

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

COUNCIL MEETING

22nd January 2014

WATTS GROVE DEPOT

**DRAFT REFERENCE FROM THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
MEETING ON 20TH JANUARY 2014**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Full Council meeting on 18th September 2013 passed a motion asking the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) to investigate the reasons for the cancellation of the Watts Grove Depot proposal to build 149 new homes on the site. The OSC were asked to report their findings back to Full Council.

The OSC considered the referral at their meetings on 1st October 2013, 5th November 2013 and 3rd December 2013 and informally discussed their report back to Full Council on 7th January 2014.

The OSC meeting on 20th January 2014 will consider the Committee's final response back to Full Council. The published report to the OSC is attached as an appendix to this cover report and any additional comments or changes from the meeting on 20th January will be circulated as soon as possible in advance of the Full Council meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1 That the Council consider the reference back from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (including any amendments agreed at the O&S Committee's meeting on 20th January), and consider the committee's recommendations.

1. DETAILS OF REPORT

- 1.1 The Motion passed at Full Council on 18th September 2013 requesting the review is attached as Appendix 1.
- 1.2 The report to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee of 20th January 2014 is attached as Appendix 2.
- 1.3 Any changes made to the draft report by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 20th January 2014 will be circulated as soon as possible after that date to all Members.

2. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

- 2.1. The reference report from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee contains all relevant financial comments.

3. LEGAL COMMENTS

- 3.1. Legal comments are set out in the report in appendix 2.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Other relevant considerations and implications are set out in the attached draft report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

5. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Motion passed at Council on 18th September 2013

Appendix 2 – Report to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee of 20th January 2014.

Background Papers: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

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