

Economy, Regeneration and Housing Committee

Monday, 16 October 2023

MINUTE ADDENDUM

Public Questions – Written Responses to Supplementary Questions

Councillor Pat Cleary asked the following supplemental question:

Given that it is 2 years since the last report on Mass Transit, and given that we were promised a report in early 2022 which never materialised and you've now said we can expect a report in early 2024, could I seek reassurance that we will get that report no later than February 2024?

The following answer was supplied by the Director of Regeneration and Place:

“The timeline for bringing the report on Mass Transit to Committee will be scheduled following discussions with the Combined Authority, Homes England and Peel Land and Property scheduled for next month. Given it is intended that this report will outline the next steps for the project, including timescales and funding options, the discussions to take place in the coming month with stakeholders are critical to be referenced in the report for elected members to consider. Following the meetings taking place, officers will agree the timeline for the report to be presented to committee with the Committee Chair.”

Mr Featherstone asked the following supplemental question:

In March Wirral Borough Council paid Marketplace Management Ltd £20k to conduct an independent consultation exercise with our community. I had placed the reports on each of the Councillors desks but then they were removed, however, each Councillor has now got an emailed copy of that. In this report it is damning that there are 86 units that are necessary. Why did Mr Hughes, knowing this, commission architects to create the Argos Mini-Market, knowing that it's going to be short on the basis of that report?

The following answer was supplied by the Director of Regeneration and Place:

“The Council is prudently exploring options for the relocation of Birkenhead Market so that Members of the Council can make an informed decision on the future of the market at a future committee meeting”.