

**To:** Shareholder and Joint Venture Group  
**Date:** 10 March 2021  
**Report of:** Head of Law & Governance  
**Title of Report:** Appointment of members to the Partnership Board of Barton LLP

<b>Summary and recommendations</b>	
<b>Purpose of report:</b>	This report provides an update regarding the appointment of members to the Partnership Board of Barton LLP
<b>Recommendation:</b>	There is a resolution to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Note the contents of the report.</li></ol>

## **Introduction and background**

1. The Council entered into a 50:50 Limited Liability Venture Partnership with Grosvenor Developments Limited to facilitate the strategic housing development at the Barton site. The Members' Agreement relating to Barton LLP provides for appointments to its Partnership Board in para 5.12.
2. Each of the parties (Oxford City Council and Grosvenor Developments Ltd) can appoint a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 3 to the Partnership Board of the LLP. The quorum for a meeting of the Partnership Board is 4 with 2 from the Council and 2 from Grosvenor Development Limited.
3. Appointments to the Partnership Board are not reserved to the Shareholder and Joint Venture Group and are dealt with using delegated powers.

## **Appointments to the Partnership Board of Barton LLP**

4. The Council has been represented on the Partnership Board by Caroline Green and Stephen Clarke. Caroline Green has recently resigned from the Partnership Board.
5. On 5 February 2021 the Chief Executive decided to appoint Carolyn Ploszynski and Paul Leo to the Partnership Board of Barton LLP to join Stephen Clarke as the Council's representatives. The number of Council appointments to the Partnership Board of Barton LLP have been increased from 2 to 3 to provide greater resilience. The appointments take effect from 1st March 2021.

## Financial Implications

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

## Legal Implications

7. The Council's Constitution (Part 3.7) provides that since the Council and its companies are separate legal entities, care must be taken to ensure that conflicts of interest are avoided. The Council's Constitution provides that when Council officers are asked to provide advice in a situation where the interests of the Council and a company are not entirely aligned, individual officers should be assigned to advise or represent one side or the other, but should not act for both.

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