

Council – 23rd July 2013
Recommendation from Cabinet
9th July 2013

Coventry City Council

Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held at 3.00 pm. on 9th July 2013

Present:	
Cabinet Members:	Councillor Townshend (Deputy Chair) Councillor Duggins Councillor Gannon Councillor Kelly Councillor A. Khan Councillor Lancaster
Deputy Cabinet Members:	Councillor Caan Councillor Howells
Non-voting Opposition Members:	Councillor Blundell Councillor Taylor (Substitute for Councillor Andrews)
Other Members:	Councillor Abbott Councillor Hetheron Councillor Thomas Councillor Walsh
Employees (by Directorate):	
Chief Executive's:	M Reeves (Chief Executive), C Dear, F Collingham, J Moore
Children, Learning & Young People:	C. Green (Director), S Redgrave
City Services & Development:	M Yardley (Director), R Moon
Community Services:	P Barnett, C Hickin, C Parker, S Roach
Customer & Workforce Services:	H Abraham, M Salmon, C Sinclair
Finance & Legal Services:	C West (Director), C Forde, H Lynch
Apologies:	Councillors Andrews, Gingell, Kershaw, Mrs Lucas and Ruane

Public business

RECOMMENDATION

30. **Freehold Disposal of the Former Central Depot Foleshill to Barratts PLC** **[\(Report\)](#)**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Director of City Services and Development, which set out proposals for the freehold disposal of the former Central Depot site at Foleshill to Barratts PLC.

The Council owned site was approximately 7.45 acres and was identified on the plan appended to the report. A residential development upon the site was proposed by Barratts PLC. The site was previously used as a depot by the Council's then City Engineers Department and was subsequently demolished and cleared in 2002.

An outline planning application was submitted and approved by the Planning Committee for up to 143 dwellings on 13th December 2012. Following approval, the site was marketed for residential development by tender, with 66 requests for a tender pack. Bids were received from Helical Retail Ltd, Barratts and David Wilsons Homes PLC and Keepmoat.

The submission from Helical Retail Ltd was non-compliant, as their proposal was for a supermarket, which could not be supported by Planning Policy. The submission from Keepmoat omitted the required education contribution and the base land value was revised downwards.

The Barratts offer for the site has been approved by the Council's Valuation Panel as representing 'best value' and therefore satisfying the Council's requirement to achieve the best price reasonably obtainable in accordance with the provisions of Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972.

RESOLVED that the Cabinet recommends that the City Council:

- (1) Authorise the disposal of the site to Barratts.**
- (2) Delegate authority to the Assistant Director (City Centre and Development Services) in consultation with the Cabinet Member (Business, Enterprise and Employment), any subsequent variations in terms.**
- (3) Delegate authority to officers in the Finance and Legal Service Directorate to complete the necessary legal documentation and collect the agreed consideration.**

(Meeting finished at 4.00 p.m.)