

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

23 January 2020

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For the period to 10 January

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Discussions relating to projects on the council website.

Purpose

- a) To provide an easily accessed path to details of new and past projects in the Borough so that Members and the community can see what is going on where and how different projects relate to one another.
- b) The proposal is to concentrate on principally the spatial aspects of a project then in context with the wider benefits to the Borough, with illustrations.

House Sales

The Assistant Director Companies & Housing Delivery is pleased to confirm the sale of four houses in this New Year, 2 in Dewside and 2 in Nora, Nar Valley Phase 3. This is encouraging and I hope this is an indication that things are getting easier for people in the housing market.

'Green' Considerations

Officers have met to consider how to administer future environmental issues within the Borough, this was a very positive meeting.

A possible future development for one project area is a handbook to define various different levels and types of management in a public open space, for example different areas of grassland have different attributes/ uses some areas may need less mowing to enable a wild flower population to develop, other areas for sports recreation will require more frequent cutting and so on: the handbook will define a management regime for each area. There are several strategies which other Authorities have looked at so we can assess their strategies too.

I am very encouraged by the professional approach and consideration shown by the officers relating to the initial stages of project development, specifically examining carbon reduction and sustainability, primary

components for good planning and design for our future development projects.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

3 Meetings attended and Meetings scheduled

Attended a)

December

6 Special Cabinet
9 Portfolio
16 Cabinet Sifting

January

6 Special Cabinet
7 Cabinet
9 Portfolio Meeting
9 Members training

January Scheduled so far - after 10th January b)

14 Members Training
15 Special Portfolio Meeting
16 Joint Portfolio Meeting
20 Cabinet Sifting
21 HAZ Partnership
23 IDB
27 Risk Management Training
28 R and D

February

3 Portfolio Meeting
4 Cabinet