

RECOMMENDATIONS TO CABINET 18 SEPTEMBER 2018 FROM CORPORATE PERFORMANCE PANEL 10 SEPTEMBER 2018

CP32 Cabinet Report 18 September 2018 – Accelerated Construction Programme

RESOLVED: The press and public be excluded from the meeting under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 for consideration of the appendices for the Accelerated Construction Scheme item on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act, and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure the information.

The Housing Strategy Officer presented the report on the Accelerated Construction Programme (ACP) which would be considered by Cabinet on 18 September 2018.

The report provided information on the funding offered to the Borough Council in August 2018 through the ACP. The Panel was informed that the programme had been established by Central Government to support Local Authorities to unlock barriers to delivery on public sector land on which housing could be delivered.

Members were advised that the Council had been offered grant funding on seven sites subject to final negotiation and acceptance of terms by the Council. The purpose of the report is to seek approval to accept the grant on each of the seven sites and inform the Cabinet of the requirements of the grant funding.

The Portfolio Holder – Corporate Projects and Assets and the Housing Strategy Officer responded to questions from the Panel.

RESOLVED: That the Corporate Performance Panel supports the recommendations to Cabinet as set out below:

- 1) The Council formally accepts the total sum of £9,814,567 (minimum amount offered could be subject to change) offered to the Council by Homes England under the Accelerated Construction Programme.
- 2) Cabinet delegates to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Housing and Community Portfolio Holder and the Corporate Projects and Assets Portfolio Holder:
 - a) The Authority to negotiate and agree the final terms of contract with Homes England under which the grant will be accepted.
 - b) Authority to negotiate and agree with the College of West Anglia (COWA) a development option/agreement to deliver the COWA site in conjunction with the adjacent Council owned site.
 - c) Spend of the Accelerated Construction Programme grant in accordance with the terms of the contract with Homes England.
 - d) The Authority to the Legal Services Manager to agree and complete any necessary and relevant legal documentation.