

Decision Maker: Renewal and Recreation PDS Committee

Date: 26th November 2013

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Executive Non-Key

Title: TOWN CENTRES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME UPDATE

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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 Members are asked to note the progress on the delivery of the Town Centres Development Programme.

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy: Bromley Town Area Action Plan
 2. BBB Priority: Vibrant, Thriving Town Centres:
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: NA
 2. Ongoing costs: Non-Recurring Cost:
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Renewal
 4. Total current budget for this head: £147K
 5. Source of funding: Local Public Sector Agreement Reward Grant (LPSA), earmarked reserve for Town Centre Development
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 4
 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? No:
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: N/A

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:

- 1 Westmoreland Road (Site L) Development Control Committee on 6th October 2013 agreed to grant Planning Permission (subject to prior completion of a Planning agreement and referral to the GLA) for a mixed use office and residential scheme. This site has recently been acquired by the Education Funding Agency for a free school.
- Churchill Place (Site G) formal discussions are continuing with Muse Developments on agreeing a partnering arrangement to take the scheme forward.
- The first phase of the Bromley North Village improvement scheme in East Street is due for completion on 30th November and is due to be marked with a trader led celebration on 7th December in East Street.
- First phase of the Outer London Funded shop front improvement programme completed in lower East Street. A fuller update on the OLF programme is attached as **Appendix 2**.

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 2011-2012 and the Renewal & Recreation Portfolio Business Plan 2013/14. The work of the Renewal team links to the Building a Better Bromley priorities by working towards the provision of Vibrant and Thriving Town Centres.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 In May 2012 Executive agreed that additional funding of £150k be set aside from uncommitted PSA/LAA reward grant monies to fund specialist legal and development advice. This was required to support the appointment of a preferred development partner and bring to a conclusion a development agreement for Site G. This funding was combined with the balance of £83k remaining from the Town Centre Development Programme, to provide a total budget of £233k. To date £86k has been spent leaving a balance of £147k available to fund specialist advice for the remaining part of the process.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Legal and Personnel Implications
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	NA