
PLEASURAMA SITE DEVELOPMENT – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

To: **Pleaurama Site Development Review TFG – 31 October 2013**

Main Portfolio Area: **Operational Services**

By: **Charles Hungwe, Senior Democratic Services Officer**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Ward: **Eastcliffe Ward**

Summary: **The report provides additional information and clarification based on issues and questions raised at and following the task and finish group meeting of 29th August 2013.**

For Information

1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 At the meeting of the Pleaurama Site Development Review Task & Finish Group (TFG) on 29 August 2013, Members requested additional information on the Pleaurama Site Development Agreement.
- 1.2 As part of this Members agreed to send questions to the Chair of the Task & Finish Group, who would forward these to the Chief Executive. The written responses to these questions have been tabulated as included as Annex 1 to the report.

2.0 Other Action Points Updates

- 2.1 Members requested updates from the Corporate & Regulatory Services Manager on issues raised at the previous meeting of the sub-group as set out below:
- a) Whether the draft letter from SBP Banque had ever been received as a final version;
 - b) Who wrote the document relating to the funding status and appraisal of the development, at Annex 1 to the report to Council on 23 July 2009?
 - c) The approximate date when Annex 4 (to the report that was considered at the previous meeting of the TFG on 29 August 2013) – “Commentary from TDC Officers on the content of Annex 1” - was written;
 - d) Assurance be given at the next meeting of the Group that legal advice is under way.
- 2.2 Updates on these issues will be provided at the meeting.

3.0 Options

- 3.1 Following assessment of the additional information provided Members may wish to consider whether to call any further witnesses. At the previous meeting Members had agreed the following:

- a) THAT the Group considers inviting evidence in private session from a representative of the Friends of Ramsgate Seafront;
- b) THAT the Group considers seeking evidence from Members of Cabinet at the time the Development Agreement and Deed of Variation were entered into and also the former Director of Regeneration Services;
- c) THAT the Group consults with residents on any future options for the Pleasurama site.

Or

3.2 The sub-committee may want to draw up their conclusions and recommendations for onward submission to the Overview & Scrutiny Panel.

4.0 Corporate Implications

4.1 Financial and VAT

4.1.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report. However some costs will be incurred by Council in seeking external legal advice on this issue as requested by members of the Group.

4.2 Legal

4.2.1 There are no legal implications arising directly from this report. Members requested that officers seek external legal advice. Such advice would need to be reflected in future reports.

4.3 Corporate

4.4 Equity and Equalities

4.4.1 There are no equity and equalities implications arising directly from this report.

5.0 Recommendation

5.1 With reference to the options highlighted in Section 3.0 of the report; guidance is sought from Members of the sub-committee on the way forward.

6.0 Decision Making Process

6.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Panel can set up a sub-committee to review any matters relevant to the operations of Council or the District and develop recommendations for submission to the Overview & Scrutiny Panel which if agree, would be referred to the relevant decision maker and/or body.

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Annex List

Annex 1	Responses to questions raised by members through the Chair
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Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
None	N/A

Corporate Consultation Undertaken

Finance	Sarah Martin, Financial Services Manager
Legal	Harvey Patterson, Corporate & Regulatory Services Manager