Cabinet

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Public question time

(Agenda item no 5)

The following written questions have been submitted by Jennifer Chibnall which she wishes to ask of the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Business, Councillor Smith

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Question 1:

Given the previous history it is a little surprising to find that Artisan now no longer wish to develop this site. It is not clear from the papers for this meeting if they in fact wish to develop the further phases of the development. If so, given that the site has had to be unlocked by HIF funding as the expenses are all in phase 1, it is hard to see how developer can be found to take on only this phase. How and to whom is the site being marketed?

Question 2:

As a registered provider must also be found for the 'affordable' housing before any 'commencement' of the development is permitted have the Council considered that their aims would be more securely achieved by actively seeking a developer who is also such a provider, building market housing to subsidise social housing on the whole site? For example I believe Peabody do this. Perhaps the Council could even do this with their own new housing development companies.