To: Cabinet

Date: 24th January 2017

Subject: Friargate Update Report

1 **Purpose of the Note**
1.1 To inform Cabinet of the recommendations made by Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee at their meeting on 18th January 2017

2 **Recommendations**
2.1 Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee endorse the recommendations to Cabinet
2.2 Scrutiny Co-ordination recommend to Cabinet that Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee be included in the reporting process relating to Friargate

3 **Information/Background**
3.1 At their meeting on the 18th January 2017 Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee considered the Friargate Update Report under Any Other Business.
3.2 Members were briefed by officers on the content of the report and the rationale behind the recommendations.
3.3 Members questioned officers on:
   - Leasehold, freehold, landownership and details
   - Contingency if the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) do not take up the offer
   - Support for the project from the West Midlands Combined Authority
   - Progress on discussion with potential tenants
   - Financial implications for the Council
   - Timescales for developments.
3.4 Members were concerned that they had not had opportunity to scrutinise the issues contained in the report. Members therefore requested that any further updates on progress come to Scrutiny as a matter of course.

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