

Development Sub-Committee



21 March 2022

Title	Urgent decision – Oast House
Purpose of the report	To make a decision
Report Author	Victoria Statham – Group Head of Corporate Governance
Ward(s) Affected	Staines South Staines
Exempt	No
Exemption Reason	N/A
Corporate Priority	Affordable housing
Recommendations	Committee is asked to: Refer the forthcoming decision on the Oast House to the Council under the Council's referral scheme.
Reason for Recommendation	To ensure that the Council are able to undertake a full debate on the proposed development.

REASON FOR URGENCY – this has been deemed an urgent item as the decision cannot wait until the next schedule meeting of the Development Sub-Committee as delay could prevent the Council from securing a much-needed health and wellbeing facility which will benefit the residents of Staines-upon-Thames and the Borough.

1. Key issues

- 1.1 On the 10 March 2022 the Council resolved that the decision of the Development Sub-Committee on the development of the Oast House site stands withdrawn.
- 1.2 When a decision of a Committee/Sub-Committee has been referred to Council as a Councillor 'call-in' the remit of the Council to discuss such matter is limited to the grounds of the referral.
- 1.3 If this matter is referred by the Sub-Committee itself to the Council for decision, the Council can debate the full issues.

2. Options analysis and proposal

- 2.1 The Sub-Committee can refer the future decision on the Oast House to the Council for full debate, thus preventing restricted discussions through a 'call-in', which could cause a cycle of further delays. This is recommended to ensure a final decision can be made.
- 2.2 Alternatively, the Sub-Committee could retain the delegation to take the future decision on this site. It is highly likely a Sub-Committee decision would be subject to 'call-in' and therefore limited Council discussion. This might lead to a further loop of decisions and not being able to take forward the development on this site and potentially jeopardising the incorporate of the health and wellbeing centre.

3. Financial implications

- 3.1 If there are continued delays in moving forward with the development of this site, there is a risk that the Council will potentially lose £37million of NHS health and wellbeing investment in Staines. There continues to be a monthly revenue and capital cost associated with non-development of this site as reported to Development Sub-Committee on the 1 November 2021.

4. Contact

- 4.1 Lee O'Neil, Deputy Chief Executive

Background papers: There are none.

Appendices: There are none.