

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

9th JANUARY 2007

**OUTCOME OF CALL-IN:
DISPOSAL of SITE 44 (LONGRIDGE)**

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1 To report the outcome of the special meeting of Overview and Scrutiny Board (OSB) held on 7th December 2006 which reviewed the decision made at an Individual Executive Meeting by the Executive Member for Economic Regeneration and Culture on 20th November 2006, in accordance with the authority's Call-In procedure.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2 As members will recall, the Call-In procedure was recently instigated, following a decision undertaken by the Executive Member for Economic Regeneration and Culture. The decision was based upon a report titled "Disposal Of Site 44 (Longridge) Turnberry Way, Marton, Middlesbrough". In doing so the Executive Member ordered that
 - a. That developer A be selected as preferred developer, subject to provision of additional clarification and information requested by the Council.
 - b. That should the appropriate clarification and information not be forthcoming from Developer A then the site be remarketed.

- c. That further reports, as necessary, be submitted to the Executive Member for Economic Regeneration and Culture on the progress of discussions with developer A.
- 3 Subsequently a special meeting of the OSB was held on 7th December 2006 to allow the Board to review the decision taken.

OBSERVATIONS

- 4 Having reviewed the decision, the Board wish to make the following observations on this issue:-
- 5 That the Board recognise that the site has been identified within the Middlesbrough Local Plan for approximately 20 years and at a meeting of 22nd March 2006 approval was given for the land to be disposed of for residential development. (Development brief MP376, Re 44 longridge). Subsequently. Informal bids were invited, and at closure on the 25th August 2006, ten bids were received. The top five being assessed on quality and content. Option appraisal and Financial & legal implications were considered and a recommendation to adopt the preferred developer, being subject to providing additional clarification, was made.
- 6 That the decision of 20th November 2006 taken by the Executive Member relates to the selection of the preferred developer. The Board was given the appropriate assurances and clarification that issues were being pursued with the developer to ensure the requirements of the Council regarding the development would be adhered to.

CONCLUSION

- 7 The OSB concluded that on this occasion, the Board would not require the Executive Member for Economic Regeneration and Culture to re-consider the decision taken on 20th November 2006.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8 The Special OSB recommendation to the Executive Member is that the decision referred to in this report is not referred back for reconsideration.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report: -

- (a) Report of the Senior Scrutiny Officer entitled 'Call-In: Disposal of Site 44 (LONGRIDGE) to the Special meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board of 7th December 2006.
- (b) Report of the Director of Resources presented to the Executive Member for Economic Regeneration and Culture on 20th November 2006.