

**CABINET  
24 MARCH 2020**

**PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT**

**6i – ITEM REFERRED FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: 17 MARCH 2020 – APPROVAL OF A NEW DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE JOHN BARKER PLACE AREA OF HITCHIN**

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee due to be held on 17 March 2020 was cancelled.

Members of the Committee were consulted via email and were asked to advise whether they would vote for, against or abstain regarding the recommendations in the published report.

They were also asked for any comments that they would wish Cabinet to take into account when considering the report.

Five Members responded and all were in favour of the recommendations contained in the report as follows:

- 2.1. That notice is served on settle to terminate the Development Agreement that was signed in 2013, with immediate effect.
- 2.2. That the newly proposed Development Agreement, at Appendix B, be approved.
- 2.3. That authority is delegated to the Executive Member for Housing and Environmental Health, in conjunction with the Director of Regulatory Services, to agree minor changes to the new Development Agreement.
- 2.4. That a lease on the identified Council owned land at Swinburne Avenue, Hitchin, is granted to settle on the lease heads of terms attached to this report (please see Appendix C).

The following comments were received:

Councillor Carol Stanier

Because of the increased amount of affordable homes (though council owned would be better) and because it is clear that Settle are by and large in favour of redrafting the agreement, I have no problems with this proposal.

***CABINET IS THEREFORE REQUESTED:***

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**(To be taken with Item 7)**