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SHEERWATER REGENERATION PROJECT UPDATE

The agreement between New Vision Homes (NVH) and Woking Borough Council to secure regeneration proposals for Sheerwater has been completed.

At the beginning of the project, New Vision Homes, as the Council's housing partner, was appointed to work with the community to develop a Masterplan for the regeneration of Sheerwater and obtain planning consent, which was granted in July 2016. This now concludes the work requested from New Vision Homes in relation to the regeneration proposals.

With this phase of the works complete, the Council has been exploring alternative options to take the proposals forward. In December, the Council asked Thamesway Developments Limited, a development company wholly owned by Woking Borough Council, to submit its proposals for the delivery of the approved plans to regenerate Sheerwater.

Cllr David Bittleston, Woking Borough Council's Portfolio Holder for Strategic Housing Development, said: "I would like to express my gratitude to New Vision Homes for its commitment in bringing forward exciting plans for the regeneration of Sheerwater. It has secured a planning consent that will significantly improve housing, roads, community and leisure facilities for Sheerwater residents in the future.

"Thamesway Developments Limited has been asked to submit its proposals for the delivery of the approved plans to regenerate Sheerwater. These proposals will be considered by the Executive at its meeting on 23 March 2017.

"We remain committed to improving Sheerwater for existing and new residents."

Chris Le May, New Vision Homes Sheerwater Regeneration Project Director, said: "The project team are extremely proud to have worked with Woking Borough Council and the Sheerwater community to secure a sustainable Masterplan for the regeneration of Sheerwater.

“We wish the Council every success in delivering the Masterplan proposals that will provide significant benefits to existing and future Sheerwater residents in terms of high quality new homes, improved green public space and superb new leisure and play facilities.”

As part of this decision, the Regen Central on Dartmouth Avenue (operated by New Vision Homes) closed from Friday 3 March 2017. Going forward, if the Council proceeds with the regeneration of Sheerwater, it will make alternative arrangements to ensure ongoing engagement with local residents.

New Vision Homes remains the Council's housing partner and it will continue to manage the Council's housing stock on its behalf.

Thamesway Developments Limited will prepare its proposals to deliver the approved plans for the Sheerwater Regeneration Project for the Executive to consider at its meeting on Thursday 23 March 2017. A recommendation will then be made to Full Council to be discussed at its meeting on Thursday 6 April 2017, when the final decision on whether or not to progress with the regeneration of Sheerwater will be made.

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