

Meeting of the

CABINET

Wednesday, 19 December 2018 at 5.30 p.m.

TABLED PAPERS

PAGE
NUMBER

5. OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

5.1 Chair's Advice of Key Issues or Questions

Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) to report on any issues raised by the OSC in relation to unrestricted business to be considered.

3 - 4

This page is intentionally left blank

6.6 Site at 20 Alton Street E14 6BZ	
Questions	Response
<p><i>3.14 Mixed Development</i></p> <p>Q What housing could be provided on the site if:</p> <p>a. the mosque was kept to its current size but new homes built above it?</p> <p>b. if the site was used for housing only?</p> <p><i>3.15 It has also been confirmed that the Council is not restricted from disposing of land where the main purpose is to be a faith use</i></p> <p>Q - who has provided this confirmation? what guidance (if any) exists in national legislation/guidance as to disposal of land for faith use?</p>	<p>a. A feasibility study was undertaken which assumed the ground floor space would be used as a mosque / community use based on an equivalent footprint to the existing temporary buildings. This provided a scheme for 12 apartments above the D1 ground floor space</p> <p>b. This was not an option that was considered, but based on the second feasibility study which assumed a much larger community building this then only generated 4 units, so it is likely that the site capacity for residential use only is in the order of 16 units.</p> <p>Consultation was undertaken with the Divisional Director of Legal Services and it was confirmed that there is no such national legislation or guidance that restricts a local authority from disposing of property for faith use. The Council's obligation would be to ensure that best consideration was obtained relating to any such disposal.</p>

This page is intentionally left blank