

Item No:	Classification: OPEN	Date: 7 May 2013	Meeting Name: Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Report Title:		Call-in: Gateway to Peckham – public square and station regeneration	
Ward(s) or Group affected:		The Lane	
From:		Head of Overview & Scrutiny	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. On 20 November 2012 the Cabinet considered a report setting out the steps taken and planned to develop an investment programme to ensure sufficient quality primary school places in the short and medium term.
2. The Cabinet agreed:

- That the progress made to date be noted.
- That officers be instructed to commence negotiation with all interested parties in the area.
- That the director of regeneration be authorised:
 - a) To approve the detailed provisions and requirements of a business engagement package in consultation with the cabinet members for regeneration and corporate strategy and communities and economic wellbeing.
 - b) To prepare and report back to cabinet at the earliest opportunity on a land information and assembly strategy, which would include:
 - i. Continued engagement and negotiations to acquire all interests and approve agreements with landowners of land within the area shown in Appendix 1 of the report
 - ii. Undertake referencing and/or obtain further information using requisitions under the Acquisition of Land Act 1981
 - iii. Amend the boundaries of the areas edged in bold and shown in Appendix 1 of the report should it be required
 - iv. Enter into agreement with Network Rail for the Gateway to Peckham project.

REASONS FOR CALL-IN

3. On 24th April 2012 the Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Committee - Councillor Cathy Bowman - and four members of the committee (Councillors Toby Eckersley, David Hubber, David Noakes and Paul Noblet) requested a call-in of the decisions on the following grounds:
 - failure to maintain the link between strategy and implementation - the scheme that officers discussed with Peckham Vision stakeholders

differed significantly from the scheme presented in the report. Specifically, stakeholders claimed that the area for development outlined in the report was not the same as the one that had been discussed with officers.

- due consultation and the taking of professional advice from officers - Peckham Vision representatives gave evidence at Cabinet that they had had "18 months of unsatisfactory" meetings with officers. The Director of Regeneration (Steve Platts) acknowledged that there were problems with the report, apologising "for some of the language".

CALL-IN MEETING

4. The committee will consider the call-in request and whether or not the decision might be contrary to the policy framework or not wholly in accordance with the budget.
5. If, having considered the decision and all relevant advice, the committee is still concerned about it then it may either:
 - a) refer it back to the decision making person or body for reconsideration, setting out in writing the nature of its concerns, or
 - b) Refer the matter to council assembly if the decision is deemed to be outside the policy and budget framework.
6. If the committee does not refer the matter back to the decision making person or body, the decision shall take effect on the date of the scrutiny meeting.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held at	Contact
Report to Cabinet 16 April 2013	160 Tooley Street London SE1 2TZ	Paula Thornton Constitutional Team 020 7525 4395

APPENDICES
Cabinet Report

Audit Trail

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CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / EXECUTIVE MEMBER		
Officer Title	Comments Sought	Comments included