

Committee: OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY	Date: 3 August 2010	Classification: Unrestricted	Report No.	Agenda Item No. 6.1
Report of: Assistant Chief Executive		Title: Cabinet Decision Called-in: Idea Store Strategy Action Plan Update - Idea Store Watney Market and One Stop Shop		
Originating Officer(s): Amanda Thompson Team Leader, Democratic Services		Wards: All		

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 The attached report of the Corporate Director, Communities, Localities and Culture, was considered by the Cabinet on 7 July 2010 and has been "Called In" by Councillors Tim Archer, Craig Aston, Peter Golds, Zara Davis, and David Snowden for further consideration. This is in accordance with the provisions of Part Four of the Council's Constitution.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the Committee consider the contents of the attached report, review the Cabinet's provisional decisions arising and decide whether to accept them or refer the matter back to Cabinet with proposals, together with reasons.

Local Government Act, 1972 Section 100D (As amended)

List of "Background Papers" used in the preparation of this report

Brief description of "background paper"

Cabinet report - 7 July 2010

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3. THE CABINET'S PROVISIONAL DECISION

3.1 The Cabinet after considering the attached report provisionally agreed:-

1. That the progress update on the Idea Store Strategy Action Plan be noted.
2. That the Corporate Director, Communities, Localities and Culture be authorised to enter into a grant funding agreement with the Big Lottery Fund (BLF) to secure the £2m of funding provisionally allocated to the project [Idea Store Local and One Stop Shop at Watney Market];
- 3 That the inclusion of the Idea Store Local and One Stop Shop at Watney Market within the Capital Programme be approved and a Capital Estimate for the sum of £4,101,000 be adopted for the delivery of the scheme;
- 4 That the Corporate Director Development and Renewal be authorised to facilitate the allocation of S106 commuted sums as part-finance for the scheme [Idea Store Local and One Stop Shop at Watney Market], as set out in the capital profile attached to the report (CAB 010/101), as a matter of priority;
5. That the Corporate Director, Communities, Localities and Culture be authorised to proceed with building procurement in accordance with Council's financial and procurement protocols subject to planning permission;
- 6 That the use of the Council owned plot of land listed in Appendix 1 for development of the new Idea Store Local and One Stop Shop be authorised; and
- 7 That the appropriation with immediate effect of the site for planning purposes pursuant to Section 122 of the Local Government Act 1972 be approved; and
8. That the terminology used in the report (CAB 010/101), recommendations contained therein, and going forward in respect of the next phase of Idea Stores, be revised to reflect the wishes of the Cabinet that the word "Local" replace that of "Metro".

4. REASONS FOR THE 'CALL IN'

4.1 The Call-in requisition signed by the five Councillors listed above gives the following reasons for the Call-in:

The Land identified to build the £4m Idea Store belongs to the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and has been given no value. The HRA is

therefore not achieving fair value and the Borough's Housing Stock is subsidising a new Idea Store.

5. ALTERNATIVE COURSE OF ACTION PROPOSED:

5.1 The Councillors submitting the Call-in requisition have proposed the following alternative course of action:

That the Cabinet reviews this again and considered options to use the site for much needed housing.

6. CONSIDERATION OF THE "CALL IN"

6.1 The following procedure is to be followed for consideration of the "Call In":

- (a) Presentation of the "Call In" by one of the "Call In" Members followed by questions.
- (b) Response from the Lead Member/officers followed by questions.
- (c) General debate followed by decision.

N.B. – In accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Protocols and Guidance adopted by the Committee at its meeting on 5 June, 2007, any Member(s) who presents the "Call In" is not eligible to participate in the general debate.

6.2 It is open to the Committee to either resolve to take no action which would have the effect of endorsing the original Cabinet decisions, or the Committee could refer the matter back to the Cabinet for further consideration setting out the nature of its concerns and possibly recommending an alternative course of action.