

## NOTIFICATION OF DECISION FOR URGENT IMPLEMENTATION

(Decision either included or not included on the current Forward Plan but needs to be implemented immediately by virtue of the urgency of the actions that need to be undertaken. This decision will not be subject to call-in.)

### ORIGINATOR'S DETAILS

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### DETAILS OF THE REPORT

**Title and brief description of the nature of the business to be considered:**

**Title:** Tustin Estate Low Rise Programme - Confirmation of undertaking a Tustin Estate Residents' Ballot

Cabinet decision on: 'Confirmation to proceed to Tustin Estate Resident Ballot on the final option including council commitments to residents and other estate based stakeholders'.

This Cabinet report seeks approval to proceed with the final option that has emerged via resident consultation from the Tustin Estate Improvement and Rebuild Programme for the low-rise homes and wider estate. This report will include an Appendix titled 'Landlord Offer Document'.

Urgent Implementation of this decision is sought to issue the Landlord Offer Document on the day subsequent to the 19 January 2021 Cabinet. This is to ensure the Resident Ballot is completed with the results confirmed at the 9 March 2021 Cabinet, prior to entering Mayoral Purdah.

GLA Resident Ballot requirements necessitate that the ballot is independent, the landlord offer document is shared with residents ahead for an 'appropriate' amount of time with a 'reasonable amount of time to consider' ahead of holding a ballot and that the ballot must be carried out over a minimum of 3 weeks. These requirements therefore need to be met within the timeframes of the 19 January Cabinet and the 9<sup>th</sup> March Cabinet, a period of 7 weeks.

CES (Civica Election Services) the independent body contracted to carry out the independent Resident Ballot has advised three weeks is an 'appropriate' amount of time ahead of holding a ballot to meet GLA requirements as well as residents request to allow for sufficient time to digest the information. There is therefore a need to get the Landlord Offer Document out to residents as soon as possible.

Housing and Regeneration planned for a decision to be taken to the January 2021 Cabinet subsequent to postponing consultation on the Improvement and Rebuild Programme in March 2020 due to the emerging pandemic. It was not deemed feasible to take the decision to a December Cabinet in the update programme timetable due to the work necessary to confirm the final option to be put to residents in the resident Ballot and January was felt to be the earliest opportunity.

With the Mayoral Elections taking place in May, if the programme did not go to Cabinet in January, the Residents Ballot would be delayed until after the holiday season to September 2021 to support greater participation. A delay to the programme would risk losing resident trust in the process and the programme.

**Date decision to be taken on: 19 January 2021**

Urgent implementation notice cleared by: Michael Scorer, Strategic Director of Housing and Modernisation	
Chief Officer / Director	Michael Scorer
Date	14 January 2021

**Declaration**

I agree/~~disagree~~\* with the Chief Officer/Head of Service that the proposed Decision is reasonable and that it can be treated as a matter of urgency.

Reason for refusal

Signed.....*I. Wingfield*..... Dated.....*16.1.21*.....

Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Committee/~~Mayor/Deputy Mayor~~\*

\* delete as appropriate

Please note reasons for refusal, additional points or further action required (as appropriate)

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