented a stronger financial proposal. The recommendation before the committee reflected the importance placed on social value within the Council's CAT policy.

In the subsequent discussion, members reflected on the impact of considering social value as a key part of the evaluation process. Noting the significant financial figures set out against social value for the TSUK bid, the committee sought an overview of what these included and questioned what monitoring arrangements would be in place to ensure that the successful organisation delivered the benefits promised.

In response, Amin Soorma (Estate Surveyor) reported that TSUK proposed to operate in partnership with the local community and a range of groups across the borough including church organisations. It was highlighted that the figures set out in the application evaluation under social value were divided under headings which reflected the priorities of the Brent Borough Plan. Addressing the committee's query regarding monitoring arrangements, Amin Soorma confirmed that monitoring would be undertaken annually.

Acknowledging the stringent process followed and affirming a commitment to making social value a key consideration in the management of Barham Park, the Trust RESOLVED:

- i) that a lease for Unit 1 (the Card Room) of the Barham Park buildings complex be granted to Tamu Samaj UK (TSUK) for a seven year term;

Having considered the remainder of the report, the Trust RESOLVED:

- ii) that officers ask the Barham Park Veterans Club to sign the lease for Unit 2 (the Snooker and Billiards Room) of the Barham Park buildings complex within one month of the current meeting or provide an explanation for the delay;
- iii) that the Trust meet to consider the matter further if the lease for Unit 2 of the Barham Park buildings complex remained unsigned after the deadline detailed in ii).

6. **Park Matters - Infrastructure Projects**

RESOLVED: that consideration of this item be deferred to the next meeting of the Trust at which time a full report should be provided to the committee in good time before the meeting.

7. **Finance Matters - Maintenance Costs**

Gareth Robinson (Head of Finance) provided a brief update on financial matters to the Trust and advised that a full report would be prepared in collaboration with the Head of Environmental Improvement for the next meeting of the committee.

8. **Any Other Urgent Business**

None.

The meeting was declared closed at 7.41 pm

COUNCILLOR MARGARET MCLENNAN
Chair