

# **Overview and Scrutiny Management Board**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2015 at 2.00pm – 5.00 pm Reconvene 6.00 pm and Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm Reconvene 6.00 pm

in the Council Chamber at the Council House, Priory Road, Dudley

# **Agenda - Public Session**

(Meeting open to the public and press)

- 1. Apologies for absence.
- 2. To report on the appointment of any substitute members for this meeting.
- 3. To receive any declarations of interest under the Members' Code of Conduct.
- 4. To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2015 as a correct record.
- 5. To consider any questions from Members to the Chair where two clear days notice has been given to the Strategic Director (Resources and Transformation) Council Procedure Rule 11.8).
- 6. Proposal Received from Dudley Muslim Association in Relation to Site at Hall Street, Dudley.

Strategic Director (Resources and Transformation)

Dated: 17th July, 2015

#### **Distribution:**

Councillor D Tyler (Chair)
Councillor K Jordan (Vice-Chair)
Councillors S Ali, D Blood, A Finch, C Hale, P Harley, L Jones, M Mottram (sub for K Jordan) D Perks (sub for R Scott-Dow) E Taylor and S Tyler

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# Minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board

# Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2015 at 6.00 p.m. at the Council House, Priory Road, Dudley

# Present:

Councillor D Tyler (Chair)
Councillor K Jordan (Vice-Chair)
Councillors S Ali, D Blood, A Finch, C Hale, P Harley, L Jones, E Taylor, S Tyler and R Scott-Dow

#### Officers:

P Coyne (Chief Officer, Planning and Economic Development) – Lead Officer to the Board; T Oakman (Strategic Director, People Services), Geoff Thomas (Assistant Director, Policy and Improvement) and S Griffiths (Democratic Services Manager)

# 1 <u>Declaration of Interests</u>

There were no declarations of interests under the Member's Code of Conduct.

# 2 Minutes

#### Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2015, be approved as a correct record and signed.

#### 3 Change in Order of Business

With the consent of the meeting, the Chair indicated that the report on the protocols for Council Debates would be considered as the next item of business.

#### 4 Protocols for Council Debates

In accordance with the motion agreed by the Council at its meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2015, the Board considered a report on the protocols for full Council debates in the context of the overview and scrutiny functions.

Members referred to a number of points arising from the draft protocols and arrangements for dealing with Council debates, including the possible inclusion of a 'right of reply' for the Leader, Cabinet Member or proposer of the debate, and time limits on the length of the debates or individual speeches.

The Chair suggested that the protocol be adopted in its current form at this stage and be reviewed in the light of ongoing experience.

#### Resolved

- (1) That the Council be recommended to approve and adopt the protocols for Council Debates, as set out in the Appendix to the report now submitted.
- (2) That the protocols and arrangements be reviewed in the light of practical experience following the first Council Debate on 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2015.

# 5 Terms of Reference for the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director (Resources and Transformation) on the terms of reference of the Board.

#### Resolved

That the terms of reference for the Board, as set out in the Appendix to the report now submitted, be noted.

# 6 Annual Scrutiny Programme 2015/16

Further to Minute No. 38 of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2015, the Strategic Director (Resources and Transformation) reported on the Annual Scrutiny Programme for 2015/16.

The Board was requested to endorse the items set out below for inclusion in the 2015/16 Annual Scrutiny Plan.

# Scrutiny Committee Overview and Scrutiny Corporate Parenting Strategy Safe and Sound (Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership) Quarterly Performance Management Reports Review of Overview and Scrutiny Arrangements Council Debates (see Minute No. 4

above)

# Resources and Transformation Scrutiny Committee

- How we provide improved and more cost effective customer access to Council services through use of Channel Shift
- The latest Welfare Reforms and their impact upon Dudley

# People Services Scrutiny Committee

- Falls Prevention Service/Strategy
- Care Act Implementation
- Safeguarding Children Annual Report/Child Sexual Exploitation/MASH
- Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards and Annual Safeguarding Report
- 0-5 Offer (Update re: Nurseries/School Nurse Health Visit Contract)

# Place Scrutiny Committee

- Business Friendly Planning
- Recycling Participation
- Housing Voids
- Hard to Let Properties

# Health Scrutiny Committee

 Dudley Physical Activity and Sport Strategy (outstanding from 2014/15)

Reference was made to the proposed item on the Dudley Physical Activity and Sport Strategy and the potential for overlap with items in the remit of other Scrutiny Committees. The Chair of the Health Scrutiny Committee undertook to consider this in the context of other subjects on the agenda for that Committee.

Requests for the referral of any further specific topics for scrutiny would be channelled through the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board. The Board would decide whether to undertake the scrutiny review itself or refer the matter to a specific Scrutiny Committee.

Details of the scrutiny topics would be reported to the June/July cycle of Scrutiny Committees with a view to briefing Members of each Scrutiny Committee on the workload allocated to them as well as providing further background information on the topics being considered during the year.

In 2015/16, Scrutiny Committees would also focus on the detailed scrutiny of individual Directorate budget proposals whilst retaining some flexibility for crosscutting issues. Following the programmed cycle of Scrutiny Committees in November, 2015, the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board would meet to scrutinise the overall budget proposals on a strategic basis. A meeting of the Board had been scheduled for this purpose on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2015.

The Council's overview and scrutiny arrangements would continue to be the subject of an annual review process. Any relevant issues would be reported to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board during the municipal year.

#### Resolved

That the Annual Scrutiny Programme for 2015/16, including the items referred to above, be approved and adopted.

# 7 **Quarterly Corporate Performance Management Report**

The Board considered a report of the Chief Executive on the quarterly corporate performance management report for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2015.

The Strategic Director (People Services) responded to issues raised by Members concerning children and young people being taken into care targets and performance indicator 434 (Average time between a local authority receiving court authority to place a child and the local authority deciding on a match to an adoptive family). It was noted that benchmarking data needed to be reviewed. Further consideration was required in the context of the Council's corporate parenting responsibilities and comparisons against Ofsted targets. The Strategic Director acknowledged the need for the appropriate level of officer to attend Committee meetings and for the most up to date information to be available to Members in undertaking scrutiny activity.

The Strategic Director (People Services) responded to comments by a Member concerning budget management in relation to Looked After Children. The Strategic Director indicated that he would welcome a meeting with the Member concerned to discuss this issue and the work already in progress. The Chair welcomed the comments made by the Strategic Director in this regard.

The Assistant Director (Policy and Improvement) referred to Performance Indicator 170 (Credit Union Share to Loan Ratio). The Board noted that this would most likely be deleted from future reports. The Assistant Director also drew the attention of the Board to a number of key issues arising from the data presented in the report, which were noted by Members.

Under Section 5 of the report, a number of issues were raised about the compliments and complaints procedure, including the process used by the Council to identify, log and deal with complaints within corporate timescales and the need to encourage staff to deal with issues at first point of contact without recourse to formal procedures. The Chair of the Resources and Transformation Scrutiny Committee indicated that a presentation on Customer Feedback had been made to the former Corporate Performance Management, Efficiency and Effectiveness Scrutiny Committee on 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2015. Copies of that presentation would be circulated to Members of the Board.

The quarterly corporate performance management report would be considered by the Cabinet at its meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2015.

#### Resolved

That, subject to the comments set out above, the quarterly corporate performance management report for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2015 be noted.

# 8 Forward Plan of Key Decisions

The Board received the Forward Plan of Key Decisions for the four-month period commencing on 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2015.

Members of the Board referred to the item on School Place Planning and the need to keep this item under scrutiny and review in the light of previous experience. The Lead Officer referred to ongoing work in connection with the Joint Core Strategy and the need to include provision for consultation with regeneration and housing services. Reference was made to issues concerning the disposal of former school sites (including playing fields), which were subject to approval by the Secretary of State. The Vice-Chair expressed concern about the disposal of school sites for housing, which then created an increase in demand for school places. It was reported that the Council considered disposals in the context of supply and demand for school places as well as the economic considerations.

The Strategic Director (People Services) responded to the comments made by Members and acknowledged the need to consider all available data and evidence, adopt new ways of working, recognise the local authority's changing relationship with schools and achieve sustainable investment for the future.

The Board also noted that a report on the Combined Authority would be considered by the Cabinet on 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2015.

The meeting ended at 7.20 p.m.

**CHAIR** 



# Overview and Scrutiny Management Board – 27th and 28th June, 2015

# Report of the Strategic Director (Resources and Transformation)

# <u>Proposal received from Dudley Muslim Association in relation to site at Hall Street, Dudley</u>

# **Purpose of Report**

To consider the information contained in the report submitted to Cabinet on 25<sup>th</sup>
June, 2015 on the proposal received from Dudley Muslim Association in relation
to the site at Hall Street, Dudley. The report is attached as an Appendix to this
report.

# **Background**

2. At the meeting of the Cabinet held on 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2015 a joint report of the chief Executive, Strategic Director (Resources and Transformation) and the Monitoring Officer was submitted.

The report provided the background to the current situation in relation to the Hall Street site and requesting consideration in relation to a proposal received from the Dudley Muslim Association to pay the Council a sum of money in return for the withdrawal of the current Court of Appeal legal proceedings.

The Cabinet, at its meeting, considered that the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board be invited to scrutinise the matter and to make recommendations on whether a decision should be made to proceed with the settlement strategy outlined or to pursue the current litigation.

#### **Finance**

3. The costs of operating the Council's scrutiny structure are contained within existing budgetary allocations.

#### Law

4. Scrutiny Committees are established in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 and the requirements of the Council's Constitution, which was adopted under the Local Government Act 2000, subsequent legislation and associated Regulations and Guidance.

The Council's scrutiny arrangements are set out in Part 2, Article 6 of the Constitution (Overview and Scrutiny) and the associated Scrutiny Procedure Rules are contained within Part 4 of the Constitution.

# **Equality Impact**

5. Provision exists within the Council's scrutiny arrangements for overview and scrutiny to be undertaken of the Council's policies on equality and diversity.

# **Recommendations**

6. That the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board consider the information contained in the report, and Appendix to the report submitted, and a recommendation be made to the Cabinet on whether to proceed with the settlement strategy outlined or to pursue the current litigation proposal.

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# **List of Background Papers**

Report to Cabinet – 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2015



# Cabinet 25 June 2015

Report of the Chief Executive and the Strategic Director Resources & Transformation and Monitoring Officer

<u>Proposal received from Dudley Muslim Association in relation to site at Hall</u> Street, Dudley

# **Purpose of Report**

1. To provide Cabinet with the background to the current situation in relation to the Hall Street site, and to request Members views in relation to a proposal received from the Dudley Muslim Association (the DMA) to pay the Council a sum of money in return for the withdrawal of current Court of Appeal legal proceedings, which would enable the DMA to retain the site and proceed with plans to build a mosque and community centre.

# Background

- 2. In 1997 the Council purchased land at Porters Street, Dudley, for the Dudley Southern By-Pass from the Dudley Muslim community. In May 2003 the Council acquired from the Dudley Muslim community land at the corner of Trindle Road and Claughton Road, Dudley for the purposes of regeneration of the area. In May 2003 the Council granted the DMA a 99 year lease of the Hall St site. The lease contained an option in favour of the DMA to acquire the Freehold of the property.
- 3. In May 2005, the DMA exercised their option to acquire the Freehold of the site. The transfer contained a binding agreement that the site would be developed by no later than 31st December 2008, failing which the Council could 'buy back' the Site.
- 4. In January 2007 the DMA submitted a planning application for the development of a new mosque and community/enterprise centre at Hall Street. In March 2007 this application was refused by the Development Control Committee. However, in July 2007 an appeal by the DMA against this refusal was upheld by the Planning Inspectorate and in July 2009 the Council's subsequent application for a judicial review of the Planning Inspectorate's decision was refused.
- 5. In September 2010, acting on legal advice to preserve the contractual enforceability of the 'buy back', Cabinet agreed that the Council should pursue the 'buy back' of the Hall Street site under the provisions of the clause in the original agreement which required it to be developed by December 2008.
- 6. The proceedings against the DMA were issued by the Council in the High Court in November 2010. In August 2011, the Council made an application to the Court to

- 'strike out' the DMA's defence to the case on the grounds that the DMA displayed no reasonable grounds for defending the Council's claim.
- 7. In September 2011 a judge heard the case and gave judgement in November 2011. He struck out a number of the DMA's arguments but gave them an opportunity to serve an amended defence. He also ordered the DMA to pay the Council's costs.
- 8. A further application to strike out was made by the Council following service of the amended Defence. In March 2012, a judge concluded that the Council had made its case and said that the DMA had no real prospect of defending the claim. The judge ordered the defence to be struck out and the land transferred back to the Council. The judge gave direction for the transfer of the land by the DMA and ordered the DMA to pay the Council's costs which by this time amounted to some £55,000.
- 9. The DMA appealed against this decision and the matter was heard in the High Court in February 2014. After a two day hearing the Judge dismissed the DMA's appeal and awarded the Council its costs, which had by now increased to £84,000. The DMA asked the Court of Appeal for permission to appeal and after considering the paper application Sir Timothy Lloyd refused the application but granted a stay of the February 2014 decision until the DMA had submitted an application for an oral hearing. At an oral hearing in May 2014, the DMA was granted permission to appeal by Sir Stephen Sedley. The Court of Appeal hearing was listed for mid February 2015, however, one week before the hearing the court wrote to both parties and stated that due to other cases no judges were available, and the appeal was postponed until October 2015.
- 10. In the period up to the September 2010 report to Cabinet, and indeed in the period since that report, the Council has been involved in discussions with the DMA around an alternative to the Hall Street site. Specifically, this included consideration of the potential to redevelop the site around the existing mosque in Castle Hill, and consideration of a site at King Street which had been identified by the DMA itself.
- 11. In 2011 the DMA approached the Council with a proposal that in order to avoid further court proceedings in relation to Hall Street, the DMA would 'hand back' the Hall Street site to the Council, in return for which the Council would assist it in acquiring the site at King Street by way of a legal option. The Council sought legal advice on this, and whilst the use by the Council of an option on the DMA's behalf was not possible, discussions continued around possible mechanisms to secure a development at King Street.
- 12. In February 2013, the key office holders at the DMA changed. Discussions with the new office holders commenced immediately, and it was agreed that a Task and Finish Group be established. The background to the terms of reference for this group confirmed that the group would "be established to ensure that current legal issues in relation to the Hall Street site are co-ordinated and that development options at either Hall Street, or another site, are appropriately considered". However, shortly after the commencement of this work, the new DMA advised the Council that it did not consider the King Street site to be a viable alternative, and that from the community perspective Hall Street was the only option that they would be willing to consider. In the period between June 2013 and October 2013

the Task and Finish group met on 6 occasions under the Chair of the then Deputy Leader of the Council.

- 13. Following consideration of a number of potential scenarios around the future development of Hall Street, all of which were unacceptable to the DMA, it was agreed that the only route forward that would have any potential for settlement, was one under which the DMA paid the Council an amount of money which would satisfy its requirements under Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972 as well as the Council's fiduciary duty.
- 14. In order to satisfy its duties under Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972 and its fiduciary duty, the Council commissioned a valuation report from Shortland Penn + Moore on the basis that this would provide a range of valuations which would include all the potential uses on the site that would be both permissible in planning terms and realistic from a market perspective. The DMA commissioned a piece of work from a different company (Jones Lang LaSalle) requesting a market valuation report based solely upon the value of the site for industrial purposes.
- 15. The result of these 2 pieces of work was that the Council's valuation placed the value of the site in the region of £150,000 to £250,000, whereas the DMA's valuation of the site placed the value at approximately £120,000. All of these valuations made an assumption that the site is freehold with vacant possession. To achieve this the Council would need to exercise the buy back at a cost of approx £150,000 as provided for in the original Agreement.
- 16. An important consideration for the Council in the context of Section 123 of the 1972 Act and the Council's fiduciary duty was the fact that during the negotiations with the DMA, potential interest had been expressed in the Site, which meant that its value may have been greater than the strict 'industrial use' valuation procured by the DMA. However, because of the nature of these approaches, it was agreed by both the Council's valuers and the DMA's valuers that the only 'true' method of establishing the level of demand for alternative uses for the site would be through some form of open market testing.
- 17. In order to ensure that fully transparent open market testing could take place to achieve the best price reasonably obtainable, several steps needed to be taken:
  - Marketing with redevelopment potential for alternative land uses stated;
  - A guarantee that vacant possession of the site would be available to a successful bidder;
  - the marketing carried out by the freehold owner with a stated and believable intention to sell;
  - unfettered from the stigma of litigation.

Since the Council was not the freehold owner and not able to provide vacant possession, and the litigation was well publicised any marketing by the Council would not have been a realistic exercise. This meant both parties had to fall back on the reported valuations.

18. On 21<sup>st</sup> October 2013 the Council received an offer from the DMA for the Hall Street site, subject to contract of £150,000. This offer was not accepted as it did not satisfy the Council's duties under section 123 of the 1972 Act and its fiduciary duty. These duties are explained in paragraphs 36 and 37 of the report. The

Council's position has always been that any action it takes in respect of the Hall Street site and the litigation must be in accordance with its legal obligations.

# **Current Position**

- 19. In preparing for the February 2015 Court of Appeal hearing (which was subsequently postponed by the Court until October 2015) the DMA approached the Council to explore the potential for mediation. Courts regard this as good practice and therefore, a mediation hearing took place over a full day in London on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015. The mediation was conducted by an independent and very senior barrister, a QC.
- 20. In preparing for the mediation the Council commissioned in March 2015 an updated valuation report. This placed a value on the site of £170,000 to £270,000, depending on the user.
- 21. As part of the mediation negotiations the DMA made a number of offers to the Council, which on the day were felt by the Council and its legal advisers to be unsatisfactory in terms of protecting the Council's position under section 123 of the 1972 Act and the Council's fiduciary duty. However, it was agreed that a further conversation would take place the following week between the Mediator and the DMA and subsequently the Mediator and the Council.
- 22. In the run up to the mediation the Council had been approached by a third party to ascertain whether the DMA would be interested in purchasing additional land at Castle Hill. Therefore, the first part of the mediation explored whether the DMA were willing to explore this option with a view to expanding its existing site. However, as had occurred throughout the Task and Finish Group meetings, the DMA was clear that the Hall Street site was the only site it was prepared to discuss.
- 23. Having refused to consider the Castle Hill proposal as an appropriate alternative, the DMA's opening offer in respect of the Hall Street site was in the net sum of £50,000 (£200,000 less the £150,000 buy back). That was a sum which was less than its previous two offers, the last offer having been £250,000 gross, in January 2015.
- 24. After a protracted period of mediation the DMA offered £450,000 gross in full and final settlement, less £150,000 buy back based on RPI calculations. Officers indicated to the Mediator that this was still considered to be insufficient.
- 25. The Mediator asked both parties to reflect over the long Easter weekend. The following week the QC telephoned to confirm that he had spoken to the DMA and it was now offering £475,000 gross which amounted to £325,000 net, after deducting the £150,000 which would have been paid to the DMA by the Council, if the buyback had been exercised.
- 26. The Council has sought legal advice from its QC who has stated that "it would be lawful for the Council to take the view that the price of £325,000 offered by the DMA to buy-out the Council's interest in the Site is the best price reasonably obtainable for the purposes of Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972; and if the Council took that view, it would not be in breach of its fiduciary obligations."

- 27. In addition independent valuation advice has confirmed that the offer is sufficiently in excess of the site's market valuation so as to offer a reasonable level of certainty that even a special purchaser would be unlikely to exceed this amount. A market testing exercise could also result in a lesser offer.
- 28. If the matter is not settled and the litigation proceeds to a hearing at the Court of Appeal in October 2015, there are a number of possible outcomes. If the Council is successful, that should be the end of the legal route (although there is the small possibility of the DMA being given leave to appeal to the Supreme Court) and the land would be transferred back to the Council in return for a payment by the Council of around £150,000.
- 29. However, if the DMA was successful in the Court of Appeal the matter would be referred back to the High Court for a five day hearing at which evidence would be heard from several witnesses for both parties and then the Court would decide whether the land should be retained by the DMA or handed back to the Council. There will be significant cost implications for the unsuccessful party. The High Court hearing would take place sometime in the latter half of 2016, and whatever the decision that could be subject for further appeals.
- 30. Members will be aware that there have been a number of recent, high profile demonstrations in Dudley Town Centre concerning the proposals for the Hall Street site.
- 31. In February 2015 the Council spent £25,000 on security measures and clean up costs for the EDL protest. The West Midlands Police spent £321,000 on its operations in connection with this protest.
- 32. In May 2015 the Council faced a £10,000 bill after the 'Britain First' protest. At present, no information is available on the expenditure of West Midlands Police for this protest or the latest "Football Firms" protest on the 13<sup>th</sup> June 2015.
- 33. In 2010, the Council spent £300,000 on security and clean up costs arising from two EDL protests, while West Midlands Police spent more than £400,000 on policing.
- 34. Following consideration of the report, Cabinet may wish to invite the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board to scrutinise whether Cabinet should proceed with the settlement strategy outlined or pursue the current litigation. The Terms of Reference of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board as set out in the Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rules under Part 4 of the Constitution, provide for the Board to oversee the scrutiny of any decisions or actions taken in connection with the discharge of the Council's executive functions.

# <u>Law</u>

35. On 17th April 2012, the Council obtained from the High Court an order for specific performance of the DMA's obligations imposed in the transfer dated 17th May 2005 by which the DMA bought the Site from the Council. The DMA appealed against the Order and the appeal was heard on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2014. The High Court dismissed the appeal and gave judgment in favour of the Council with costs of approximately £84,000. The DMA sought leave to appeal to the Court of Appeal, permission was granted and the appeal hearing is scheduled to take place at the

Court of Appeal in October 2015.

- 36. Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972 prohibits the disposal of land, other than by way of a short tenancy, for a consideration "less than the best that can reasonably obtained", without the consent of the Secretary of State. There are, however, a number of General Disposal Consents covering routine matters.
- 37. The concept of the fiduciary obligations owed by the Council to its taxpayers is a way of saying that the interests of the local taxpayers are always a material consideration and likely to be a weighty one, perhaps justifying closer than usual scrutiny by the Courts, where the effect of a particular decision on local taxpayers will be significant. If members do not comply with their fiduciary duty by, for example, selling land for less than its market value, they may be personally liable for any shortfall.

# **Equality Impact**

38. The equality implications of the Council exercising the 'buy-back' of the Site at Hall Street, have previously been addressed as part of the Equality Impact Assessment reported to the Cabinet in February 2009.

# Recommendation

39. Before a decision is made, It is recommended that Cabinet invite the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board to scrutinise this matter and in particular make recommendations to Cabinet as to whether a decision should be made to proceed with the settlement strategy outlined or pursue the current litigation.

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# List of Background papers

- Lease of Hall Street site dated 16/05/03.
- Transfer of Freehold of Hall Street site dated 17/03/05
- Decision of Planning Inspector dated 17/07/08.
- 4. Equality Impact Assessment; 02/09.
- 5. Order of the High Court dismissing the Judicial Review Application by the Council dated 28/07/09.
- 6. Report of the Chief Executive to Cabinet dated 28/10/09
- 7. Report of the Chief Executive to Cabinet dated 22/09/10
- 8. Judgment of the High Court dated 08/09/11
- 9. Judgment of the High Court dated 17/04/12
- 10. Offer letter from DMA to Council dated 21/10/13.
- 11. Letter of response to DMA from Council dated 30/10/13.
- 12. Executive Summary of DMAs valuation advice dated 23/08/13.
- 13. Executive Summary of Council's valuation advice dated 13/09/13.

- Terms of References for Task and Finish Group. Order of the High Court dated 05/03/14 Order of the Court of Appeal dated 27/03/14 Order of the Court of Appeal dated 28/05/14 14.
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