

LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

The Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing, Councillor Yvonne Bear has made the following executive decision:

APPROVAL TO DISPOSE OF COBB HOUSE (HILLSIDE) PROPERTY UNDER THE MORE HOMES BROMLEY LLP SCHEME

Reference Report:

Approval to Dispose of Cobb House (Hillside) Property under the More Homes Bromley LLP Scheme Part 1 (Public) Report and Part 2 (Exempt) Report

Decision:

The recommendation of the More Homes LLP Board to dispose of the property Cobb House (known as Hillside) be agreed.

Authority be delegated to the Director of Housing, Planning and Regeneration and the Head of Finance ASC, Health and Housing in consultation with the Assistant Director of Strategic Property to complete the negotiations and sale of the property.

Reasons:

More Homes Bromley was formally established in June 2016 as a Limited Liability Partnership between the Council and Mears Limited to acquire and refurbish up to 400 properties for use as housing for tenants nominated by the Council for a period of 40 years. Cobb House, a property with 10 self-contained converted flats, was acquired as part of this scheme in January 2019.

In October 2019, More Homes Bromley became aware of an Enforcement Notice relating to Cobb House and in June 2020, the Planning Inspectorate issued a decision which required More Homes Bromley to cease using six of the ten flats by June 2021 and reinstate the property to four flats by December 2021. In complying with the Enforcement Notice, More Homes Bromley has moved tenants from the property, decommissioned six units and reinstated the Property to four units, resulting in ongoing rent loss. Three options have been considered for the future of this property and it is proposed to proceed with the sale of the site for which an offer has been made.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Renewal, Recreation and Housing PDS Committee on 14 June 2022 and the Committee supported the proposal.

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Councillor Yvonne Bear
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Date of Decision: 15 June 2022

Implementation Date (urgent decision not subject to call-in): 15 June 2022

Decision Reference: RRH22015