

Cabinet – 29 January 2020

Recommendation from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee of 21 January 2020

Knowle Green Estates Business Plan

1. At its meeting held on 21 January 2020, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the draft Knowle Green Estates Business Plan ahead of its approval by the Cabinet.
2. The Committee scrutinised the report in detail and raised a number of questions which were addressed by officers.
3. Members raised a concern that they did not know the Council's requirements of Knowle Green Estates Ltd as the Council's housing delivery vehicle and therefore could not assess whether it was achieving its aims. They proposed the inclusion of a mission statement setting out the purpose and aims of the company as this would assist in scrutinising and measuring the success of its work.
4. The Committee sought further clarification on the financial arrangements relating to asset valuation and the transfer of property at cost price and considered that the wording of the plan needed further refinement and clarity.

The Committee resolved to recommend to Cabinet:

1. That the Business Plan for the Knowle Green Estates Group is presented alongside a mission statement or that a mission statement is subsequently developed identifying the purpose and aims of the Group.
2. That the process of asset valuation and transfer detailed in the Business Plan for the Knowle Green Estates Group be subject to further clarification.

Councillor Vivienne Leighton

Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Committee 29 January 2020