

## London Borough of Enfield

### Regeneration and Economic Development Scrutiny Panel

**Meeting Date: 17 March 2021**

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**Subject:** Meridian Water - addressing local needs and supporting resident health and wellbeing

**Cabinet Member: Leader of the Council**

**Monitoring Officer:**

**Key Decision: N/A**

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#### **Purpose of Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to present updates to the Regeneration and Economic Development Scrutiny Panel with regard to what the Meridian Water programme is doing to address local needs and supporting residents health and wellbeing.

#### **Proposal(s)**

2. That the Regeneration and Economic Development Scrutiny Panel notes the report and presentation.

#### **Reason for Proposal(s)**

3. The Regeneration and Economic Development Scrutiny Panel requested an update.

#### **Relevance to the Council Plan**

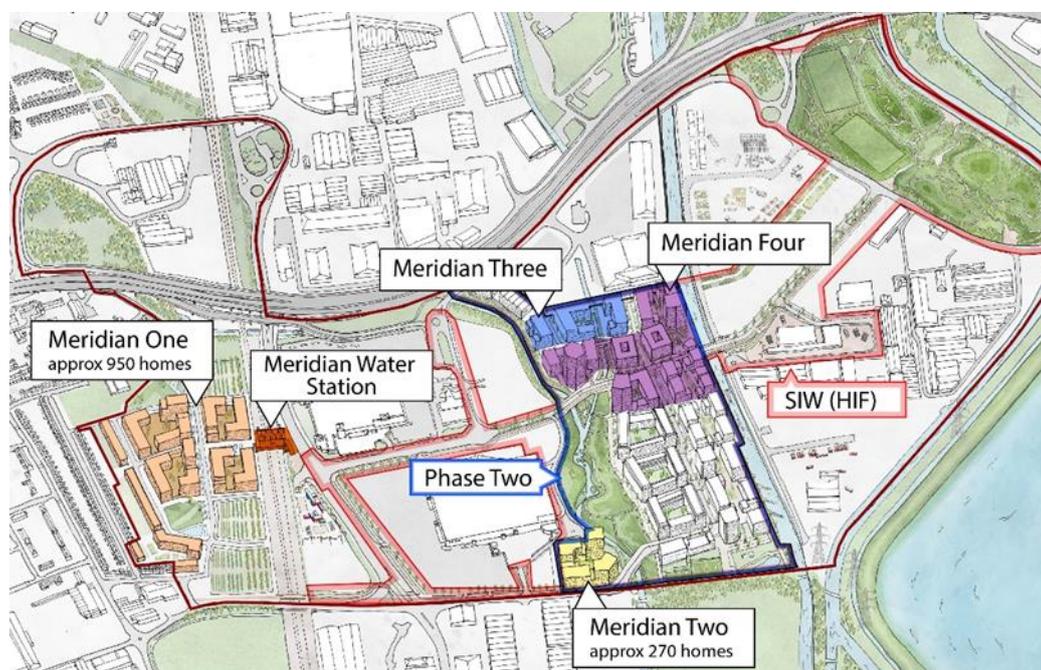
4. Meridian Water is a key component in contributing to the vision, aims and priorities of the Council's Corporate Plan.
5. **Good Homes in well-connected neighbourhoods:** Meridian Water will contribute to the Council continuing its pioneering approach to regeneration to create thriving, affordable neighbourhoods and places, and increasing the supply of affordable, quality housing options for ownership, social rent and private rent.
6. **Safe, healthy and confident communities:** Measures have been built into both the strategies and individual project briefs for Meridian Water, as well as planning policies, that will help improve public health and people's wellbeing. The Council will work with partners to deliver a safer place by tackling crime and anti-social behaviour; and protecting the local urban and green environment. The KD 5174 report that went to Cabinet last year set out the first stage of the health and wellbeing offer at Meridian Water and ensures

that Meridian Water caters for existing residents and the residents that will live in the new homes.

7. **An economy that works for everyone:** The Meridian Water Employment Strategy sets out plans to deliver new ground floor commercial premises, workspace, and new skills academies. This is in addition to the social value benefits that will be secured through the appointment of partners and suppliers across the programme.

## Background

8. Since the Council assumed the role of Master Developer following Cabinet approval in July 2018 (KD4033), the Council is now in contract to deliver the first 900+ plus homes on Meridian 1 and is progressing the development of Meridian 2. The Council has a resolution to grant an Outline Planning Permission to deliver 2,300 homes at Phase 2 of Meridian Water and progress has begun on developing Meridian 3 and 4.



9. The Meridian Water Employment Strategy was approved in March 2020, and good progress has been made with Meanwhile uses on the land owned by the Council that won't be developed in the near future, this progress includes a partnership with Troubadour Film Studios that will deliver a skills, training and brokerage academy. The Council has been awarded £170million of HIF funding by the government and work starts on the infrastructure soon. The relocating of the BLOQS building is well underway with completion expected in the summer and this will allow an increase in the number of members that make goods.

## Main Considerations for the Council

10. The Presentation attached as appendix A builds on the issues raised in the KD 5174 report that went to Cabinet last year describing the next steps for the Meridian Water Residential Delivery Programme. This builds on the

information outlined in this report and identified in the Councils Poverty and Inequality Commission report. It expands on the health and wellbeing centre, links to public open space, and the delivery of a Community Garden in Partnership with Vistry as part of their Meanwhile strategy. The presentation also builds on the Economic challenges faced by residents and sets out how the Meridian Water Project will increase economic inclusion through the use of skills academies and social value targets for the Council and its partners that will deliver at least two skills academies, apprenticeships and ensure that Meridian Water is a London Living Wage Zone.

11. The presentation explains how Meridian Water assets and infrastructure are for the existing community as well as new residents and this is demonstrated through the Meridian Angel Primary School and the train station that have already been delivered and with the inclusion in the first phase of a Primary Care health facility, gym and light industrial space and retail that will provide jobs for residents. Later this year we will bring forward a Commercial / Ground floor strategy that will expand on our approach to encouraging start-ups rather than relocations. The presentation also outlines our plans to bring a proposal to Cabinet later this year for a Community Chest that will allow organisations to bid for funds to develop community activities and encourage cohesion.

### **Safeguarding Implications**

12. None arising from this report

### **Public Health Implications**

13. The Meridian Water programme will have an impact on Public Health and this is explained in the presentation / body of the report.

### **Equalities Impact of the Proposal**

14. The Meridian Water programme will have an impact on levelling up the inequalities in Edmonton and the areas around Meridian Water and this is explained in the presentation / body of the report

### **Environmental and Climate Change Considerations**

15. The Meridian Water programme has had its Sustainability Strategy approved by Cabinet in November

### **Risks that may arise if the proposed decision and related work is not taken**

16. N/A

### **Risks that may arise if the proposed decision is taken and actions that will be taken to manage these risks**

17. N/A

## **Financial Implications**

18. N/A

## **Legal Implications**

19. N/A

## **Workforce Implications**

20. N/A

## **Property Implications**

21. N/A

## **Other Implications**

22. N/ A

## **Options Considered**

23. N/A

## **Conclusions**

24. Regeneration and Economic Development Scrutiny Panel are asked to consider the report and presentation.

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## **Appendices**

Appendix A: Presentation on “Meridian Water - addressing local needs and supporting resident health and wellbeing”.

## **Background Papers**