Feedback for queries raised at the previous Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council meeting

Response

ACTION: Officers to report back on granting access to local people to the plaque in the old Town Hall building in Spa Road.

The offices at 19 Spa Road have now been transferred to new owners for development. However, as part of the sale, the memorial plaques, which remain in place, have been retained in the council's ownership on behalf of the public. In addition, the plaques form part of the listed building status and so they are protected and cannot be removed without listed building consent first being obtained. We are advised that such consent would be unlikely in these circumstances and in any case, would be subject to the usual public consultation process. Although following the development the lobby will be a private entrance hall, through the sale of the property, the council has agreed on-going access by arrangement for the purposes of showing the memorials to up to two members of the public at a time on up to five occasions per year. In the future, members of the public with an interest in the memorials should contact the civic office. This formalised position of course does not prevent any interested individual or group requesting access directly from the new owners.

ACTION: Officers to provide information about which developments the Section 106 funding in the report is proposed to be taken from, and to set a practical programme of works, which is to be fed back to councillors.

Earlier in 2012 a study tested a scheme for reverting all the one-way roads of the Lower Road gyratory to two-way working, but unfortunately this was not shown to be workable. Officers intend to commission further work to determine options for reverting as many roads as possible to two-way working to provide a workable traffic scheme. Some of the Section 106 funding released recently will be used for this purpose. Naturally there would be public consultation before implementing any scheme. The full scheme could cost in the order of £9 million and so implementation must wait until further Section 106 funding is available from developments on the peninsular, though officers will look for opportunities for early implementation of elements of any agreed scheme.