

Place and External Relations Scrutiny Panel

13 March 2018

Commenced: 6.00pm

Terminated: 7.30pm

Present: Councillors K Welsh (Chair), Bailey (Deputy Chair), Affleck, Bowden, Fowler, Glover, A Holland, Homer, Newton, Patrick, Pearce, Sidebottom, F Travis.

Apologies for absence: Councillor Bowerman, Feeley, Piddington, Reid, Sharif, Whitehead.

The Chair opened the meeting and received apologies.

29. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Place and External Relations Scrutiny Panel held on 9 January 2018 were approved as a correct record.

30. NEW CHARTER

The Panel welcomed John Ardern, Director of Development, New Charter Group, to receive an update on current and future development plans and contributions to housing growth in Tameside.

Panel members received a short presentation which outlined some of New Charter's current developments and also schemes that have recently been completed. Each development was discussed in detail, with information on the property types ranging from 1 bedroom apartments to 3 bedroom homes and the differences in tenure.

As part of a wider and more diverse portfolio, the housing developments will range from homes being created for affordable rent as well as private sales and shared ownership. It was reported that the Summers Quay development in Stalybridge is New Charter's first project whereby all 67 apartments will be offered for market level rent. The development has created a mix of one and two bedroom apartments and is due to be completed in July 2018.

Mr Ardern informed members that at the time of the meeting 24 apartments have been reserved and that New Charter are working with a local estate agent, with plans for a show apartment to be ready in the coming months. The development provides secure parking facilities which will be made available to future residents at an additional cost. This is currently under review with costs yet to be finalised.

Additional paperwork was provided to show a number of outline plans and housing projects across the borough, with examples of New Charter's diverse portfolio. There is an obvious need to adapt and work with the land available in order to meet local housing needs and to deliver affordable rents.

RESOLVED: That Mr Ardern be thanked for attending the meeting.

31. REVIEW OF COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP WORKING

Panel members received a copy of the final report which concludes the review of the Approach to Community Safety Partnership Working. The Chair updated members on the recent

Executive Response meeting with Councillor Taylor, Deputy Executive Leader; and Emma Varnam, Assistant Director, Operations and Neighbourhoods which took place on 9 March 2018.

RESOLVED: That the report be presented to the next available meeting of Overview (Audit) Panel.

32. UPDATE ON CURRENT REVIEW

Panel members received an update on the meeting of the Business Growth working group. The Chair reported that members had recently met with officers from the Council's Investment and Development Team to discuss their role in supporting business growth and employment. Findings from previous meetings are to be collated and shared with the group.

RESOLVED: Members of the Business Growth working group to be notified of any future working group meetings by email and as a calendar invitation.

33. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note that this is the last formal meeting of the Panel for the 2017/18 municipal year.

34. URGENT ITEMS

The Chair reported that there were no urgent items for consideration at this meeting.

CHAIR