

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Cabinet **DATE:** 21st January 2019

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PART I **NON-KEY DECISION**

REFERENCES FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY – **CHALVEY REGENERATION STRATEGY UPDATE**

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to ask Cabinet to consider the recommendation of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee from its meeting held on 10th January 2019.

2. Recommendation

That Cabinet give consideration to the following comments regarding Phase Three of the Chalvey Regeneration Strategy

- a) *Redevelopment of Tower and Ashbourne – Subject to planning, this Council led project will see the demolition of the existing tower blocks, to provide circa 195 flats and houses – a net increase of 80-90 units.* The Committee considered the proposals as over development of the site and that any final plans to include a children's play area.
- b) *Redevelopment of Montem Leisure Centre.* The Committee sought assurance that there would be provision for appropriate green open space within the development.

3 Supporting Information

- 3.1 Cabinet approved Phase Two of the Chalvey Regeneration Strategy in October 2013. At its meeting held on 19th November 2018 Cabinet reviewed progress made in the 5 year period since October 2013 and recommend projects to be included in Phase Three of the Chalvey Regeneration Strategy.
- 3.2 In accordance with section 16 of the Overview & Scrutiny Procedure Rules, a Member Call-In was received from Councillors Sharif, Atiq Sandhu and Usmani as follows:

“The main purpose is to debate/discuss Phase 3 of the Chalvey Regeneration Strategy and see if it can be improved to satisfy the local residents.

We will not debate/discuss addendum – PSPO [which was] part of same agenda.”

- 3.3 Committee Members considered details of the Call In and issues regarding traffic, pollution and parking were raised. In particular, Councillor Sharif, a signatory to the Call In, stated that it was vital to ensure that the necessary and appropriate infrastructure was in place to support a development of this size and scale; and that a lack of proper planning and strategy would have a detrimental impact on the viability of the area. Furthermore, improved communication and engagement with residents of the ward regarding Phase Three was essential.
- 3.4 Whilst Committee Members acknowledged the concerns raised by Councillor Sharif, the Director of Regeneration informed the meeting that the appropriate forum regarding discussions relating to the local plan policies and framework was via the planning process.
- 3.5 Members gave consideration to the specific projects outlined for Phase Three of the Chalvey Regeneration Strategy and agreed that the following comments be referred to Cabinet:
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 - b) *Redevelopment of Montem Leisure Centre.* The Committee sought assurance that there would be provision for appropriate green open space within the development.

4 **Comments of Other Committees**

Cabinet approved details of projects to be included in Phase Three of the Chalvey Regeneration Strategy at its meeting held on 19th November 2018.

5 **Conclusion**

The Cabinet is requested to decide upon the recommendation outlined in section 2 and discussed in sections 3.1 – 3.3 of this report.

6 **Appendices**

None

7 **Background Papers**

None