

Item No.	Classification: Open	Date: 23 March 2010	Meeting Name: Executive
Report title:		New Aylesbury Trust	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		Faraday Ward	
From:		Strategic Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods	

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the executive

1. Agree the winding up of the Aylesbury Regeneration Steering Group ("Steering Group") with effect from 1 April 2010.
2. Consider and agree 3 appointments to The New Aylesbury Trust Limited ("New Aylesbury Trust").

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3. The Steering Group was established following executive approval in September 2005.
4. Its membership comprises representatives of the council, the four tenant and resident associations ("TRA's") and the New Deal for Communities ("NDC"). Its principal purpose has been to support the regeneration of the Aylesbury estate via;
 - Consultation
 - Information
 - Development of policy and practice
5. During the development of the Aylesbury Area Action Plan and the regeneration of the early sites it has established a reputation for honesty, transparency and delivery.
6. Working in parallel with the Steering Group are two other key stakeholder groups, the NDC Board and the New Aylesbury Trust (known as "Creation Trust").
7. The NDC Board has for the last 10 years successfully overseen the delivery of the NDC programme which concludes March 2010. This is a resident- led body which will end at the conclusion of the programme.
8. The New Aylesbury Trust, a company limited by guarantee with charitable status was established around 2 years ago as the successor body for the NDC programme. Its key aims are;
 - Engaging the community within the regeneration programme
 - Tackling issues around skills and training, young people and health and wellbeing

9. It is proposed to wind up the NDC and the Steering Group and amend the constitution of the New Aylesbury Trust so that it effectively becomes a new body which replaces all three existing bodies. The New Aylesbury Trust will provide a single resident/stakeholder focus on the regeneration programme, bring together the good working practice of the earlier organisations and effectively meet the challenges that lie ahead. Its aims are broadly threefold;
- To provide a clear resident focus for all housing related matters whether they relate to redevelopment or on-going housing management. This will require close collaborative working with the newly established Aylesbury Housing management function
 - To provide a focus for the range of non-housing services (health, education, community safety) that impact on the lives of Aylesbury residents
 - To attract additional funding to the estate for a wide range of social and economic activity which will add value to the services outlined above
10. The trustees of the New Aylesbury Trust are to include three councillors.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

11. The membership of the New Aylesbury Trust body will comprise residents, stakeholders and elected members. It is proposed that 3 Southwark councillors are nominated as trustees as this number will facilitate working within the confines of Government legislation on local authority controlled companies.
12. It is intended that a joint meeting of the Steering Group and the New Aylesbury Trust will take place at the end of March 2010. At this meeting the required changes will be made to the New Aylesbury Trust's constitution to facilitate the adoption of the new functions and membership. The New Aylesbury Trust is receiving independent legal advice on these changes. Following this meeting, the Steering Group will be woundup.
13. It is proposed that one of the non-council stakeholder trustees will be asked to act as company secretary. The registered company address will be 1 Thurlow Street. As part of the NDC succession arrangements resources have been identified to support the administrative and organisational costs of the New Aylesbury Trust.
14. It is for the executive to make appointments to outside bodies in connection with the functions which are the responsibility of the executive (e.g. housing, education, social services, regeneration etc).

Legal Implications

15. There are no specific legal implications.

Community Impact Statement

16. As regards recommendation 1, the previous functions of the Steering Group will be incorporated within the New Aylesbury Trust and there is therefore no direct impact on the community.

17. As regards recommendation 2, the nominations process has no direct impact on the community.

Consultation

18. As regards recommendation 1, the proposal has been subject to extensive consultation using all the available consultative arrangements.
19. As regards recommendation 2, the political group whips have been consulted and have been invited to submit nominations.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
N/A		

APPENDICES

No.	Title
N/A	

AUDIT TRAIL

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