

22 October 2014

Ordinary Council

Notices of Motion

Report of: *Jo-Anne Ireland – Acting Chief Executive*

Wards Affected: *All*

This report is: *Public*

1. Executive Summary

1.1 Three notices of Motion have been submitted in accordance with the Council's procedure rules.

1.2 Cllr Russell submitted the following motion:

"Members of Brentwood Borough Council believe that membership of the cross party William Hunter Way Working Group should have representation from all elected parties and not just those in the Administration. We agree that in the name of openness, transparency, scrutiny and democracy, the Conservatives should be included proportionate to the number of Council seats held. This will ensure fairness all round."

1.3 Cllr Mrs McKinlay submitted the following motion:

"Part 1

"That, as members of Brentwood Borough Council believe that Crossrail is a major project for the Borough, planning application BRW/14/01016/CROSS stands referred to the Planning and Development Control Committee for consideration and to make a recommendation only and that Council shall itself determine that application, notwithstanding any scheme of delegation."

Part 2:

"That, should the timetable of scheduled meetings of the Planning and Development Control Committee and/or the Council be likely to adversely impact on the legally stipulated timeframe for the determination of planning application BRW/14/01016/CROSS, the Council shall submit a written request to the applicant to consent to an extension of time for

determination and that delegated power be granted to the Acting Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chair of the Crossrail Working Group, the Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Opposition Group, to submit such a request and to call if required such extraordinary meeting or meetings of the Planning and Development Control Committee and the Council as may be necessary."

1.4 Cllr Hirst submitted the following motion:

"That, as this Council is committed to open and transparent procurement for all goods and services, it be reaffirmed that all advisors, project managers and consultants shall only be appointed through a full and proper procurement process as set out in Part 4.6 of the Council's Constitution or otherwise in accordance with that Constitution which meets not only the appropriate legal test but stands up to rigorous public scrutiny.

With reference to the William Hunter Way project, the Council agrees that all documents and communication between the consultants apparently called Leadership & Management and the Council or any member of the Administration be shared with all members and a full investigation be carried out by Audit and Scrutiny in regards to the relationship and level of influence between the consultants, William Hunter Way Working Group and Asset Panel Chairman, with particular regard to any payment or expectation of payment. Full details of all advice, both formal and informal will also be provided, whether given for a fee or pro bono. A full report will come back to the November Panel of Audit and Scrutiny for Members to debate and decide any course of action as deemed necessary by the committee."

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