

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE FUND (HIF) ISLAND SITE – COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER (CPO)

Executive Summary

This supplementary report follows discussion between the Leader of the Council, Cllr David Bittleston and the Chairman of the Economic Development Task Group, Cllr Ian Johnson concerning Member Oversight of the Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) Project.

Accordingly, it is proposed to establish a Housing Infrastructure Fund Oversight Panel. Draft Heads of Terms are attached at Appendix 1. Appointments to the Panel will be made annually in May, alongside other appointments, but to enable the Panel to be established as soon as possible the nominations are Councillors:

David Bittleston, Leader of the Council;

Ayesha Azad, Portfolio Holder for Financial Services;

Colin Kemp, Portfolio Holder for Transport;

Ian Johnson, Mount Hermon Ward Member;

Liam Lyons, Mount Hermon Ward Member; and

Mohammad Ali, Canalside Ward Member.

Recommendations

In addition to the Recommendations set out in the main report before the Council, the Council is requested to:

RESOLVE That

The Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) Oversight Panel be established and the Terms of Reference attached to this report be approved; and

Councillors Bittleston, Azad, Kemp, Johnson, Lyons and Ali be appointed to the Panel.

The Council has the authority to determine the recommendation(s) set out above.

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Background Papers: Executive Report – Housing Infrastructure Fund – Funding Allocation of £95million to Woking Town Centre - 6 February 2020
<https://moderngov.woking.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=165&MId=656&Ver=4>

Guidance on Compulsory purchase process and The Critchel Down Rules
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/compulsory-purchase-process-and-the-crichel-down-rules-guidance>

HIF Recovery Strategy for Woking Town Centre
<https://www.woking.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning/policies-and-guidance/hif-recovery-strategy-woking-town>

Woking Core Strategy
<https://www.woking2027.info/developmentplan/corestrategy/adoptedcorestrategy>

Draft site Allocations DPD
<https://www.woking2027.info/allocations>

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HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE FUND (HIF) OVERSIGHT PANEL



DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE

Adopted 30 July 2020

The Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) Oversight Panel was established by Council at its meeting on 30 July 2020.

1. Membership

1.1 Membership of the Oversight Panel (which need not be politically proportionate) shall be as follows:-

- Leader of the Council.
- Portfolio Holder for Financial Services.
- Portfolio Holder for Transport.
- All Ward Members for Mount Hermon (if not otherwise members of the Oversight Panel).
- One Ward Member for Canalside (if a Canalside Ward Member is not otherwise a member of the Oversight Panel).

1.2 Members shall be appointed, by Council, annually in May.

2. Chairman and Vice-Chairman

2.1 The election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall take place annually at the first meeting of the Oversight Panel.

3. Role

3.1 To oversee the governance and implementation of the Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) Island Site project ("Project"). The Project comprises three key elements:-

- (i) Acquisition and demolition of the Island site;
- (ii) Widening and improvements to the A320 highway, and
- (iii) Replacement of the Victoria Arch bridge.

3.2 To receive updates on the Project.

3.3 To note and monitor progress of the Project, through the receipt of programme reports, against key milestone dates, budget and key risks.

4. Meetings of the Oversight Panel

4.1 The Oversight Panel will be serviced by Member Services.

4.2 The Oversight Panel will have scheduled meetings, which will be held in private.

4.3 The Oversight Panel will have Agendas for, and Minutes of, its meetings. These will be made available to all Members of the Council on a confidential basis. Draft Minutes will be issued within five working days of a meeting, to be approved, or amended and approved, at the next meeting of the Oversight Panel.