

## CABINET – 8 DECEMBER 2016

### COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS (ITEM 5)

Written Responses to Questions 34 – 35 not reached at the meeting.

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**Questioner:** Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane

**Asked of:** Councillor Keith Ferry, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Business, Planning and Regeneration

**Question:** “The Peer Review noted that “[r]evenue budgets have not been identified to undertake key studies and engagement work which are necessary to underpin the emerging Masterplans. The council should consider making funding available to take forward the key studies required to support the decision-making process.” Has the administration identified such revenue funding and, if it has, how much has been spent to date, how much is planned for the remainder of 2016/17 and how much is earmarked for 2017/18?”

**Written Response:** No revenue budget was originally identified in 2016/17 as it was anticipated that all of the costs associated with regeneration activity would be able to be capitalised. When it became apparent that there would be revenue costs, it was made clear that these would need to be funded from the resources generated as a result of the change in methodology for calculation of Minimum Revenue Provision, and which were allocated for regeneration purposes. Revenue expenditure to period 7 was £233k, and forecast for the year is in the region of £505k. Expenditure of £500k is anticipated in 2017/18 for the revenue cost of regeneration activity, but as already stated this will be funded from within the resources set aside for regeneration.

The Regeneration Report, approved by Cabinet in May 2016, set out the full revenue implications of the Council’s regeneration activity, and highlighted that the Regeneration Programme is projected to be deliverable using the resources set aside for that purpose. All subsequent work on the programme, including any proposed amendments which will be reported to Cabinet in January, has been carried out in the context of this funding limit.

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**Question:** “When does the administration expect to bring the Masterplan to full Council, as suggested by the Peer Review?”

**Written Response:** There is no single ‘Masterplan’ covering the regeneration programme as a whole. The Council has a Regeneration Strategy and is implementing a series of regeneration schemes in accordance with Harrow’s adopted local planning framework (particularly the Heart of Harrow Area Action Plan). Individual masterplans for the various development sites will be considered by the Council as Local Planning Authority.