

Decision Maker: RENEWAL AND RECREATION POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday 2 October 2012

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

Title: TOWN CENTRES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME UPDATE

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Chief Officer: Director of Renewal & Recreation

Ward: (All Wards);

1. Reason for report

1.1 To update Members of progress on delivering the Town Centres Development Programme.

2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

2.1 The Renewal and Recreation PDS Committee and Portfolio Holder are asked to note this report.

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy
 2. BBB Priority: Vibrant, Thriving Town Centres
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Not Applicable:
 2. Ongoing costs: Non-Recurring Cost
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Not Applicable
 4. Total current budget for this head: Not Applicable
 5. Source of funding: Not Applicable
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 7
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours:
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Non-Statutory - Government Guidance
 2. Call-in: Applicable
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): Borough-wide
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Yes
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: No Comments Received

3. COMMENTARY

Development Programme

3.1 Attached as **Appendix 1** is an update on the progress that has been made in delivering each of the individual projects that make up the Development Programme. Members are asked to note the following key milestones that have been achieved since the last update report to the R&R PDS.

- Successfully completed the PQQ stage in the procurement of a development partner for Opportunity Site G. In line with the timetable the Council has received a number of returns to the PQQ tender process. These are currently being assessed and a report will be prepared for consideration at the Executive on 24th October 2012.
- Planning permission was successfully granted for the redevelopment of the Crown Buildings in the Walnuts. The new development which will consist of a 7 screen cinema and new restaurants and retail floorspace. This investment forms the first phase of the redevelopment programme by the new long leaseholders of the Walnut Shopping Centre and is welcomed.
- Repair works has commenced on 17th September 2012 to the Hill car park and is expected to last 10 weeks. The repairs comprise of removing the top shelf, installing temporary parapets and the strengthening of the remaining parapets. Planning permission has also been submitted for the development of a 28 space surface car park at Mitre close adjacent to the Hill Car Park with some minor replacement landscaping opposite Naval Walk.
- Following the successful completion of the public realm concept design for Beckenham town centre a Step 1 bid which was submitted to Transport for London Area Based Programme on 7th Sept 12. An Executive Summary of the report is attached as Appendix 1.

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Work delivering the Town Centres Development Programme is entirely consistent with Policy Objectives set out in Building A Better Bromley 2011 and Renewal & Recreation Portfolio Plan 2011/12. The work of the Renewal Group links to the Building a Better Bromley priorities by working towards the provision of Vibrant and Thriving Town Centres.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None for purposes of this report

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None for purposes of this report

7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

None for purposes of this report

Non-Applicable Sections:	Financial, Legal, Personnel
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Not Applicable