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Minutes of the meeting of the Council

Date: Tuesday, 19 December 2023

Venue: The Atrium - Perceval House

Attendees (in person): Councillors

H Tailor (Mayor) M Ahmed, S Ahmed, J Anand, J Ball, J Blacker, G Busuttil, J Gallant, K Bains, C Anderson, T Sidhu, R Dheer, B Mahfouz, C Summers, L Brett, A Young, P Driscoll, Y Gordon, H Haili, M Hamidi, C Hersch, M Iqbal, A Jammu, Y Johnson, H Kaur Dheer, A Kelly, S Khan, I Kingston, P Knewstub, S Kumar, K Dhindsa, T Mahmood, G Malcolm, S Manro, D Martin, J Martin, P Mason, F Mohamed, K Mohan, K K Nagpal, I Nijhar, S Padda, G Quansah, F Conti, A Raza, M Rice, R Baaklini, C Sharma, G Shaw, D Costigan, G Stafford, A Steed, K Crawford, C Tighe, L Wall, R Wall, B Wesson, S Donnelly and A Zissimos

1 Apologies for Absence and Attendance

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Crawford, Rai and Alexander.

Councillors Kim Nagpal, Kohli, Midha and Sahota were in attendance virtually.

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

3 Meath Court and Marston Court

Councillor Ball moved, and Councillor Busuttil seconded the motion relating to Meath Court and Marston Court.

Councillor Mahfouz moved, and Councillor Brett seconded and amendment to the motion.

Councillors Gallant, Mason and Tighe responded to the motion.

A vote was taken and the amendment passed.

RESOLVED: That

Ealing Council notes the commitment made for Marston Court to be decommissioned and the more recent commitment for Meath Court to be decommissioned.

Ealing Council also notes the terrible conditions that many families and residents have been enduring whilst living at Meath Court including anti-social

behaviour and criminal activity, and failures and inadequacies of the fabric of the buildings.

Ealing Council further notes similar conditions were seen at Marston Court.

Ealing Council thanks Cabinet for:

- Decommissioning Meath and Marston Courts at pace but in a carefully managed way.
- Informing all residents on site about the process of how the decommissioning will work, with timescales.
- Ensuring that there is a member of staff available at known times to report and deal with issues, who can be trusted by the residents.
- Ensuring that there is security available if required.
- Conducting outstanding repairs quickly.
- Liaising with the police to reduce crimes in Meath Court and Marston Court and their localities.
- Learning the lessons from this situation to avoid this from happening again.
- Reviewing the Locata banding of residents to ensure they have appropriate priority.

Ealing Council also agrees that residents and families currently in Meath Court and Marston Court be moved to location(s) that are safe and secure, ideally in Ealing, with sufficient living space especially those with children, as soon as is possible.

Meeting commenced: 6.31 pm

Meeting finished: 6.56 pm

Signed: Dated: Wednesday 21 February 2024

H Tailor (Mayor)