

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

“CALL IN” REQUISITION

WE THE UNDERSIGNED WISH TO “**CALL IN**” FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS THE PROVISIONAL DECISION (S) OF THE **INDIVIDUAL MAYORAL DECISION**

TAKEN ON THE ...10th **DAY OF**...November .2017
IN RELATION TO THE REPORT SHOWN BELOW:

REPORT TITLE. ...**Acquisition of Affordable Homes**....

- Councillor Cllr Peter Golds (Sign) By email (Print)
- Councillor Cllr Andrew Wood (Sign) By email (Print)
- Councillor Cllr Julia Dockerill (Sign) By email (Print)
- Councillor Cllr Chris Chapman (Sign) By email (Print)
- Councillor Cllr Craig Aston (Sign) By email (Print)

Decisions can also be “Called In” by 2 Church, Faith or Parent Governor representatives who have been co-opted to membership of the Committee.

- Co-opted Member _____ (Sign) _____ (Print)
- Co-opted Member _____ (Sign) _____ (Print)

Dated 17 November 2017

*Once completed please return to Matthew Mannion, Committee Services Manager
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<u>AGENDA ITEM NO.</u>	
<u>REPORT TITLE/ DATE OF CABINET MEETING</u>	Acquisition of Affordable Homes Mayoral Executive Decision Friday 10 th November 2017 19:31pm
<u>REASONS FOR “CALL IN”</u>	<p>Decision came out Friday night, 10th November, 2017, 7.31pm to spend £119 million</p> <p>This was 7 hours after the deadline to submit questions and motions for the full Council on the 22nd November</p> <p>There will be no opportunity at 22nd November Council meeting to ask questions of officers</p> <p>Previous experience of Council meetings suggests that there will be little or no time to debate properly such an important issue</p> <p>While individual components of this proposal have been discussed in the past (some as far back as 2015), many of the values have changed and the first time we have seen in aggregate</p> <p>Main questions we wish to raise are;</p> <p>How do we ensure that the £119 million buys us the best quality homes for the greatest number of people for the longest period of time</p> <p>What is the average age of properties bought from Poplar Harca and others?</p> <p>How many years of life do they have left? what happens if estate redeveloped?</p> <p>Particular concern over life cycle cost i.e. is it better to pay more upfront for quality new build which will be cheaper over next 60 years then pay less for something that may last only 20 years?</p>

	<p>Poplar Harca bought properties - comment made by officer was that they had not sold at auction but we then bought them, background required</p> <p>What are the reasons for this not to go through the normal Cabinet & Overview and Scrutiny Committee process</p> <p>Who will manage the properties bought under under S.106 Agreements and others? MHS will own but who will do day to day management? What is financial impact of this?</p> <p>How much Right to Buy receipts are at risk if no decision are made this year</p> <p>New Homes Bonus - will this be used as unclear?</p> <p>£648 million infrastructure funding gap identified in the Local Plan 2031. How will we fill this gap if we are spending money on new homes?</p>
<u>ALTERNATIVE COURSE OF ACTION PROPOSED</u>	A full discussion with officers present at Overview and Scrutiny on 23 rd November 2017
<u>WITHIN THE COUNCIL'S POLICY OR BUDGET FRAMEWORK - Please indicate</u>	Linked to a Council decision to be taken on 22 November 2017 which is within the Council's Budget and Policy Framework