

Committee: Cabinet

Date: 15 January 2018

Wards: Merton Park

Subject: Reference from the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel – Morden regeneration

Lead officer: Annette Wiles, Scrutiny Officer, 0208 545 4035

Lead member: Councillor Abigail Jones, Chair of the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Recommendation:

That Cabinet takes account of comments made by the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel (set out in paragraphs 2.2 below).

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. To inform Cabinet of the recommendation resulting from its pre-decision scrutiny of the approach and plans for the redevelopment of Morden Town Centre to be delivered in partnership with Transport for London (TfL). This took place at the Panel meeting held on 2 November 2017.

2 DETAILS

- 2.1. Members received a presentation provided jointly by *futureMerton* and TfL detailing the need for the regeneration, key intended outputs, how the priorities of both organisations are aligned, how the organisations will work under core principles of co-operation, the elements needed for successful delivery and work already underway to put these elements in place.
- 2.2. As a result of their discussions, members made the following recommendation:
- 2.2.1 The Panel notes the scale, impact and opportunities of the planned Modern Regeneration Project. It recommends to Cabinet that Merton Council should maintain sufficient control of the project. Panel members believe that merely retaining planning authority status, without an active share in the Joint Venture itself, would be unlikely to provide sufficient effective control.

3 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 3.1. Cabinet is required under the terms of the constitution to receive, consider and respond to recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny.

4 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED.

- 4.1. None for the purposes of this report.

5 TIMETABLE

- 5.1. None for the purposes of this report.

6 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

6.1. None for the purposes of this report.

7 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

7.1. None for the purposes of this report.

8 HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS

8.1. None for the purposes of this report.

9 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

9.1. None for the purposes of this report.

10 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

10.1. None for the purposes of this report.

11 APPENDICES

11.1. None

12 BACKGROUND PAPERS

12.1. None