

INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISION-MAKING

RECORD OF DECISION

PART A

DETAILS OF REPORT <i>(Officers to complete this section prior to issuing to cabinet member)</i>	
Title of report	Site for location of new Canada Water Leisure Centre
Decision-maker	Cabinet Member for Regeneration and New Homes
Earliest date when decision can be taken	15 September 2015 Note: In accordance with the requirements of overview and scrutiny procedure rule 25.4, the cabinet member for regeneration and new homes is required to reconsider the decision within seven working days (by Wednesday 23 September 2015).
Key decision – Yes/No?	Yes
Date published on forward plan	3 July 2015 General exception notice (issued 5 August 2015)
Date sent to cabinet member	14 September 2015
Recommendation	<p>That the cabinet member for regeneration and new homes reconsiders his decision (set out below) in light of the scrutiny call-in and recommendations of the overview and scrutiny committee set out at the end of the record of decision:</p> <p>Decision (19 August 2015):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the site identified in Appendix 1 of the report as the preferred site for location of the new Canada Water Leisure Centre be approved. 2. That the requirements for the new centre as set out in paragraph 9 of the report be approved and officers work with British Land to develop proposals for a new leisure centre on the site as part of the Canada Water masterplan. 3. That officers carryout consultation including targeted consultation with residents directly affected by the proposal in Hothfield place, Hithe Grove, China Hall Mews on the western boundary of the site.

	<p>4. That it be noted that British Land will undertake significant further consultation on proposals for the Canada Water Masterplan which includes the preferred leisure centre site and how it relates to the wider scheme during Autumn 2015 and that the proposals now incorporate the Surrey Quays Leisure Park site.</p> <p>5. That it be noted that a decision on whether to proceed with the delivery of the Leisure centre as part of the Canada Water Masterplan will be taken forward as part of the development agreement with British Land, the terms of which are to be considered by Cabinet early next year..</p>
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ORIGINATING AUTHOR'S DETAILS

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PART B

(Cabinet member to complete this section)

DECISION(S)

That the decision on the site for the location of the new Canada water leisure centre be paused for one month.

REASONS FOR DECISION

The reasons for the decision are set out in my letter to the chair of overview and scrutiny committee (attached).

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED

Representations received at Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting, 7 September 2015.

ADDITIONAL ADVICE RECEIVED

ANY INTERESTS DECLARED

Note: If the decision-maker has a disclosable pecuniary interest in the matter the report must be referred to the full cabinet for decision.

Where a cabinet member may discharge a function alone and becomes aware of a disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter being dealt with or to be dealt with by her/him, the cabinet member must notify the monitoring officer of the interest within 28 days and must not take any steps or further steps in the matter.

If a member is unsure as to whether an interest is a disclosable pecuniary interest they should contact the governance team for advice.

DECLARATION

~~I approve/reject the recommendations set out in the report.*~~

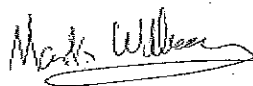
or

I approved an alternative course of action set out in Part B.*

or

~~I have referred this matter to the Full Cabinet for decision.*~~

(* - Please delete as appropriate)



23 September 2015

Signed..... Dated.....

Cabinet Member

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Seeking advice

You should seek advice from the relevant officer on a number of occasions:

- (a) If you wish to consider alternative options
- (b) If you are considering rejecting the proposals

Otherwise it is at your discretion when you should seek further advice and you should do so when you consider it appropriate.

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE –
7 SEPTEMBER 2015**

1. The consultation takes place at the same time for all residents in the affected area of the proposed site and those in the wider area.
2. In order to reassure affected residents regarding the consultation on the proposed new site for the Canada Water leisure centre, the cabinet member should give a public commitment to review the council's decision to have a preferred site should the consultation receive overwhelming public opposition.
3. The consultation be amended to include details of the options that have been considered and rejected, including other sites within the footprint of the land where the council owns the freehold and whether or not the existing Seven Islands can be demolished and rebuilt, in addition to the preferred option of the council.
4. The consultation should include space for additional comments and suggestions to be put forward. This would include details of the options, including full costs for all options; and possible time scales for all options.



Our Ref: MW-368/RPC
16 September 2015

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Dear Gavin

Thank you for inviting me to speak at last Monday's Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) about our plans for Canada Water and the site of a new leisure centre for the local area. As I set out at that meeting, this will be a fantastic new resource for residents, it will mean more and better sports facilities and will help our residents to stay fit and healthy.

As you know we are the freeholders of the majority of the land in the Canada Water regeneration area, with British Land having the leasehold interests and also the freehold of the Mast Leisure Park. We are currently negotiating a regeneration agreement with British Land and we have clearly set out what we are setting out to deliver for our residents. This includes hundreds of new council homes, a new leisure centre, a new park, a new town centre and jobs for our residents. Given the housing crisis we are doing all we can to deliver new homes and new council homes. As discussed at the OSC meeting if we were to place the leisure centre elsewhere in the masterplan, for example, next to Canada Water, there would be a significant opportunity cost and we would deliver less council homes as a result.

Southwark has the most ambitious council house building programme anywhere in the country. I set out the reasons that led us to choosing this as our preferred site for the new centre at the meeting. Crucially it is the site which gives us both a great leisure centre and the scope for the greatest number of council homes. However, it was clear at the OSC meeting that members and some local residents have concerns about the council's proposed preferred location of the new leisure centre.

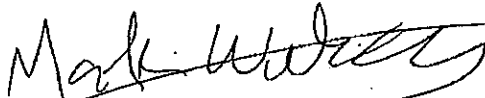
Therefore, given the on-going public concern I will pause the decision for one month. This will allow us time to look again at all of the other sites we considered, and to look again at the emerging Masterplan of the wider redevelopment with British Land, to make sure that we have properly considered all of the options and are putting forward the best possible option.

I would like to come back for a pre-scrutiny meeting and report our findings to your committee in mid-October. We will then undertake public consultation. While I cannot commit to change the council's preferred site, I hope that the steps I have

outlined above assures your committee that we will be as thorough as possible in reaching the best outcome for local residents and those from the wider area.

At a time when other councils are cutting their leisure centres and the services they provide, this council is using the benefits of redevelopment and regeneration to provide these much needed resources well into the future. I look forward to coming before your committee again next month to discuss the findings of our work.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Williams', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Councillor Mark Williams
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Labour Member for Brunswick Park Ward