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Companies Scrutiny Panel

This meeting will be held on:

Date: **Wednesday 24 November 2021**

Time: **6.00 pm**

Place: **Remote (Zoom)**

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Committee Membership

Councillors: Membership 6: Quorum 3: substitutes are not permitted.

Councillor Nigel Chapman (Chair)

Councillor James Fry

Councillor Tom Landell Mills

Councillor Katherine Miles

Councillor Edward Mundy

Councillor Lucy Pegg

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1 Apologies for absence	
2 Declarations of Interest	
3 Announcements and verbal updates from the Chair, the Scrutiny Officer, and/or the Monitoring Officer	
Announcements and verbal updates on matter relevant to the agenda items or to the operation of the Panel from the Chair; Scrutiny Officer; Monitoring Officer or her deputy; or with the Chair's permission from other officers in attendance.	
4 Items to be considered in private	
Items to be considered in private - matters exempt from publication	
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The Panel may maintain the exemption if and so long as, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	
5 Notes of the previous meeting	7 - 10
Recommendation: that the open and confidential notes of the meeting held on 18 October 2021 be approved.	
6 Shareholder and Joint Venture Group reports	
Shareholder and Joint Venture Group reports for consideration are listed separately below.	

6a OCHL report

To consider the OCHL report to the Shareholder and Joint Venture Group meeting on 01 December 2021.

The Panel is asked to consider the report and agree the questions or issues it wishes to raise at the Shareholder and Joint Venture Group meeting.

NB This report is to follow as a supplement.

6b Barton Report

To consider the Barton report to the Shareholder and Joint Venture Group meeting on 01 December 2021.

The Panel is asked to consider the report and agree the questions or issues it wishes to raise at the Shareholder and Joint Venture Group meeting.

6c OxWED report

To consider the OxWED report to the Shareholder and Joint Venture Group meeting on 01 December 2021.

The Panel is asked to consider the report and agree the questions or issues it wishes to raise at the Shareholder and Joint Venture Group meeting.

NB This report is to follow as a supplement.

6d ODS report

There is no ODS report scheduled for this meeting.

7 Date of the Next Meeting

Meetings are scheduled to be held on:

13 December 2021 (ODS)

24 March 2022 (OCHL, Barton and OxWED)

07 April 2022 (ODS)

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*Disclosable pecuniary interests that must be declared are not only those of the member her or himself but also those member's spouse, civil partner or person they are living with as husband or wife or as if they were civil partners.

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Minutes of a meeting of the Companies Scrutiny Panel on Monday 18 October 2021



Committee members present:

Councillor Chapman (Chair)	Councillor Fry
Councillor Landell Mills	Councillor Miles
Councillor Mundy	Councillor Pegg

Officers present for all or part of the meeting:

Tom Hudson, Scrutiny Officer
Emma Gubbins, Corporate Asset Lead

Also present:

Lindsay Cane, OxWED Company Secretary
Jane Winfield, Director of OxWED
Jonathan Soloman, Director of OxWED

10. Apologies for absence

Nigel Kennedy, Head of Financial Services, and Susan Sale, Head of Law and Governance, sent apologies for the meeting.

Councillor Nigel Chapman anticipated his unavailability to attend the forthcoming Shareholder and Joint Venture Group meeting.

11. Declarations of Interest

None

12. Items to be considered in private

The Panel resolved to move into private session on the grounds that the presence of the public would likely involve the disclosure of exempt information in accordance with paragraph 3, Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

13. Notes of the previous meeting

The record of the meeting of 20 July 2021 was **AGREED**.

14. Announcements and verbal updates from the Chair, the Scrutiny Officer, and/or the Monitoring Officer

The Chair welcomed Jonathan Solomon, OxWED director from Nuffield, to the meeting and thanked him for coming help with explaining the proposals being put forward.

15. Shareholder and Joint Venture Group reports

Minutes of the consideration of the relevant Shareholder and Joint Venture Group reports are detailed below.

a) OxWED minutes

The Panel discussed the confidential report in private session and **AGREED** to raise the relevant issues at the Shareholder and Joint Venture Group meeting.

Emma Gubbins, Corporate Asset Lead, presented the OxWED report to the Panel with the support of OxWED directors Jane Winfield and Jonathan Solomon.

NB There are confidential notes for this item.

b) ODS minutes

No report to consider.

c) Barton minutes

No report to consider.

d) OCHL minutes

No report to consider.

16. Date of the Next Meeting

This information was **NOTED**.

The meeting started at 6:00pm and ended at 7:00pm

Chair
2021

Date: Wednesday 24 November

By virtue of paragraph(s) 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A
of the Local Government Act 1972.

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To: Shareholder and Joint Venture Group Meeting
Date: 01 December 2021
Report of: Will Mckay, Development Manager, Housing Services
Title of Report: Quarterly Progress Report relating to Barton Oxford LLP

Summary and recommendations	
Purpose of report:	This report provides an update into the activities of Barton Oxford LLP (BOLLP) over the past quarter.
Recommendation(s): There is a resolution to:	
1. Note the contents of the report.	

Appendices	
Appendix 1	Not for publication.

Introduction and background

1. This is the tenth report to the Shareholder and Joint Venture Group covering the period since the previous update in July 2021.

Coronavirus

2. There still remains uncertainty over whether the full impact of COVID is yet to be felt. The residential property market continues to remain buoyant, although developers are reporting supply chain difficulties especially in relation to materials which are expected to continue through 2022.

Progress Update

First Phase

3. Hill report that they have now completed all units out of the total 237, and all affordable homes have been handed over with only the last few remaining private plots to be handed over. They expect to achieve overall completion of construction on site by December 2021.

4. The delay in completion of the s38 (highways adoption) with the County Council may result in a delay of Hill leaving the site entirely as it is linked to the phase road network. The impact has not yet been determined. The LLP is currently engaging with the County Council to resolve as soon as possible.

Second Phase

5. Redrow has now completed the first 10 units onsite with 3 (private sale) handed over and occupied. They anticipate completing a further 50 units bringing the total number of completions to 60 by December 2021, including an apartment block (14 dwellings) for social rent on the 19th November. This phase is to deliver 207 units.

Third Phase

6. Countryside has made good progress on design and pre-planning for their Reserved Matters application which has now been approved by the LLP. They anticipate the reserved matters application being submitted over the next month. This phase will deliver 441 units.

Final Phase

7. The marketing exercise for the final phase on land adjacent to Harolde Close has been complete with acceptable offers being received. More detail is attached in the not for publication appendix.

The Pavilion

8. The improvements to the disabled parking and disabled WC along with redecoration of some areas is now complete.

The School

9. The school has current vacancies in years 1 and 2.

Public Art

10. Raw has been working with their consultant Jessop and Cook to progress the detailed design work and prepare documents for pre-planning meetings with the Local Planning Authority. Prior and Partners have been provided planning advice and recently an on-site pre-application meeting was held and was reported to be received positively by planning officers.
11. The updated work has included naming the project 'Barton Art in Nature' and will provide a series of events, website and physical works on site. Raw continue to engage with residents, local interest groups and the school to increase participation in the public art programme. Raw and the EPG are looking to finalise the planning submission in November with a view to works commencing early 2022.

Events to Date

September – Barton Bash with a stall and provide art supplies and direction to lots of attendees who painted both pictures and rocks with message of support for each other and the NHS, the rockery will form part of the art installations in the near future both at Neighbourhood Centre and Barton Park

Launch of the digital space, www.bartonart.co.uk and social media handles.

October – Art Party (mini consultation) where Tommy Watkins the artist that worked on underpass mural attend as art teacher and workshop lead, more painting and rockery activities, had a free creperie setup for attendees and provided a 20min presentation and Q+A with the residents on the upcoming installations.

Two wellbeing garden digs with Annabelle Padwick that were really well received, meadow flowers and daffodils now planted there by the local community.

November – More wellbeing garden digs to come with a focus on winter veg and nutrition, we have had a good mix of Barton park people, Barton neighbourhood and Barton park primary school families attend.

December – hosting a small community arts and crafts Christmas market for the local residents of Barton in Dec (to be announced shortly). Local artisans and artists along with a new popup cafe that will aim to become present at future events and lead towards Barton's next retail cafe/space and community shop (more on that soon..).

Financial Implications

12. There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

Legal Implications

13. There are no legal implications arising directly from this report.

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