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From: Sharon Bridglalsingh
Sent: 19 July 2021 15:41
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Anne Webster
Subject: 1 Yeomans Drive - Audit Committee resolution 6 July 2021
Attachments: Decision Sheet -06-07-21.docx

Hello Marc,

Hope you are well.

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I am preparing the brief for that person and am writing to ask you for all relevant documentation so that I can include it please. We can facilitate whatever is the most convenient way of getting that from you including sending for them. Can you please get in touch with Anne who is copied in to arrange that please. The sooner the better for me and ideally by the end of the week? Is that possible?

Sharon

Sharon Bridglalsingh
Director, Law and Governance

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Timeline of DCC and Audit Committee reference to 1 Yeomans Drive

Note: Recordings are available for all meetings

11 May 2017 Development Control Committee (Initial Application - 16/03023/FUL - At Blakelands 1, Yeomans Drive, Blakelands)

Initial Application, additional condition in respect of HGV operating hours added to Officer recommended conditions

[Officer report](#)

[Minutes of DCC 11 May 2017](#)

[Decision Sheet](#)

[Transcript of Debate](#)

8 NOVEMBER 2018 – RESUBMISSION OF ORIGINAL BLAKELANDS APPLICATION WITH INFORMATION ABOUT THE MISSING CONDITIONS

Paragraph 5.2 of the report mentions the conditions having been missed off the original decision notice

[Officer report](#)

Minutes – Committee resolved to seek revocation of the extant Planning Permission (with missing conditions)

[Minutes DCC 8 November](#)

6 DECEMBER 2018 DCC Urgent Item (Taken under Part two)

Report for Part 2 – main report not available on Public Access – Developer of Warehouse refused to sign s106 – actions proposed

[Published public report](#)

Minutes

[Minutes DCC 6 December 2018](#)

10 JANUARY 2019 - DCC

Committee receives update on the status of the s106 order and also lighting condition.

[Officer report](#)

Committee consider options for revoking original permission and seeking 'out of time' judicial review

[Minutes DCC 10 January 2019](#)

5 MARCH 2019 – AUDIT COMMITTEE

Committee considers a report in respect of the self-referral by Development Control Service in respect of the Blakelands errors

[Officer Covering report](#)

[Report from External Auditors Ernst and Young](#)

Minutes – Committee advised that the Audit Service had been made aware of further issues and the Committee agreed to have an independent investigation into Blakelands and wider planning issues

[Minutes Audit Committee](#)

[Decision sheet](#)

7 MARCH 2019 – DCC – Confidential Item – Report attached

Questions received from Blakelands Residents (referred to in minutes) and a confidential Item taken – Legal Opinion on pursuing s106 order etc. David Elvin QC

[Officer covering report](#)

[Minutes DCC 7 March 2019](#)

4 APRIL 2019 – DCC

Committee to determine a new application in respect of Blakelands and advised to rescind decision of 8 November 2018 as the s106 had still not been signed, this new application would include a unilateral undertaking not to use original 2017 permission and would include s106

[Officer report](#)

Minutes – amended conditions proposed at meeting in respect of lighting

[Minutes 4 April 2019](#)

4 JULY 2019 – DCC

Report setting out advice to withdraw s106 order, withdrawal agreed by Committee

[Officer report](#)

Minutes

[Minutes 4 July 2019 - DCC](#)

30 JULY 2019 – AUDIT COMMITTEE

Report giving details of appointment of the Independent reviewer, setting out the scope of the enquiry and details of known interested parties and the questions they seek to have answers to.

[Officer report](#)

[Minutes of Audit Committee 30 July 2019](#)

[Decision sheet](#)

5 SEPTEMBER 2019 – DCC

Reports – application for an Electrical Transformer housing at Blakelands

Application for Minor Material Amendment – Modification of Kerblin

[Electrical Transformer Housing](#)

[Minor Material Amendment](#)

[Minutes of Meeting DCC 5 September 2019](#)

12 NOVEMBER 2020 – AUDIT COMMITTEE

Report – update on progress of the independent report and provisional expectation for 16 November 2020 completion

[Officer report](#)

[Minutes of Audit Committee 12 November 2020](#)

[You Tube Broadcast of meeting](#)

[Decision sheet](#)

1 DECEMBER 2020 – AUDIT SPECIAL MEETING - Audit Review of Preliminary Findings of The M Dorfman Report on Warehouse Redevelopment at 1 Yeomans Drive, Blakelands

[Agenda and Reports](#)

[Minutes Audit Committee 1 December 2020](#)

[You Tube Broadcast of meeting](#)

[Decision sheet](#)

22 March 2021 – Audit Committee Special Meeting - Audit Review of Preliminary Findings of The M Dorfman Report on Warehouse Redevelopment at 1 Yeomans Drive, Blakelands

[Agenda and reports](#)

[Minutes](#)

[Decision sheet](#)

[YouTube broadcast](#)

6 JULY 2021 – Special Audit Committee Meeting – Noted the resignation of the independent Investigator and decision to appoint QC or Retired High Court Judge to conduct a review

[Agenda and Reports](#)

Minutes to follow

[Decision sheet](#)

[You tube Broadcast](#)

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Should you be appointed, there is a plethora of information related to this issue that will need to be sent to you and I have tried to balance giving you enough here to allow you to provide a quote and indicate availability and, perhaps, initial ideas on scope and conduct. The accompanying timeline contains links to the relevant planning and Audit Committee meetings. I have also attached two exempt committee reports. This is a matter which has attracted significant public interest in Milton Keynes and as you can see for the timeline also one that occupies the time of councillors and officers as well. A simple internet search on the subject will reveal the depth and nature of the interest and scrutiny.

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I mention this to demonstrate that the matter has grown in breadth and depth as time goes by and there are a number of moving parts.

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Reply to Sharon Bridglalsingh
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Yours sincerely

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Director, Law and Governance

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From: Anne Webster
Sent: 15 July 2021 15:09
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Brief for consideration
Attachments: 1 Yeomans Drive Timeline and Links .docx; 15.07.2021_Brief to Counsel Letter.doc; DCC December 2018 exempt.pdf; DCC March 2019 exempt.pdf

Good afternoon

Further to your conversation with our Head of Legal Services earlier today, please find attached

1. Brief to Counsel letter from Sharon Bridglalsingh
2. Timeline and links
3. 2 exempt DCC reports

Please could you respond with the information requested in the brief, no later than Wednesday 21st July 2021.

Kind regards

Anne Webster
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STEVEN GASZTOWICZ QC – Cornerstone Barristers

Dear Sharon,

Thank you for your enquiry relating to investigating and reporting on the 1, Yeomans Drive development.

I have spent quite a bit of time over the weekend looking at and thinking about this. This has included much of the latest You Tube video of the Audit Committee, the conduct of which I was most impressed by, if I may say so. I would only be prepared to take this on if I could be sure I could do a first class job, however, and have one serious concern to raise.

At the moment, whilst you have a definite end date of 12th November, there are uncertainties in my mind about the time the work will take and I would not wish to take something on which everyone would be disappointed by before the report was published because it was late, or alternatively was rushed out on time but satisfied no-one because it was insufficient. This is particularly so since the scope of the inquiry is presently unknown.

That said, I would be prepared to set other work aside and concentrate on this for the necessary period, aside from already-committed High Court sittings, to enable me to report as soon as possible, as obviously people want to move on, aside from the delay to date.

I have prepared a short note addressing the questions you asked so far as I can, and also attempting to give some guidance as far as possible, as well as my reasons for the concern I have just set out. I am, of course, happy for you to share it with the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Audit Committee or anyone else as you feel fit, together with this e-mail.

All best wishes,

Steven Gasztowicz QC

Possible Milton Keynes Inquiry into Matters relating to the 1 Yeomans Drive Development Suitability:

1. I consider myself suitable to carry out the inquiry. I am a QC with both substantial planning experience and local government experience and am also a serving deputy (ie part-time) High Court Judge. This means I have both legal expertise and judicial training.

I am also a member of the Bar Council Ethics Committee.

I am completely independent and will act independently at all times, enabling all relevant parties to have confidence in the contents of in my report, whatever they are and whether favourable to any particular party or not.

Availability:

2. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] if I took on this inquiry it would take priority over all other work, to enable completion as soon as possible.

Timescale:

3. I appreciate everyone involved wants a resolution to this matter as soon as possible. However they need to have confidence in the process and the proper basis for conclusions. It is not possible to say when a report following all necessary investigation would be feasible for delivery without first determining the scope of the inquiry and what needs to be inquired into.

Agreeing to an arbitrary date risks a report being prepared to meet the date which is not based on doing all that is necessary, or the date being missed to everyone's disappointment later on. To do so knowing that would involve an element of subterfuge, at least unless made known and accepted by interested parties in advance. I would not be prepared to agree to an artificial date such as that currently referred to without very good reason.

Fees would be charged [REDACTED] work. It is not possible to give an estimate of the overall fee without knowing more about the scope of the work involved.

Scope:

4. My provisional view is that the inquiry should basically cover anything anyone wants enquired into in connection with the warehouse planning permission that can reasonably be inquired into by such an inquiry which has not already been dealt with satisfactorily. I am unable to be more specific at present and need to keep an open mind.

I would need to ascertain this by written representations on what people want considered followed by at an early formal pre-inquiry meeting with all relevant parties, to be conducted in a suitable meeting room.

Following that meeting, I will set down the scope of the inquiry and the issues to be considered, laying down a timetable for the conduct of it.

It would be helpful to have, without prejudice to the results of this process, a succinct list of generic issues raised to date, which are considered not to have not already been satisfactorily dealt with by the Dorfman report, which might be considered by parties as suitable for investigation and report, to be added to or altered following submissions and the pre-inquiry meeting. This may assist in informing at least a provisional assessment of timescale and fees.

5. Procedure:

It seems likely (again without prejudicing ultimate decisions on procedure) that I would want to lay down a timetable for submission of documents and written statements and representations followed by a public hearing effectively with witnesses, and inquisitorial in nature.

I anticipate having the ability to make any other enquiries I wish, including interviewing anyone of relevance and calling for and inspecting any necessary documents.

Constraints:

6. I do not know how many of the relevant people involved with decision-making and processing relating to this matter are still with the Council or how many people who are not will be prepared to co-operate in giving evidence or documentation.

Inability to require witnesses to give evidence or produce documents will be a significant constraint, as will any lack of involvement of the developers.

It is important for all involved to understand that anyone appointed can only operate within these constraints, and that conclusions could involve no conclusion being able to be made on a particular matter, though I would absolutely strive to reach firm conclusions wherever possible. Everything that could be done would have been done, which is what people would need to know.

Support:

7. A clerk would be required to, in particular, (a) receive, file and index relevant documents and prepare a logical bundle, (b) receive and index statements likewise, (3) organise speakers at the public hearing and make all necessary administrative arrangements, and (4) conduct any necessary correspondence, etc. This is akin to a programme officer at a planning inquiry, though the inquiry here will not be limited to the formal public hearing and the administrative support may extend to eg obtaining copies of further documents or making arrangements outside the hearing itself at my direction.

I do not at this stage anticipate legal or other professional support, although aside from the fact there are currently uncertainties as to scope etc as set out above, if at any time a need arose for specialist assistance in a particular field, I would need to be able to seek it. However, I have a wide background at the Bar going beyond just planning and property work and also on the Bench (where, in addition to being a deputy High Court Judge, I am also a part-time Crown Court judge) and will be better placed than most to deal with issues that arise.

8. I would need to be instructed as soon as possible in order to report sooner rather than later. Formal terms would obviously need to be agreed first.

Steven Gasztowicz QC
18th July 2021

Introduction

Steven Gasztowicz QC specialises in property matters, planning and public law, and commercial and regulatory work.

He advises and represents local authorities, companies, and private individuals. He appears before all courts, ranging from the Supreme Court to the High Court and county court. Steven also sits as a deputy High Court Judge in both the Queen's Bench and Chancery Divisions, and as a Recorder, dealing with criminal, civil, and specialist chancery matters. He is also a qualified arbitrator.

In addition, he is the author of a new edition of Professor Scamell's renowned text on *Land Covenants*, which has been the leading work on the subject since its first publication in 1996. The book covers both restrictive and positive covenants and associated topics such as planning obligations.

Profile

Steven has experience of a wide range of work, and provides authoritative and practical advice, as well as representation, particularly in the following areas:

- Property: rights of way, restrictive covenants, adverse possession, proprietary estoppel, trusts, highways, trespass, drainage law, nuisance claims, and commercial landlord and tenant
- Planning: planning and local plan inquiries, enforcement proceedings, statutory appeals, s106 obligations, ancillary rights, injunctions, and all other planning and planning-related work
- Public law: statutory powers, conduct matters, judicial review, and case stated, statutory, and other appeals
- Commercial and regulatory: contract, negligence and professional negligence, breach of statutory duty, misrepresentation, company, and regulatory matters

His breadth of knowledge enables him to deal with matters crossing different fields, as well as those within individual practice areas. He works flexibly and quickly.

Steven appears before the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeal, the High Court (both the Chancery and Queen's Bench Divisions, including the Administrative Court), county courts, and planning inspectors. He also appears before other tribunals, ranging from those dealing with property matters to disciplinary and other bodies.

He is the author of the recently published second edition of Professor Scamell's renowned text on *Land Covenants*, which has been the leading work on the subject since the first edition in 1996. The book has been brought up to date and covers both restrictive and positive covenants, planning obligations, enforcing and discharging restrictions, and associated areas of law.

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Associations

- Property Bar Association
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 - Constitutional & Administrative Law Bar Association
 - Chancery Bar Association
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Many thanks for providing these papers.

After very careful consideration, we do not feel that we will be able to assist with the matter.

Thank you again for thinking of us. I hope you are able to find a resolution.

Best regards

Jason

Jason Allen

Practice Manager

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From: Hannah Minns
Sent: 20 July 2021 12:35
To: Sharon Bridglalsingh; Leo Montague; Dan Gilbert
Cc: Anne Webster
Subject: Re: 1 Yeomans Drive- Audit Committee Resolution 6 July 2021

Thank you Sharon

Greatly appreciated and fingers crossed for more replies.
The dateline might prove to be our biggest obstacle.

Regards
Hannah

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From: Sharon Bridglalsingh <[REDACTED]>
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To: Leo Montague [REDACTED] Dan Gilbert [REDACTED]
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Cc: Anne Webster [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: 1 Yeomans Drive- Audit Committee Resolution 6 July 2021

Chair and Vice Chairs,

Hope you are well. Please see below sent to the Blakelands Residents Association today.

We are still hoping to get replies by tomorrow/ Thursday and we will collate and send to you asap.

Cllr Minns has said she can do a Friday meeting as can I, in the afternoon. Cllrs Montague and Gilbert- does that work for you?

It means you will have one night with the replies. Do you prefer it is on Monday or Tuesday to give you time over weekend to digest?

I know I am running a tight timeline but summer breaks beckon and we will have slippage ahead as a result. I've already had one reply from a QC who is also a serving Deputy High Court Judge who says 'At the moment, whilst you have a definite end date of 12th November, there are uncertainties in my mind about the time the work will take and I would not wish to take something on which everyone would be disappointed by before the report was published because it was late, or alternatively was rushed out on time but satisfied no-one because it was insufficient. This is particularly so since the scope of the inquiry is presently unknown.'

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Hello,

I wanted to keep you updated on what has been happening since the 6 July Audit Committee meeting and to flag two issues to get your feedback please.

I attach the decision sheet. Referring to the Committee's resolution as attached, to action 1.3, I have written to barristers chambers (where we can access Queens Counsel and retired Judges and some active QCs who also are sitting Judges) asking for replies on cost, availability (with regard to the timeline) and any initial comments on scope and rules on engagement. I hope to be able to have those in hand and consult with the Chair and Vice Chairs if not on Friday, as early as possible next week and to get someone appointed as soon as we can. I am cognisant of summer breaks and the need to get the ball rolling. As such, looking ahead welcome your thoughts:

Issue 1: The next step would be to provide a fuller brief to the appointed legal expert as what was sent already was only intended to give enough information to enable the quotes rather than tell the whole story. I am starting to assemble that by reference to documents held by Claire Cox (nee Storey) and I have asked Marc Dorfman for his documentation as well. You will also have documents and I am wondering whether the best thing may be to ask you to send those direct to the legal expert once appointed? That will not be the only opportunity to share things with the legal expert as there will be a call for evidence but it may be that you already have an initial bundle ready to go? Good to hear your thoughts on that please?

Issues 2: I also wanted to ask you for your thoughts in relation to 1.4 of the resolution: on how best the legal expert can consult with residents as required to by the Audit Committee's resolution in relation to the conduct of the investigation. They will clearly consult with you (BRA) but welcome your thoughts on whether for example, you anticipate letters to all affected residents should be sent out. I think that feels the right thing to do. The legal expert will have a view on this of course but good to get your thoughts.

Happy to discuss both issues if that's easier and also appreciate that you may want to reserve your position until the expert is appointed.

I look forward to hearing from you either way.

Sharon

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Dear Sharon and Anne, I will aim to get you the documents by Friday 23rd/Monday 26th July.
Best regards
Marc

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Sent: 20 July 2021 10:53
To: Leo Montague; Dan Gilbert; Hannah Minns
Cc: Anne Webster
Subject: FW: 1 Yeomans Drive- Audit Committee Resolution 6 July 2021
Attachments: Decision Sheet -06-07-21.docx

Chair and Vice Chairs,

Hope you are well. Please see below sent to the Blakelands Residents Association today.

We are still hoping to get replies by tomorrow/ Thursday and we will collate and send to you asap.

Cllr Minns has said she can do a Friday meeting as can I, in the afternoon. Cllrs Montague and Gilbert- does that work for you?

It means you will have one night with the replies. Do you prefer it is on Monday or Tuesday to give you time over weekend to digest?

I know I am running a tight timeline but summer breaks beckon and we will have slippage ahead as a result. I've already had one reply from a QC who is also a serving Deputy High Court Judge who says 'At the moment, whilst you have a definite end date of 12th November, there are uncertainties in my mind about the time the work will take and I would not wish to take something on which everyone would be disappointed by before the report was published because it was late, or alternatively was rushed out on time but satisfied no-one because it was insufficient. This is particularly so since the scope of the inquiry is presently unknown.'

Sharon

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Director, Law and Governance

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From: Sharon Bridglalsingh
Sent: 20 July 2021 10:45
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: 1 Yeomans Drive- Audit Committee Resolution 6 July 2021

Hello,

I wanted to keep you updated on what has been happening since the 6 July Audit Committee meeting and to flag two issues to get your feedback please.

I attach the decision sheet. Referring to the Committee's resolution as attached, to action 1.3, I have written to barristers chambers (where we can access Queens Counsel and retired Judges and some active QCs who also are sitting Judges) asking for replies on cost, availability (with regard to the timeline) and any initial comments on scope and rules on engagement. I hope to be able to have those in hand and consult with the Chair and Vice Chairs if not on Friday, as early as possible next week and to get someone appointed as soon as we can. I am cognisant of summer breaks and the need to get the ball rolling. As such, looking ahead welcome your thoughts:

Issue 1: The next step would be to provide a fuller brief to the appointed legal expert as what was sent already was only intended to give enough information to enable the quotes rather than tell the whole story. I am starting to assemble that by reference to documents held by Claire Cox (nee Storey) and I have asked Marc Dorfman for his documentation as well. You will also have documents and I am wondering whether the best thing may be to ask you to send those direct to the legal expert once appointed? That will not be the only opportunity to share things with the legal expert as there will be a call for evidence but it may be that you already have an initial bundle ready to go? Good to hear your thoughts on that please?

Issues 2: I also wanted to ask you for your thoughts in relation to 1.4 of the resolution: on how best the legal expert can consult with residents as required to by the Audit Committee's resolution in relation to the conduct of the investigation. They will clearly consult with you (BRA) but welcome your thoughts on whether for example, you anticipate letters to all affected residents should be sent out. I think that feels the right thing to do. The legal expert will have a view on this of course but good to get your thoughts.

Happy to discuss both issues if that's easier and also appreciate that you may want to reserve your position until the expert is appointed.

I look forward to hearing from you either way.

Sharon

Sharon Bridglalsingh
Director, Law and Governance

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From: Hannah Minns
Sent: 15 July 2021 18:54
To: Sharon Bridglalsingh; Leo Montague; Dan Gilbert
Cc: Dino Imbimbo; Peter Brown; Janet Kealey; Anne Webster
Subject: Re: Audit Committee resolution - 1 Yeomans Drive

Sharon

Thanks for this and sorry for the delayed response.

I am happy with the information provided to the three chambers and I will be available next Friday to review the responses.

Kind regards

Hannah

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From: Sharon Bridglalsingh [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 15, 2021 12:27:27 PM
To: Leo Montague [REDACTED]; Dan Gilbert <[REDACTED]>;
Hannah Minns [REDACTED]
Cc: Dino Imbimbo [REDACTED] Peter Brown <[REDACTED]>
Janet Kealey [REDACTED] Anne Webster [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Audit Committee resolution - 1 Yeomans Drive

Chair and Vice Chairs,

I am very aware of consulting you on this appointment and I note there has been no response to my email below.

As such, I have asked for the brief to be sent to three different barrister's Chambers this afternoon asking for a reply as indicated below.

I also asked how you were fixed next Friday to review the Responses? Anne will be in touch to set something up.

Sharon

Sharon Bridglalsingh
Director, Law and Governance

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From: Sharon Bridglalsingh

Sent: 13 July 2021 11:40

To: Leo Montague [REDACTED] Dan Gilbert [REDACTED]

Hannah Minns [REDACTED]

Cc: Dino Imbimbo [REDACTED]; Peter Brown [REDACTED];

Janet Kealey [REDACTED]

Subject: Audit Committee resolution - 1 Yeomans Drive

Chair and Vice Chairs,

Further to my email below, please find attached a brief and timeline to be sent to Chambers asking for availability, costs, suitability and initial ideas on scope, conduct etc.

Note that this is just an initial brief. It therefore balances giving enough information for the quote but not too much as at this point they just need the flavour with some detail. Whomever is appointed will of course be furnished with much more.

Can I ask you to let me know your thoughts on the attached and any steer generally by start of Thursday so we can send this out to Chambers by midday. We can ask for a week turnaround. How are you all fixed for a meeting next Friday to go through the responses?

Note:

1. In relation to the final brief: I am starting to compile that for example we will be asking Mr Dorfman to send all information he has back to us.
2. I am also thinking about updating residents once I send the brief out on Thursday and asking their ideas on how they should be consulted about the scope
3. When we called around Chambers – there were some that said that retired Judges has come back into practice and I am hoping we get a good response.

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From: Leo Montague [REDACTED]

Sent: 06 July 2021 21:52

To: Sharon Bridglalsingh [REDACTED] Dan Gilbert <[REDACTED]>

[REDACTED] Hannah Minns [REDACTED]

Cc: Dino Imbimbo [REDACTED] Peter Brown [REDACTED]

Janet Kealey [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Audit Committee resolution - 1 Yeomans Drive

Thank you Sharon

From: Sharon Bridglalsingh <[REDACTED]>

Sent: 06 July 2021 21:12

To: Leo Montague [REDACTED]; Dan Gilbert [REDACTED]
Hannah Minns [REDACTED]
Cc: Dino Imbimbo [REDACTED]; Peter Brown [REDACTED]
Janet Kealey [REDACTED]
Subject: Audit Committee resolution - 1 Yeomans Drive

Chair and Vice Chairs,

Further to tonight's resolution, I will give some consideration to the brief that needs to be sent to various Chambers and explore how to canvass retired Judges as well.

I anticipate sharing something with you by Monday next week if not before. I hope that's okay.

Sharon

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From: Claire Cox
Sent: 21 July 2021 14:09
To: Sharon Bridglalsingh
Cc: Anne Webster
Subject: RE: 1 Yeomans Drive - Audit Committee resolution 6 July 2021

Hi

No I don't. I have searched my emails for Blakelands, Yeomans, Dorfman which has bought back a lot of emails, sent, cc'd, etc. Some will be duplicates but it's going to take longer than the end of the week to go through them all.

If you wanted the information from Info@Work planning application, this was supplied in an FOI to the Blakelands Residents, I can get this sent over also.

I have also been copied into some email threads where Marc has gone directly to other staff members and don't have all the emails with the full content.

I don't want to miss anything or send the wrong information to you.

Happy to discuss further if you feel it necessary.

Thanks

Claire Cox
Systems Manager (Planning)
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Sent: 21 July 2021 14:03
To: Claire Cox <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Anne Webster <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: 1 Yeomans Drive - Audit Committee resolution 6 July 2021

Do you have a contents list of what you have in categories?

Sharon Bridglalsingh
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From: Claire Cox <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 21 July 2021 12:03

To: Sharon Bridglalsingh [REDACTED]
Cc: Anne Webster <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: 1 Yeomans Drive - Audit Committee resolution 6 July 2021

Hello Sharon

I have tried to contact Anne today to see if you can you please advise, is this all documentation I have on Blakelands (emails, documents, Info@Work, etc) or just between Mark Dorfman and myself.

I have quite a lot to go through and just wanted to clarify before I get to work on them.

Many thanks

Claire Cox
Systems Manager (Planning)
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Sent: 20 July 2021 11:02
To: Claire Cox <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Anne Webster <[REDACTED]>
Subject: 1 Yeomans Drive - Audit Committee resolution 6 July 2021

Hello Claire,

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Sharon

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From: Jason Allen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 19 July 2021 15:36
To: Anne Webster
Cc: Nazneen Roy
Subject: [EXT] RE: Brief for consideration

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Dear Anne/Nazneen,

Many thanks for providing these papers.

After very careful consideration, we do not feel that we will be able to assist with the matter.

Thank you again for thinking of us. I hope you are able to find a resolution.

Best regards

Jason

Jason Allen
Practice Manager

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From: Anne Webster [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 July 2021 15:09
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Brief for consideration

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Good afternoon

Further to your conversation with our Head of Legal Services earlier today, please find attached

1. Brief to Counsel letter from Sharon Bridglalsingh
2. Timeline and links
3. 2 exempt DCC reports

Please could you respond with the information requested in the brief, no later than Wednesday 21st July 2021.

Kind regards

Anne Webster

Legal Practice Manager

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Sent: 20 July 2021 11:01
To: Anne Webster
Subject: FW: 1, Yeomans Drive development
Attachments: Cornerstone.jpg; C&P 2020 - set logo 10.jpg; uk_top_tier_set_2020 50.jpg; Living Wage Foundation.PNG; Twitter 50.png; LinkedIn 20.jpg; MK1.docx

Hello,

We will need to start compiling the replies so it is ready to go as one document to the Chairs and Vice Chairs on Thursday.

Can you please start that document with Steven's reply- his email, the attachment and his profile as per link: [Cornerstone Barristers](#) | [Steven Gasztowicz QC](#) including the introduction, the profile information and the associations please

Sharon

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From: Steven Gasztowicz QC <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 19 July 2021 09:28
To: Sharon Bridglalsingh <[REDACTED]>
Subject: [EXT] 1, Yeomans Drive development

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Dear Sharon,

Thank you for your enquiry relating to investigating and reporting on the 1, Yeomans Drive development.

I have spent quite a bit of time over the weekend looking at and thinking about this. This has included much of the latest You Tube video of the Audit Committee, the conduct of which I was most impressed by, if I may say so. I would only be prepared to take this on if I could be sure I could do a first class job, however, and have one serious concern to raise.

At the moment, whilst you have a definite end date of 12th November, there are uncertainties in my mind about the time the work will take and I would not wish to take something on which everyone would be disappointed by before the report was published because it was late, or alternatively was rushed out on time but satisfied no-one because it was insufficient. This is particularly so since the scope of the inquiry is presently unknown.

That said, I would be prepared to set other work aside and concentrates on this for the necessary period, aside from already-committed High Court sittings, to enable me to report as soon as possible, as obviously people want to move on, aside from the delay to date.

I have prepared a short note addressing the questions you asked so far as I can, and also attempting to give some guidance as far as possible, as well as my reasons for the concern I have just set out. I am, of course, happy for you to share it with the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Audit Committee or anyone else as you feel fit, together with this e-mail.

All best wishes,

Steven Gasztowicz QC

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DECISIONS / ACTIONS – 6 JULY 2021

Present:	Councillors Baume, K Bradburn (Substituting for Councillor Crooks), Gilbert, Hussain, Minns, Montague (Chair), Rankine, Verma Wardle and Mr I Farookhi (Independent member) Ms T Aldworth (Deputy Chief Executive), Ms S Bridglalsingh (Director for Law and Governance), D Wilkinson (Chief Internal Auditor), Mr P Thomas (Director for Planning, Strategic Transport and Placemaking), Mr P Brown (Head of Democratic Services) and D Imbimbo (Committee Manager).
Also present:	Councillors Carr and A Geary
Apologies:	Councillor Crooks

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER	SUBJECT AND DECISION	DECISION REFERRAL	PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTION
4a	<p>That the committee:</p> <p>1.1 Note the position in respect of the resignation of the Independent Investigator that occurred on 21 June 2021.</p> <p>1.2 Note the overshadowing, daylight and sunlight report from Point 2 (attached as Annex 1 to the Committee report), that the Committee had agreed should be commissioned to support the Independent Review.</p> <p>1.3 Ask the Director of Law and Governance in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chairs of the Audit Committee to appoint a suitable QC or Retired High Court Judge, together with appropriate investigative support and appropriate programme resource to take forward and complete the Independent Investigation into the Warehouse Development at 1 Yeomans Drive.</p>		Director for Law and Governance

	<p>1.4 Agree that the appointed person would be responsible for the scope, conduct and rules of engagement, in consultation with members of the Audit Committee, including a call for evidence and submissions from interested parties, including Councillors, with the outcome being reported back no later than mid November 2021. The format should be independent of the Council and follow consultation with members of the Audit Committee and Blakelands Residents.</p> <p>1.5 All officer interaction relating to this enquiry, including its establishment, must be available for public scrutiny.</p>		
4b	<p>That the committee:</p> <p>1.1 Notes the background, scope and progress made on the Interim Improvement Plan (IIP) projects during its first year, overseen by the Planning Improvement Board (PIB).</p> <p>1.2 Supports the continuing evolution of the IIP for the Planning Service under the direction of the PIB and the actions it has prioritised.</p> <p>1.3 Recognises a need to better articulate the work of the PIB to Councillors and the Public. It is a critical part in improving the planning service and it is essential that changes are transparent and open to scrutiny.</p> <p>1.4 Requests the report be sent to DCC for their consideration.</p>		Director for Planning, Strategic Transport and Placemaking

Recording of the meeting: This meeting was livestreamed on to YouTube. A recording of the is available

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Marc

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Sharon

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From: Marc Dorfman [REDACTED]
Sent: 27 July 2021 10:55
To: Anne Webster
Cc: Sharon Bridglalsingh
Subject: [EXT] Re: [EXT] Re: [EXT] Re: [EXT] Re: 1 Yeomans Drive - Audit Committee resolution 6 July 2021

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Dear Anne and Sharon, apologies for ongoing delay. Thanks for "sharepoint" info which I need to work out In anycase, I need a few more days. [REDACTED] Will update you at the end of Wednesday.
Best wishes Marc
Marc Dorfman

On Mon, 26 Jul 2021, 2:30 pm Anne Webster, <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hello Marc

'We Transfer' is not something that we use at MKC. We can use SharePoint if that works for you?

Kind regards

Anne Webster

Legal Practice Manager

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Sent: 26 July 2021 14:14

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Dear Sharon and Anne, I will need a few more days to complete and send you all. Apologies.

I am aiming to send some, (core documents) and a contents list this eve/early tomorrow, and then the rest to follow.

In addition to sending you the first part by email/possibly by "we transfer", I am also putting the docs on to a "memory stick" for you.

(Are you able to receive "we transfer" electronic deliveries?)

Best wishes Marc

Marc Dorfman

Tel. [REDACTED]

On Tue, Jul 20, 2021 at 10:45 AM Sharon Bridglalsingh <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Okay.

Sharon Bridglalsingh

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Sent: 20 July 2021 10:31
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I will then give you a written guarantee of deletion from my computer.

If i have any problems, i will be in touch.

Best regards

Marc

Marc Dorfman

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Best wishes
Marc Dorfman

On Tue, 27 Jul 2021, 10:54 am Marc Dorfman, <[REDACTED]> wrote:
Dear Anne and Sharon, apologies for ongoing delay. Thanks for "sharepoint" info which I need to work out In anycase, I need a few more days. [REDACTED] Will update you at the end of Wednesday.
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On Mon, 26 Jul 2021, 2:30 pm Anne Webster, [REDACTED] wrote:

Hello Marc

‘We Transfer’ is not something that we use at MKC. We can use SharePoint if that works for you?

Kind regards

Anne Webster

Legal Practice Manager

[REDACTED] (or for internal use, contact me via Microsoft Teams)

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Cornerstone Barristers – response from Steven Gasztowicz QC below

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

4-5 Grays Inn Square – response from Timothy Straker QC below

Francis Taylor Building – responses from Senior Clerk with 4 QC profiles below

Landmark Chambers – declined

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

THE BRIEF

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Should you be appointed, there is a plethora of information related to this issue that will need to be sent to you and I have tried to balance giving you enough here to allow you to provide a quote and indicate availability and, perhaps, initial ideas on scope and conduct. The accompanying timeline contains links to the relevant planning and Audit Committee meetings. I have also attached two exempt committee reports. This is a matter which has attracted significant public interest in Milton Keynes and as you can see for the timeline also one that occupies the time of councillors and officers as well. A simple internet search on the subject will reveal the depth and nature of the interest and scrutiny.

This matter originates from a planning consent granted by the Development Control Committee of Milton Keynes Council (the Council) in May 2017 for 'demolition of existing B8 storage and distribution warehouse, and erection of a new B8 storage and distribution warehouse with ancillary B1 floorspace and associated works' at 1 Yeomans Drive, Blakelands, Milton Keynes (1 Yeomans Drive). The decision notice for 1 Yeomans Drive was issued with a number of conditions missed off.

As set out in the timeline, what followed includes:

- a series of planning and legal decisions including a Secretary of State decision on a condition that is currently subject to a judicial review claim
- internal audit reviews,
- the commissioning of an independent person to conduct a full review of the planning application process in respect of the Blakelands Warehouse (Marc Dorfman)
- An external audit Review of the Preliminary Findings Relating to a Warehouse Development at 1 Yeomans Drive, Milton Keynes (C.CO)
- the commissioning of daylight and sunlight review (Point 2 Surveyors Limited)
- a report to the police by residents alleging miscount in public office
- Information Commissioner decisions
- the creation of a Planning Improvement Board

I mention this to demonstrate that the matter has grown in breadth and depth as time goes by and there are a number of moving parts.

What gave rise to the Audit Committee's request on the 6 July is that after presenting his preliminary findings to the Audit Committee in December 2020, Mr. Marc Dorfman was asked to produce his final and full report, along with recommendations, for the Audit Committee meeting of 27 January 2021. He was unable to and in late June this year Mr Dorfman wrote to the Council acknowledging his underperformance and declining to act any further. The Council is therefore not in possession of a final report although I will be asking him to send all documentation relevant to this matter to the Council.

The full resolution of the Audit Committee of 6 July is:

1.1 Note the position in respect of the resignation of the Independent Investigator that occurred on 21 June 2021.

1.2 Note the overshadowing, daylight and sunlight report from Point 2 (attached as Annex 1 to the Committee report), that the Committee had agreed should be commissioned to support the Independent Review.

1.3 Ask the Director of Law and Governance in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chairs of the Audit Committee to appoint a suitable QC or Retired High Court Judge, together with appropriate investigative support and appropriate programme resource to take forward and complete the Independent Investigation into the Warehouse Development at 1 Yeomans Drive.

1.4 Agree that the appointed person would be responsible for the scope, conduct and rules of engagement, in consultation with members of the Audit Committee, including a call for evidence and submissions from interested parties, including Councillors, with the outcome being reported back no later than mid November 2021. The format should be independent of the Council and follow consultation with members of the Audit Committee and Blakelands Residents.

1.5 All officer interaction relating to this enquiry, including its establishment, must be available for public scrutiny.

The YouTube video of the 6 July is included as a link in the timeline and it allows you to see the public and councillor representations and the debate. If you require more, please do not hesitate to ask. Once appointed, a further bundle which will be substantial will be sent to inform your final thoughts on scope, conduct and rules of engagement.

Please note the Council's resolution at 1.4 about how this review should be conducted. It is paramount that residents and councillors have access to contribute to the review and that public confidence in the process and findings is a goal.

Regarding timescale, Leading Counsel will note that the residents and the Council have already experienced significant delay and frustration whilst awaiting Mr Dorfman's report. It is therefore essential that your inquiry should be concluded on time. The Council seeks assurances that your final report would be produced no later than 12 November 2021.

To allow me to consult with the Chair and Vice Chairs of the Audit Committee about appointment, you are initially, asked to provide the following:

1. Whether you are available having regard to the timelines
2. Your fees.
3. Whether administrative, legal or other support is required.
4. A statement of your suitability: The Audit Committee was explicit in wanting a leading planning legal expert and debated whether it should be a retired High Court Judge or a Queens Counsel.
5. Any initial thoughts on the scope and format of the investigation having regard to para 1.4 of the Audit Committee's decision above (accepting this will be a matter of more detail if appointed)

If you have any queries, please do contact me. I would be grateful for your reply by close of business on Monday 26th July 2021

Yours sincerely



Sharon Bridglalsingh

Director, Law and Governance

STEVEN GASZTOWICZ QC – Cornerstone Barristers

Thank you for your enquiry relating to investigating and reporting on the 1,Yeomans Drive development.

At the moment, whilst you have a definite end date of 12th November, there are uncertainties in my mind about the time the work will take and I would not wish to take something on which everyone would be disappointed by before the report was published because it was late, or alternatively was rushed out on time but satisfied no-one because it was insufficient. This is particularly so since the scope of the inquiry is presently unknown.

That said, I would be prepared to set other work aside and concentrates on this for the necessary period, aside from already-committed High Court sittings, to enable me to report as soon as possible, as obviously people want to move on, aside from the delay to date.

I have prepared a short note addressing the questions you asked so far as I can, and also attempting to give some guidance as far as possible, as well as my reasons for the concern I have just set out. I am, of course, happy for you to share it with the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Audit Committee or anyone else as you feel fit, together with this e-mail.

All best wishes.

Steven Gasztowicz QC

1. I consider myself suitable to carry out the inquiry. I am a QC with both substantial planning experience and local government experience and am also a serving deputy (ie part-time) High Court Judge. This means I have both legal expertise and judicial training.

I am also a member of the Bar Council Ethics Committee.

I am completely independent and will act independently at all times, enabling all relevant parties to have confidence in the contents of in my report, whatever they are and whether favourable to any particular party or not.

Availability:

2. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] if I took on this inquiry it would take priority over all other work, to enable completion as soon as possible.

Timescale:

3. I appreciate everyone involved wants a resolution to this matter as soon as possible. However they need to have confidence in the process and the proper basis for conclusions. It is not possible to say when a report following all necessary investigation would be feasible for delivery without first determining the scope of the inquiry and what needs to be inquired into.

Agreeing to an arbitrary date risks a report being prepared to meet the date which is not based on doing all that is necessary, or the date being missed to everyone's disappointment later on. To do so knowing that would involve an element of subterfuge, at least unless made known and accepted by interested parties in advance. I would not be prepared to agree to an artificial date such as that currently referred to without very good reason.

Fees would be charged [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It is not possible to give an estimate of the overall fee without knowing more about the scope of the work involved.

Scope:

4. My provisional view is that the inquiry should basically cover anything anyone wants enquired into in connection with the warehouse planning permission that can reasonably be inquired into by such an inquiry which has not already been dealt with satisfactorily. I am unable to be more specific at present and need to keep an open mind.

I would need to ascertain this by written representations on what people want considered followed by an early formal pre-inquiry meeting with all relevant parties, to be conducted in a suitable meeting room.

Following that meeting, I will set down the scope of the inquiry and the issues to be considered, laying down a timetable for the conduct of it.

It would be helpful to have, without prejudice to the results of this process, a succinct list of generic issues raised to date, which are considered not to have not already been satisfactorily dealt with by the Dorfman report, which might be considered by parties as suitable for investigation and report, to be added to or altered following submissions and the pre-inquiry meeting. This may assist in informing at least a provisional assessment of timescale and fees.

5. Procedure:

It seems likely (again without prejudicing ultimate decisions on procedure) that I would want to lay down a timetable for submission of documents and written statements and representations followed by a public hearing effectively with witnesses, and inquisitorial in nature.

I anticipate having the ability to make any other enquiries I wish, including interviewing anyone of relevance and calling for and inspecting any necessary documents.

Constraints:

6. I do not know how many of the relevant people involved with decision-making and processing relating to this matter are still with the Council or how many people who are not will be prepared to co-operate in giving evidence or documentation.

Inability to require witnesses to give evidence or produce documents will be a significant constraint, as will any lack of involvement of the developers.

It is important for all involved to understand that anyone appointed can only operate within these constraints, and that conclusions could involve no conclusion being able to be made on a particular matter, though I would absolutely strive to reach firm conclusions wherever possible. Everything that could be done would have been done, which is what people would need to know.

Support:

7. A clerk would be required to, in particular, (a) receive, file and index relevant documents and prepare a logical bundle, (b) receive and index statements likewise, (3) organise speakers at the public hearing and make all necessary administrative arrangements, and (4) conduct any necessary correspondence, etc. This is akin to a programme officer at a planning inquiry, though the inquiry here will not be limited to the formal public hearing and the administrative support may extend to eg obtaining copies of further documents or making arrangements outside the hearing itself at my direction.

I do not at this stage anticipate legal or other professional support, although aside from the fact there are currently uncertainties as to scope etc as set out above, if at any time a need arose for specialist assistance in a particular field, I would need to be able to seek it. However, I have a wide background at the Bar going beyond just planning and property work and also on the Bench (where, in addition to being a deputy High Court Judge, I am also a part-time Crown Court judge) and will be better placed than most to deal with issues that arise.

8. I would need to be instructed as soon as possible in order to report sooner rather than later. Formal terms would obviously need to be agreed first.

Steven Gasztowicz QC

18th July 2021

Profile

Steven has experience of a wide range of work, and provides authoritative and practical advice, as well as representation, particularly in the following areas:

- Property: rights of way, restrictive covenants, adverse possession, proprietary estoppel, trusts, highways, trespass, drainage law, nuisance claims, and commercial landlord and tenant
- Planning: planning and local plan inquiries, enforcement proceedings, statutory appeals, s106 obligations, ancillary rights, injunctions, and all other planning and planning-related work
- Public law: statutory powers, conduct matters, judicial review, and case stated, statutory, and other appeals
- Commercial and regulatory: contract, negligence and professional negligence, breach of statutory duty, misrepresentation, company, and regulatory matters

His breadth of knowledge enables him to deal with matters crossing different fields, as well as those within individual practice areas. He works flexibly and quickly.

Steven appears before the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeal, the High Court (both the Chancery and Queen's Bench Divisions, including the Administrative Court), county courts, and planning inspectors. He also appears before other tribunals, ranging from those dealing with property matters to disciplinary and other bodies.

He is the author of the recently published second edition of Professor Scamell's renowned text on *Land Covenants*, which has been the leading work on the subject since the first edition in 1996. The book has been brought up to date and covers both restrictive and positive covenants, planning obligations, enforcing and discharging restrictions, and associated areas of law.

Steven also sits as a deputy High Court Judge in both the Queen's Bench and Chancery Divisions, and as a Recorder, dealing with criminal, civil, and specialist chancery matters. He is also a qualified arbitrator.

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TIMOTHY STRAKER QC – 4-5 Grays Inn Square

Dear Ms Bridglalsingh

Re: PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

I am writing to you in respect of your email enquiry to chambers by your colleague, Ms Anne Webster dated 21st July 2021 timed at 18:47.

I am pleased to request that Mr Timothy Straker QC of these chambers be considered for this appointment and as requested respond to you as follows: -

1. Timelines: The requirement is for a report by 12 November 2021. This requirement can be met. Mr Straker works efficiently and can absorb substantial amounts of information speedily. He is not away in August or September and sees no difficulty in meeting the required timelines.
2. Fees: This is probably best done on an hourly basis. Mr Straker recently did an investigation for Plymouth City Council where his rate [REDACTED] together with all necessary expenses. This can be discussed as necessary.
3. Administrative and other support: Mr Straker will secure that his report is typed up by his secretarial support but he would welcome support in securing submissions were made to him and arranging any interviews he has to undertake together with a note taker, if appropriate. He would welcome hard copies of the relevant documents, appropriately arranged, being delivered [REDACTED] He doubts he need particular legal support save for being instructed in the ordinary way by the solicitor to the Council. He would expect to be able to talk from time to time to his instructing solicitor to assist in the smooth running of the investigation.
4. Suitability: Mr Straker is a highly experienced planning silk, having been a QC for more than 25 years. He is a deputy High Court judge specially authorised to hear planning cases (and other cases in the Queen's Bench Division). He has been such a judge for something approaching 15 years. He is also a judge of the Court of Appeal of the Falklands, which court sits in London (at equivalent level to the English Court of Appeal). Mr Straker has undertaken various inquiries for local authorities including Plymouth City Council, Devon County Council and the East Riding of Yorkshire Council. He has extensive knowledge of local government law and has sat as an election commissioner, which can involve (and did for a 25 day case) involve presiding over an inquisitorial (inquiry type) process. Mr Straker's decision was challenged but upheld in the High Court.
5. Format: Mr Straker would expect that written submissions or observations could be followed by interviews (as necessary) by Mr Straker, which he would expect to undertake in Milton Keynes.

If you have any further questions or queries, then please don't hesitate to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you with your confirmation of Mr Straker QC's appointment. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

David Penson

Clerk to Mr Timothy Straker QC

FRANCIS TAYLOR BUILDINGS – LETTER FROM SENIOR CLERK

Dear Sharon

Thank you for this opportunity, it is very much appreciated.

Having reviewed the documents Anne sent me and considered the timelines of this matter, I have set out below my recommendations for the role.

In terms of whether administrative, legal or other support is required, all of the FTB options feel the need for transparency and public involvement mean they consider, on a preliminary reading that it may be appropriate to hear oral representations, they all therefore suggest an independent program office would need to be appointed and all would need some form of legal support, again independent. Their view is that the legal support could take the form of a junior barrister or solicitor, contracted in for the period of the investigation and inquiry. To help you with budgeting, a junior barrister option might cost in the region [REDACTED]

I would be very happy to quote more detailed/overall fee estimates for the matter, once the appointed individual had conducted a proper review of papers and formed a view as to the extent of work involved in the matter.

I hope this helpful and do let me know if you need anything further at this stage.

Kind regards,

Paul Coveney

Senior Clerk

MORAG ELLIS QC – FTB

Profile

Morag Ellis QC was called to the Bar in 1984 and took silk in 2006. She has been on the Welsh Government's list of silks since 2013 and has recently been reappointed after open competition. She is a Bencher of Gray's Inn and a past Chair of the Planning and Environment Bar Association. In 2015, Morag was Chambers and Partners Planning and Environment Silk of the year.

Throughout her career, she has specialised in Town and Country Planning and related subjects in England and Wales, giving her an excellent working knowledge of Public and Local Government Law. Morag has appeared in hundreds of public inquiries and examinations – planning and listed building appeals and call ins, enforcement and certificate of lawfulness appeals and she has promoted c.30 Local Plans through inquiries and hearings, as well as appearing for representors at Local Plan Examinations and DCO hearings. In 2016-18, she promoted a new motorway, the M4 Corridor around Newport ("M4 CaN"), for the Welsh Government at a public inquiry lasting a year into Schemes and CPOs and other Orders under the Highways Act and Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.

Morag has a very wide client base including : The Crown Estate, Welsh Government, Historic England, Homes England, the Mayor of London, Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation, London Boroughs and other Local Planning Authorities in England and Wales, statutory water and sewerage undertakers, Guy's and St Thomas's Hospital Foundation, Stowe School and commercial interests such as Taylor Wimpey, Bellway, Elysian, Summix, London Resort Company Holdings, Goldcrest, M&S, J Sainsbury, Cloud HQ, Martin Baker Ltd and Cleveland Potash Ltd.

Many of Morag's cases require her to master technical evidence.

For example, her residential planning work frequently involves consideration questions of daylight and sunlight and the relationship of new development to existing housing generally.

The M4 CaN project involved a vast array of technical subjects including traffic modelling, highway engineering, noise and air quality impacts on residential property as well as the broader environment.

She has recently appeared for the London Borough of Camden in planning appeals concerning, amongst other issues, air quality and noise / residential amenity in relation to a proposed school¹ and recent appeals for Taylor Wimpey concerned traffic modelling and issues of rat running in urban extension proposals². Morag appeared in the High Court for the London Borough of Camden defending a judicial review by local residents of its decision to approve a Construction Management Plan at 100 Avenue Road, Swiss Cottage, a major residential and commercial redevelopment of land including part of Swiss Cottage Underground Station³. Morag also appeared for LB Camden in an enforcement appeal concerning a Deliveroo "dark kitchen", where the main issues were smell, noise and highways impacts in relation to nearby residents.⁴ More recently, she has been advising promoters of a redevelopment scheme in Gray's Inn Road in relation to sensitive "agent of change" issues.

Morag's DCO work includes current promotions for Anglian Water Services in Cambridge and for London Resort Company Holdings at Swanscombe in Kent. Both of these nationally significant infrastructure projects include detailed technical evidence on many environmental matters including residential amenity, odour, air quality and traffic. Similarly, Local Plan promotion of a new Garden Community for a consortium of Summix, Homes England and Bellway at Worcester Parkway involves an understanding of all aspects of strategic town planning.

In addition to planning, Morag is very experienced in the fields of Commons and Town and Village Greens. Of particular relevance is her experience of chairing non statutory public inquiries into claimed TVGs. These involve hearing testimony from claimants, objectors and their witnesses, often running to 30 or more in number, then writing a report summarising the evidence and advising the Commons Registration Authority on the law in relation to the evidence in support of and against the claim. As these inquiries are non statutory, it is for the reporting "inspector" to set up procedure, ensuring that she obtains the relevant material in a way which is fair to all, and then producing a comprehensive and comprehensible report.

For the last 10 years, Morag has been a part time ecclesiastical judge. She was appointed Commissary General of the Diocese of Canterbury in 2011, Deputy Chancellor of the Diocese of Southwark in 2013 and as a Clergy

¹ APP/X5210/W/20/3248002 Appeal B: APP/X5210/Y/20/3248003 Former Hampstead Police Station, Rosslyn Hill, London NW3 1PD

² Hillborough and Bromsgrove appeals (decisions awaited)

³ R (oao. Sachs) v. LB Camden and Another. Morag is now instructed by LBC in an appeal under S.106B Town and Country Planning Act 1990 concerning the same site.

⁴ APP/X5210/C/18/3206954: Land at rear of 115-119 Finchley Road, NW3

Discipline Tribunals Chair in 2015. Last year, she was appointed by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York as the senior ecclesiastical judge in England, the Dean of the Arches and Auditor. In these roles, Morag has presided over hearings dealing with topics as diverse as unauthorised works to Grade 1 listed buildings, exhumations, discipline cases involving allegations of sexual impropriety and safeguarding issues as well as two cases on appeal in the Court of Arches. The recent case of *Re St Giles Exhall* [2021] EACC 1 concerned an Irish language inscription on a gravestone, received considerable press coverage and involved detailed consideration of the relationship of ecclesiastical law to the European Convention on Human Rights and the Equality Act 2010. The hearing made history as Morag directed it to be live streamed, following detailed consideration of the associated legal issues, to enable members of the public in England and Ireland to follow the proceedings on line during Lockdown. These jurisdictions require the judges to be active in case management to ensure proportionate disposal of cases, where the judge is often dealing with litigants in person without the assistance of counsel.

Morag is also a Church Commissioner and, in that capacity, sits on the Mission and Pastoral and Church Property Committee, determining disputed schemes for parish reorganisation. Sometimes these involve hearings with several witnesses and a major case, *Spring Park Croydon*, is pending which will involve allegations of racial discrimination.

Response

1. Whether you are available having regard to the timelines

Yes, but there is not sufficient information provided with the brief to make it possible to provide an absolute guarantee of production of the report by 12 November 2021. Whether it is achievable looks likely to depend on the extent of the administrative support provided and the cooperation of those involved in the process.

2. Your fees – *as above.*
3. Whether administrative, legal or other support is required. *Administrative support will certainly be required. There may also be a need for some legal support.*
4. A statement of your suitability: *The Audit Committee was explicit in wanting a leading planning legal expert and debated whether it should be a retired High Court Judge or a Queens Counsel.*

I have practised at the Planning Bar for 34 years, the last 12 years of which have been as Queen's Counsel. I have extensive experience working for and with local authorities on a wide range of planning and other matters.

I was appointed a member of the Adjudication Panel for England in 2002 and was responsible for chairing many hearings related to local government member misconduct. On the Panel's amalgamation into the Tribunal Service I became a Judge of the First Tier Tribunal and was Deputy Principal Judge of the First Tier Tribunal (Standards) until the abolition of the Local Government Act 2000 Standards Regime. In that role I chaired a number of high profile Tribunals involving allegations of member misconduct relating to planning matters. I remain a judge of the First Tier Tribunal (Environment and Community Rights).

5. Any initial thoughts on the scope and format of the investigation having regard to para 1.4 of the Audit Committee's decision above (accepting this will be a matter of more detail if appointed)

There is not enough information provided with the brief for it to be possible to give any meaningful initial thoughts on these matters.

Profile

- a) I have been instructed on many occasions to hold non-statutory public inquiries for local authorities (including concerning matters arising from the Highways Act 1980 and the Commons Act 2006). As part of these instructions, I have been required to formulate directions to achieve fair and efficient conduct of the inquiries. These inquiries tend to involve large numbers of members of the public, as participants, who have limited familiarity with the underlying legal principles and processes. This has required me to adopt a “hands-on” approach to ensure that all have a full and proper opportunity to participate and to make their contribution to the proceedings, and to ensure that the best evidence is secured.

 - b) I was appointed lead assistant boundary commissioner for the East Midland Region by the Boundary Commission for England. This required me to lead a team of assistant commissioners and support staff to carry out a review of the Parliamentary constituency boundaries for that Region. There was a substantial amount of written material to absorb and assess, as well as a requirement to conduct large scale public hearings which generated a considerable amount of interest. This again required a hands on approach to case management to ensure that the best evidence was obtained. At the conclusion of the evidence gathering process, I was required to produce a report and recommendation into changes to boundaries and to present this to the Commission.

 - c) I am a Recorder of the Crown Court and sit regularly as a Crown Court Judge, conducting jury trials, sentencing processes and discharging other business in the Crown Court.

 - d) In addition, I have approaching 30 years experience in specialist planning and local Government practice as a barrister, eleven of which have been in as a QC. My practice as a barrister involves working as part of a team. I am entirely comfortable in doing so and consider team work to be a considerable benefit in securing the best outcome in respect of any matter on which I am instructed.
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GREGORY JONES QC – FTB

Profile

Planning: Gregory is a leading QC with extensive experience in statutory planning, infrastructure and other public inquiries.

Public Law: Gregory has a very strong public law reputation and in 2015 Gregory was identified by *Legal Week* as the joint top barrister in terms of judicial review win rate.

Governance: Gregory has direct local government experience having been elected as an independent Alderman in the City of London.

- In 2015, Gregory was appointed by the Irish government to chair an independent review of An Bord Pleanála which reported in February 2016. The matter was high profile and politically controversial. The inquiry and report was widely acclaimed by all parties.
 - In 2021 Gregory was appointed by Derry City and Strabane Council to carry out an independent high level review of complaints of officer misconduct in the field of planning
 - In 2020 Gregory was appointed to the Standards Appeals Committee in respect of elected councillor misconduct in the City of London.
 - Since 2021 Gregory sits on the RTPI Appeal Committee for professional misconduct.
 - Gregory sat on the Professional Standards and Integrity Committee of the City of London Police Authority Board 2020/21.
 - Gregory is also a Deputy Chancellor (judicial office) in three dioceses in England.
 - In 2012 following an incident of sexual abuse Gregory was appointed by the chair of governors of an historic independent school to carry out a review of the incident and recommend changes in child protection policies and conduct.
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SUZANNE ORNSBY QC

Profile

Suzanne Ornsby QC specialises in planning law and has spent most of her career acting in three main capacities. Firstly, for local planning authorities in promoting their local plans and in defending their position at large public inquiries usually against volume housebuilders or land speculators. Secondly, for high end niche developers in promoting residential schemes in the countryside or on previously developed land at local plan or at appeal. Thirdly, for water utility companies mainly in promoting their water resource management plans and advising on drought planning and drought orders.

Suzanne has also been instructed on a number of other cases that are somewhat unusual and which are also identified below.

Suzanne is consistently recognised as a leader in this specialist field of work in the Legal 500, Legal Experts and in Chambers and Partners in which she is described as follows:

"An excellent advocate...who is able to marshal complex legal arguments in a palatable and convincing style, and achieves successful results." The Legal 500

"Rigorous and meticulous style" The Legal 500 "Great commercial advice and is a delight to work with" The Legal 500

"A highly proficient inquiry advocate at the planning bar". The Legal 500

She has also recently been involved in training planning Inspectors under the new Rosewell Procedure. She is a Bencher of the Middle Temple and chairs the Pupillage and Tenancy Committee in Chambers. Suzanne is a committee member of the Planning and Environment Bar Association, a member of UKELA, the Administrative Law Bar Association, the Compulsory Purchase Association; the Health and Safety Lawyers Association and the Criminal Bar Association.

Outside of her life at the Bar, Suzanne Ornsby QC is a governor at an independent school. As part of this role she conducts independent investigations into and determinations of complaints and disciplinary matters.

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Subject: FW: Brief for consideration

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2. Timeline and links
3. 2 exempt DCC reports

Please could you respond with the information requested in the brief, no later than close of business on Monday 26th July 2021.

Kind regards

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Sent: 26 July 2021 14:30
To: Marc Dorfman; Sharon Bridglalsingh
Subject: RE: [EXT] Re: [EXT] Re: [EXT] Re: 1 Yeomans Drive - Audit Committee resolution 6 July 2021

Hello Marc

'We Transfer' is not something that we use at MKC. We can use SharePoint if that works for you?

Kind regards

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From: Marc Dorfman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 26 July 2021 14:14
To: Sharon Bridglalsingh <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Anne Webster <[REDACTED]>
Subject: [EXT] Re: [EXT] Re: [EXT] Re: 1 Yeomans Drive - Audit Committee resolution 6 July 2021

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Dear Sharon and Anne, I will need a few more days to complete and send you all. Apologies.
I am aiming to send some, (core documents) and a contents list this eve/early tomorrow, and then the rest to follow.
In addition to sending you the first part by email/possibly by "we transfer", I am also putting the docs on to a "memory stick" for you.
(Are you able to receive "we transfer" electronic deliveries?)
Best wishes Marc
Marc Dorfman
Tel. [REDACTED]

On Tue, Jul 20, 2021 at 10:45 AM Sharon Bridglalsingh <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Okay.

Sharon Bridglalsingh

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From: Marc Dorfman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 20 July 2021 10:31
To: Sharon Bridglalsingh <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Anne Webster <[REDACTED]>
Subject: [EXT] Re: [EXT] Re: 1 Yeomans Drive - Audit Committee resolution 6 July 2021

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Dear Sharon and Anne,

It will be a mixture. I will get it delivered.

I will put what i can on a memory stick and as best i can produce an index.

I will then give you a written guarantee of deletion from my computer.

If i have any problems, i will be in touch.

Best regards

Marc

Marc Dorfman

tel. [REDACTED]

On Tue, 20 Jul 2021, 10:12 am Sharon Bridglalsingh, <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Marc,

Thank you. Is it paper documents or electronic or a mix?

If paper- do you want us to send for them?

Sharon

Sharon Bridglalsingh

Director, Law and Governance

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From: Marc Dorfman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 20 July 2021 08:03
To: Sharon Bridglalsingh <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Anne Webster <[REDACTED]>
Subject: [EXT] Re: 1 Yeomans Drive - Audit Committee resolution 6 July 2021

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Dear Sharon and Anne, I will aim to get you the documents by Friday 23rd/Monday 26th July.

Best regards

Marc

On Mon, 19 Jul 2021, 3:40 pm Sharon Bridglalsingh, <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hello Marc,

Hope you are well.

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Sharon

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From: Anne Webster
Sent: 21 July 2021 18:47
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Brief for consideration
Attachments: 1 Yeomans Drive Timeline and Links .docx; DCC December 2018 exempt.pdf; DCC March 2019 exempt.pdf; 21.07.2021_Brief to Counsel Letter.doc

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Kind regards

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[REDACTED]

From: Anne Webster
Sent: 29 July 2021 13:02
To: Claire Cox
Subject: FW: [EXT] SR00046356 has been resolved

Hi Claire

Please see below, the folder has now been created so if you would like to move the files there I will pick them up.

If you need me to convert to PDF and redact, please could you let me know what needs redacting?

Many thanks

Anne

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From: MKC IT Self Service <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 29 July 2021 12:33
To: Anne Webster <[REDACTED]>
Subject: [EXT] SR00046356 has been resolved

Dear Anne

Your Service Request : SR00046356 has recently been completed with the following details:

Requested folder created and secured 'O:\shared\1 Yeomans Drive'
To adopt new permissions, all users with access rights will need to logout and login again.

In 5 days time your call will be closed. However, if you feel that the solution provided has not resolved your issue, please contact us within 5 days and we can reopen the call.

Kind Regards

Your IT Support Team

[REDACTED]

From: Anne Webster
Sent: 23 July 2021 09:45
To: Sharon Bridglalsingh
Subject: FW: 1 Yeomans Drive - Audit Committee resolution 6 July 2021

Morning Sharon

Just checking if you have advised Claire on what you want her to send and how?

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From: Claire Cox <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 23 July 2021 09:41
To: Anne Webster <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Sharon Bridglalsingh <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: 1 Yeomans Drive - Audit Committee resolution 6 July 2021

Hi Anne

I have left you a couple of voicemails, please can you advise how you want this information sent to you when I've got clarity on content.

I am converting to PDF but they are not redacted and will need sorting before being sent.

Thanks

Claire Cox
Systems Manager (Planning)
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From: Claire Cox
Sent: 22 July 2021 10:21
To: Sharon Bridglalsingh <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Anne Webster <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: 1 Yeomans Drive - Audit Committee resolution 6 July 2021

Hi

Any update on what I need to be pulling out – I still have over 2,000 documents to go through and it would be better if I have a direction on what you want from me.

- All documents
- Info@Work documents
- All emails

- Blakelands search
- Dorfman search
- Yeomans Drive search
- Planning application number

Please can you come back to me to advise asap.

Many thanks

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Sent: 21 July 2021 14:03
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Cc: Anne Webster <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: 1 Yeomans Drive - Audit Committee resolution 6 July 2021

Do you have a contents list of what you have in categories?

Sharon Bridglalsingh
Director, Law and Governance

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Sent: 21 July 2021 12:03
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Cc: Anne Webster <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: 1 Yeomans Drive - Audit Committee resolution 6 July 2021

Hello Sharon

I have tried to contact Anne today to see if you can you please advise, is this all documentation I have on Blakelands (emails, documents, Info@Work, etc) or just between Mark Dorfman and myself.

I have quite a lot to go through and just wanted to clarify before I get to work on them.

Many thanks

Claire Cox
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Sharon

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[REDACTED]

From: Anne Webster
Sent: 29 July 2021 15:24
To: Claire Cox
Subject: RE: [EXT] SR00046356 has been resolved

Hi Claire

Are all the files in the 'Original Emails and Documents' folder also in the other folders under 'emails'/'review documents'/'FOI' etc or do they all need to be transferred into relevant folders? What is the reason for this separate folder?

From: Claire Cox <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 29 July 2021 13:17
To: Anne Webster <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: [EXT] SR00046356 has been resolved

Hi

I'm transferring 2,770 documents into that folder.

There may be duplicates but I've included:

- Emails
- Documents on L:drive MD had access to
- FOI documents
- Internal Review

This is everything I have on my system to do with Blakelands.

Many thanks

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I have managed to change some to PDF but a majority are not. Nothing has been redacted. There are some legal privilege emails within the documents.

All personal emails, addresses, phone numbers, legal privilege definitely needs redacting but I would speak with Laura Ward who can advise on what needs to be covered.

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Sent: 26 July 2021 16:48
To: Sarah Evans; Sharon Bridglalsingh; Anne Webster
Subject: RE: 1 Yeomans Drive - Audit Committee resolution 6 July 2021

Hi Sharon

I have been working through this and have the follow contents:

- Appeals
 - Appeal information
 - Legal documents
 - Payments
- FOI's
 - Legal Privilege
 - All documents in relation to the applications are that not public documents as per FOI request
- Internal Review
 - Internal review and FOI's contain the same information, some of this information may have been released to MD
- Emails sent to MD
 - All emails from myself to MD as To, CC, BCC
- Emails from MD
 - All emails from MD to myself as To, CC, BCC
 - I do not have contents of further communication between recipients and MD
- Data Requests from me to Colleagues
 - All emails from myself to colleagues requesting information for MD
- Internal Emails
 - Series of emails from colleagues to myself in response to data requests
- Info@Work
 - All documents in relation to the applications that are not public documents

I do not have these sorted by contents and most of these do cross over into the work supplied to MD.

I have been advised by IT today that the PDF's (only) I created, 1,196 documents (not the originals), have been corrupted so I am in the process of recreating these (PDF's), therefore, I cannot get these documents to you immediately. I will get these to you as soon as I can.

These pdf's are not redacted.

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Sent: 23 July 2021 14:30
To: Sharon Bridglalsingh <[REDACTED]> Claire Cox <[REDACTED]>

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Hi Sharon.

Likewise, I don't know the breadth of information because of course I have not been party to it. However Claire and I will discuss some categories for filing the information she has. I expect they are likely to be broad and I also expect it will take Claire some time to do this if we work on the basis that she needs to categorise everything she has.

Presumably there is some flexibility over timescales to allow her to do this? (i.e. I'm not sure she will be able to get this done by very early in the week)

Sarah

From: Sharon Bridglalsingh <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 23 July 2021 13:58
To: Claire Cox <[REDACTED]> Anne Webster <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Sarah Evans <[REDACTED]>
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Claire,

I have been thinking about this. It is hard for me to tell you what to send me when I don't have a grasp of what you hold. Is it possible for you and Sarah to work up broad categories? When the legal expert is then appointed next week, I can ask them what they want to see.

Sharon

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Hi Claire

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Anne

From: Claire Cox <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 28 July 2021 17:38
To: Anne Webster <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Sharon Bridglalsingh <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: 1 Yeomans Drive - Audit Committee resolution 6 July 2021

Hi Anne

I have all the documents ready to transfer over. Can you please advise how you would like these sent across.

Do you have a folder on the Common Drive. There are quite a lot.

I have not converted to PDF's as my Kofax isn't working, IT are looking into it so they would need converting and redacting. There are also some legal privilege (FOI) emails within the folders which would need assessing also.

I have numbered the documents so that any attachments can be matched to the original email / document. (eg. 1201 – original email, 1201a, 1201b – attachments) it should help with identifying where they belong.

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Sent: 23 July 2021 13:58
To: Claire Cox; Anne Webster
Cc: Sarah Evans
Subject: RE: 1 Yeomans Drive - Audit Committee resolution 6 July 2021

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To: Anne Webster
Subject: 1 Yeomans Drive AC resolution 6 July 2021
Attachments: 1 Yeomans Drive Timeline and Links .docx; 1 Yeomans Drive Initial brief for availability and cost .docx; DCC December 2018 exempt.pdf; DCC March 2019 exempt.pdf

Anne,

As discussed please find attached to be sent out to Chambers today please:

1. Brief (letterhead)
2. Timeline and links
3. The two attached exempt reports

Can you please put the brief on my letter head and insert next Wednesday's date and refer to the date in your covering email please.

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Note: Recordings are available for all meetings

11 May 2017 Development Control Committee (Initial Application - 16/03023/FUL - At Blakelands 1, Yeomans Drive, Blakelands)

Initial Application, additional condition in respect of HGV operating hours added to Officer recommended conditions

[Officer report](#)

[Minutes of DCC 11 May 2017](#)

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[Transcript of Debate](#)

8 NOVEMBER 2018 – RESUBMISSION OF ORIGINAL BLAKELANDS APPLICATION WITH INFORMATION ABOUT THE MISSING CONDITIONS

Paragraph 5.2 of the report mentions the conditions having been missed off the original decision notice

[Officer report](#)

Minutes – Committee resolved to seek revocation of the extant Planning Permission (with missing conditions)

[Minutes DCC 8 November](#)

6 DECEMBER 2018 DCC Urgent Item (Taken under Part two)

Report for Part 2 – main report not available on Public Access – Developer of Warehouse refused to sign s106 – actions proposed

[Published public report](#)

Minutes

[Minutes DCC 6 December 2018](#)

10 JANUARY 2019 - DCC

Committee receives update on the status of the s106 order and also lighting condition.

[Officer report](#)

Committee consider options for revoking original permission and seeking 'out of time' judicial review

[Minutes DCC 10 January 2019](#)

5 MARCH 2019 – AUDIT COMMITTEE

Committee considers a report in respect of the self-referral by Development Control Service in respect of the Blakelands errors

[Officer Covering report](#)

[Report from External Auditors Ernst and Young](#)

Minutes – Committee advised that the Audit Service had been made aware of further issues and the Committee agreed to have an independent investigation into Blakelands and wider planning issues

[Minutes Audit Committee](#)

[Decision sheet](#)

7 MARCH 2019 – DCC – Confidential Item – Report attached

Questions received from Blakelands Residents (referred to in minutes) and a confidential Item taken – Legal Opinion on pursuing s106 order etc. David Elvin QC

[Officer covering report](#)

[Minutes DCC 7 March 2019](#)

4 APRIL 2019 – DCC

Committee to determine a new application in respect of Blakelands and advised to rescind decision of 8 November 2018 as the s106 had still not been signed, this new application would include a unilateral undertaking not to use original 2017 permission and would include s106

[Officer report](#)

Minutes – amended conditions proposed at meeting in respect of lighting

[Minutes 4 April 2019](#)

4 JULY 2019 – DCC

Report setting out advice to withdraw s106 order, withdrawal agreed by Committee

[Officer report](#)

Minutes

[Minutes 4 July 2019 - DCC](#)

30 JULY 2019 – AUDIT COMMITTEE

Report giving details of appointment of the Independent reviewer, setting out the scope of the enquiry and details of known interested parties and the questions they seek to have answers to.

[Officer report](#)

[Minutes of Audit Committee 30 July 2019](#)

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5 SEPTEMBER 2019 – DCC

Reports – application for an Electrical Transformer housing at Blakelands

Application for Minor Material Amendment – Modification of Kerblin

[Electrical Transformer Housing](#)

[Minor Material Amendment](#)

[Minutes of Meeting DCC 5 September 2019](#)

12 NOVEMBER 2020 – AUDIT COMMITTEE

Report – update on progress of the independent report and provisional expectation for 16 November 2020 completion

[Officer report](#)

[Minutes of Audit Committee 12 November 2020](#)

[You Tube Broadcast of meeting](#)

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1 DECEMBER 2020 – AUDIT SPECIAL MEETING - Audit Review of Preliminary Findings of The M Dorfman Report on Warehouse Redevelopment at 1 Yeomans Drive, Blakelands

[Agenda and Reports](#)

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22 March 2021 – Audit Committee Special Meeting - Audit Review of Preliminary Findings of The M Dorfman Report on Warehouse Redevelopment at 1 Yeomans Drive, Blakelands

[Agenda and reports](#)

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[YouTube broadcast](#)

6 JULY 2021 – Special Audit Committee Meeting – Noted the resignation of the independent Investigator and decision to appoint QC or Retired High Court Judge to conduct a review

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Importance: High

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Cornerstone Barristers – response from Steven Gasztowicz QC below

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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RESPONSES TO BRIEF

STEVEN GASZTOWICZ QC – Cornerstone Barristers

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I have prepared a short note addressing the questions you asked so far as I can, and also attempting to give some guidance as far as possible, as well as my reasons for the concern I have just set out. I am, of course, happy for you to share it with the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Audit Committee or anyone else as you feel fit, together with this e-mail.

All best wishes,

Steven Gasztowicz QC

Possible Milton Keynes Inquiry into Matters relating to the 1 Yeomans Drive Development Suitability:

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2. [REDACTED] if I took on this inquiry it would take priority over all other work, to enable completion as soon as possible.

Timescale:

3. I appreciate everyone involved wants a resolution to this matter as soon as possible. However they need to have confidence in the process and the proper basis for conclusions. It is not possible to say when a report following all necessary investigation would be feasible for delivery without first determining the scope of the inquiry and what needs to be inquired into.

Agreeing to an arbitrary date risks a report being prepared to meet the date which is not based on doing all that is necessary, or the date being missed to everyone's disappointment later on. To do so knowing that would involve an element of subterfuge, at least unless made known and accepted by interested parties in advance. I would not be prepared to agree to an artificial date such as that currently referred to without very good reason.

Fees would be charged [REDACTED] work. It is not possible to give an estimate of the overall fee without knowing more about the scope of the work involved.

Scope:

4. My provisional view is that the inquiry should basically cover anything anyone wants enquired into in connection with the warehouse planning permission that can reasonably be inquired into by such an inquiry which has not already been dealt with satisfactorily. I am unable to be more specific at present and need to keep an open mind.

I would need to ascertain this by written representations on what people want considered followed by at an early formal pre-inquiry meeting with all relevant parties, to be conducted in a suitable meeting room.

Following that meeting, I will set down the scope of the inquiry and the issues to be considered, laying down a timetable for the conduct of it.

It would be helpful to have, without prejudice to the results of this process, a succinct list of generic issues raised to date, which are considered not to have not already been satisfactory dealt with by the Dorfman report, which might be considered by parties as suitable for investigation and report, to be added to or altered following submissions and the pre-inquiry meeting. This may assist in informing at least a provisional assessment of timescale and fees.

5. Procedure:

It seems likely (again without prejudicing ultimate decisions on procedure) that I would want to lay down a timetable for submission of documents and written statements and representations followed by a public hearing effectively with witnesses, and inquisitorial in nature.

I anticipate having the ability to make any other enquiries I wish, including interviewing anyone of relevance and calling for and inspecting any necessary documents.

Constraints:

6. I do not know how many of the relevant people involved with decision-making and processing relating to this matter are still with the Council or how many people who are not will be prepared to co-operate in giving evidence or documentation.

Inability to require witnesses to give evidence or produce documents will be a significant constraint, as will any lack of involvement of the developers.

It is important for all involved to understand that anyone appointed can only operate within these constraints, and that conclusions could involve no conclusion being able to be made on a particular matter, though I would absolutely strive to reach firm conclusions wherever possible. Everything that could be done would have been done, which is what people would need to know.

Support:

7. A clerk would be required to, in particular, (a) receive, file and index relevant documents and prepare a logical bundle, (b) receive and index statements likewise, (3) organise speakers at the public hearing and make all necessary administrative arrangements, and (4) conduct any necessary correspondence, etc. This is akin to a programme officer at a planning inquiry, though the inquiry here will not be limited to the formal public hearing and the administrative support may extend to eg obtaining copies of further documents or making arrangements outside the hearing itself at my direction.

I do not at this stage anticipate legal or other professional support, although aside from the fact there are currently uncertainties as to scope etc as set out above, if at any time a need arose for specialist assistance in a particular field, I would need to be able to seek it. However, I have a wide background at the Bar going beyond just planning and property work and also on the Bench (where, in addition to being a deputy High Court Judge, I am also a part-time Crown Court judge) and will be better placed than most to deal with issues that arise.

8. I would need to be instructed as soon as possible in order to report sooner rather than later. Formal terms would obviously need to be agreed first.

Steven Gasztowicz QC

18th July 2021

Profile

Steven has experience of a wide range of work, and provides authoritative and practical advice, as well as representation, particularly in the following areas:

- Property: rights of way, restrictive covenants, adverse possession, proprietary estoppel, trusts, highways, trespass, drainage law, nuisance claims, and commercial landlord and tenant
- Planning: planning and local plan inquiries, enforcement proceedings, statutory appeals, s106 obligations, ancillary rights, injunctions, and all other planning and planning-related work
- Public law: statutory powers, conduct matters, judicial review, and case stated, statutory, and other appeals
- Commercial and regulatory: contract, negligence and professional negligence, breach of statutory duty, misrepresentation, company, and regulatory matters

His breadth of knowledge enables him to deal with matters crossing different fields, as well as those within individual practice areas. He works flexibly and quickly.

Steven appears before the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeal, the High Court (both the Chancery and Queen's Bench Divisions, including the Administrative Court), county courts, and planning inspectors. He also appears before other tribunals, ranging from those dealing with property matters to disciplinary and other bodies.

He is the author of the recently published second edition of Professor Scamell's renowned text on *Land Covenants*, which has been the leading work on the subject since the first edition in 1996. The book has been brought up to date and covers both restrictive and positive covenants, planning obligations, enforcing and discharging restrictions, and associated areas of law.

Steven also sits as a deputy High Court Judge in both the Queen's Bench and Chancery Divisions, and as a Recorder, dealing with criminal, civil, and specialist chancery matters. He is also a qualified arbitrator.

Associations

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 - Planning & Environment Bar Association
 - National Infrastructure Planning Association
 - Compulsory Purchase Association
 - Constitutional & Administrative Law Bar Association
 - Chancery Bar Association
 - Professional Negligence Bar Association
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TIMOTHY STRAKER QC – 4-5 Grays Inn Square

Dear Ms Bridglalsingh

Re: PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

I am writing to you in respect of your email enquiry to chambers by your colleague, Ms Anne Webster dated 21st July 2021 timed at 18:47.

I am pleased to request that Mr Timothy Straker QC of these chambers be considered for this appointment and as requested respond to you as follows: -

1. Timelines: The requirement is for a report by 12 November 2021. This requirement can be met. Mr Straker works efficiently and can absorb substantial amounts of information speedily. He is not away in August or September and sees no difficulty in meeting the required timelines.
2. Fees: This is probably best done on an hourly basis. Mr Straker recently did an investigation for Plymouth City Council where his rate [REDACTED] together with all necessary expenses. This can be discussed as necessary.
3. Administrative and other support: Mr Straker will secure that his report is typed up by his secretarial support but he would welcome support in securing submissions were made to him and arranging any interviews he has to undertake together with a note taker, if appropriate. He would welcome hard copies of the relevant documents, appropriately arranged, being delivered [REDACTED] He doubts he need particular legal support save for being instructed in the ordinary way by the solicitor to the Council. He would expect to be able to talk from time to time to his instructing solicitor to assist in the smooth running of the investigation.
4. Suitability: Mr Straker is a highly experienced planning silk, having been a QC for more than 25 years. He is a deputy High Court judge specially authorised to hear planning cases (and other cases in the Queen's Bench Division). He has been such a judge for something approaching 15 years. He is also a judge of the Court of Appeal of the Falklands, which court sits in London (at equivalent level to the English Court of Appeal). Mr Straker has undertaken various inquiries for local authorities including Plymouth City Council, Devon County Council and the East Riding of Yorkshire Council. He has extensive knowledge of local government law and has sat as an election commissioner, which can involve (and did for a 25 day case) involve presiding over an inquisitorial (inquiry type) process. Mr Straker's decision was challenged but upheld in the High Court.
5. Format: Mr Straker would expect that written submissions or observations could be followed by interviews (as necessary) by Mr Straker, which he would expect to undertake in Milton Keynes.

If you have any further questions or queries, then please don't hesitate to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you with your confirmation of Mr Straker QC's appointment. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

David Penson

Clerk to Mr Timothy Straker QC

AUDIT COMMITTEE

DECISIONS / ACTIONS – 6 JULY 2021

Present:	Councillors Baume, K Bradburn (Substituting for Councillor Crooks), Gilbert, Hussain, Minns, Montague (Chair), Rankine, Verma Wardle and Mr I Farookhi (Independent member) Ms T Aldworth (Deputy Chief Executive), Ms S Bridglalsingh (Director for Law and Governance), D Wilkinson (Chief Internal Auditor), Mr P Thomas (Director for Planning, Strategic Transport and Placemaking), Mr P Brown (Head of Democratic Services) and D Imbimbo (Committee Manager).
Also present:	Councillors Carr and A Geary
Apologies:	Councillor Crooks

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER	SUBJECT AND DECISION	DECISION REFERRAL	PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTION
4a	<p>That the committee:</p> <p>1.1 Note the position in respect of the resignation of the Independent Investigator that occurred on 21 June 2021.</p> <p>1.2 Note the overshadowing, daylight and sunlight report from Point 2 (attached as Annex 1 to the Committee report), that the Committee had agreed should be commissioned to support the Independent Review.</p> <p>1.3 Ask the Director of Law and Governance in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chairs of the Audit Committee to appoint a suitable QC or Retired High Court Judge, together with appropriate investigative support and appropriate programme resource to take forward and complete the Independent Investigation into the Warehouse Development at 1 Yeomans Drive.</p>		Director for Law and Governance

	<p>1.4 Agree that the appointed person would be responsible for the scope, conduct and rules of engagement, in consultation with members of the Audit Committee, including a call for evidence and submissions from interested parties, including Councillors, with the outcome being reported back no later than mid November 2021. The format should be independent of the Council and follow consultation with members of the Audit Committee and Blakelands Residents.</p> <p>1.5 All officer interaction relating to this enquiry, including its establishment, must be available for public scrutiny.</p>		
4b	<p>That the committee:</p> <p>1.1 Notes the background, scope and progress made on the Interim Improvement Plan (IIP) projects during its first year, overseen by the Planning Improvement Board (PIB).</p> <p>1.2 Supports the continuing evolution of the IIP for the Planning Service under the direction of the PIB and the actions it has prioritised.</p> <p>1.3 Recognises a need to better articulate the work of the PIB to Councillors and the Public. It is a critical part in improving the planning service and it is essential that changes are transparent and open to scrutiny.</p> <p>1.4 Requests the report be sent to DCC for their consideration.</p>		Director for Planning, Strategic Transport and Placemaking

Recording of the meeting: This meeting was livestreamed on to YouTube. A recording of the is available

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From: Sharon Bridglalsingh
Sent: 20 July 2021 11:01
To: Anne Webster
Subject: FW: 1, Yeomans Drive development
Attachments: Cornerstone.jpg; C&P 2020 - set logo 10.jpg; uk_top_tier_set_2020 50.jpg; Living Wage Foundation.PNG; Twitter 50.png; LinkedIn 20.jpg; MK1.docx

Hello,

We will need to start compiling the replies so it is ready to go as one document to the Chairs and Vice Chairs on Thursday.

Can you please start that document with Steven's reply- his email, the attachment and his profile as per link: [Cornerstone Barristers](#) | [Steven Gasztowicz QC](#) including the introduction, the profile information and the associations please

Sharon

Sharon Bridglalsingh
Director, Law and Governance

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From: Steven Gasztowicz QC <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 19 July 2021 09:28
To: Sharon Bridglalsingh <[REDACTED]>
Subject: [EXT] 1, Yeomans Drive development

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Dear Sharon,

Thank you for your enquiry relating to investigating and reporting on the 1, Yeomans Drive development.

I have spent quite a bit of time over the weekend looking at and thinking about this. This has included much of the latest You Tube video of the Audit Committee, the conduct of which I was most impressed by, if I may say so. I would only be prepared to take this on if I could be sure I could do a first class job, however, and have one serious concern to raise.

At the moment, whilst you have a definite end date of 12th November, there are uncertainties in my mind about the time the work will take and I would not wish to take something on which everyone would be disappointed by before the report was published because it was late, or alternatively was rushed out on time but satisfied no-one because it was insufficient. This is particularly so since the scope of the inquiry is presently unknown.

[REDACTED]

From: Hannah Minns
Sent: 15 July 2021 18:54
To: Sharon Bridglalsingh; Leo Montague; Dan Gilbert
Cc: Dino Imbimbo; Peter Brown; Janet Kealey; Anne Webster
Subject: Re: Audit Committee resolution - 1 Yeomans Drive

Sharon

Thanks for this and sorry for the delayed response.

I am happy with the information provided to the three chambers and I will be available next Friday to review the responses.

Kind regards

Hannah

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Cc: Dino Imbimbo <[REDACTED]>; Peter Brown <[REDACTED]>
Janet Kealey <[REDACTED]>; Anne Webster <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: Audit Committee resolution - 1 Yeomans Drive

Chair and Vice Chairs,

I am very aware of consulting you on this appointment and I note there has been no response to my email below.

As such, I have asked for the brief to be sent to three different barrister's Chambers this afternoon asking for a reply as indicated below.

I also asked how you were fixed next Friday to review the Responses? Anne will be in touch to set something up.

Sharon

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From: Sharon Bridglalsingh

Sent: 13 July 2021 11:40

To: Leo Montague [REDACTED]; Dan Gilbert <[REDACTED]>; Hannah Minns [REDACTED]

Cc: Dino Imbimbo [REDACTED]; Peter Brown <[REDACTED]>; Janet Kealey <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Audit Committee resolution - 1 Yeomans Drive

Chair and Vice Chairs,

Further to my email below, please find attached a brief and timeline to be sent to Chambers asking for availability, costs, suitability and initial ideas on scope, conduct etc.

Note that this is just an initial brief. It therefore balances giving enough information for the quote but not too much as at this point they just need the flavour with some detail. Whomever is appointed will of course be furnished with much more.

Can I ask you to let me know your thoughts on the attached and any steer generally by start of Thursday so we can send this out to Chambers by midday. We can ask for a week turnaround. How are you all fixed for a meeting next Friday to go through the responses?

Note:

1. In relation to the final brief: I am starting to compile that for example we will be asking Mr Dorfman to send all information he has back to us.
2. I am also thinking about updating residents once I send the brief out on Thursday and asking their ideas on how they should be consulted about the scope
3. When we called around Chambers – there were some that said that retired Judges has come back into practice and I am hoping we get a good response.

Sharon

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Sent: 06 July 2021 21:52

To: Sharon Bridglalsingh <[REDACTED]> Dan Gilbert <[REDACTED]> [REDACTED]; Hannah Minns <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Dino Imbimbo <[REDACTED]>; Peter Brown [REDACTED]; Janet Kealey <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Re: Audit Committee resolution - 1 Yeomans Drive

Thank you Sharon

From: Sharon Bridglalsingh <[REDACTED]>

Sent: 06 July 2021 21:12

To: Leo Montague [REDACTED]; Dan Gilbert [REDACTED]
Hannah Minns <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Dino Imbimbo [REDACTED]; Peter Brown [REDACTED];
Janet Kealey [REDACTED]
Subject: Audit Committee resolution - 1 Yeomans Drive

Chair and Vice Chairs,

Further to tonight's resolution, I will give some consideration to the brief that needs to be sent to various Chambers and explore how to canvass retired Judges as well.

I anticipate sharing something with you by Monday next week if not before. I hope that's okay.

Sharon

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From: Claire Cox
Sent: 28 July 2021 17:38
To: Anne Webster
Cc: Sharon Bridglalsingh
Subject: RE: 1 Yeomans Drive - Audit Committee resolution 6 July 2021

Hi Anne

I have all the documents ready to transfer over. Can you please advise how you would like these sent across.

Do you have a folder on the Common Drive. There are quite a lot.

I have not converted to PDF's as my Kofax isn't working, IT are looking into it so they would need converting and redacting. There are also some legal privilege (FOI) emails within the folders which would need assessing also.

I have numbered the documents so that any attachments can be matched to the original email / document. (eg. 1201 – original email, 1201a, 1201b – attachments) it should help with identifying where they belong.

Thanks

Claire Cox
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Sent: 23 July 2021 09:41
To: Anne Webster <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Sharon Bridglalsingh <[REDACTED]>
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From: Claire Cox
Sent: 22 July 2021 10:21

To: Sharon Bridglalsingh <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Anne Webster <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: 1 Yeomans Drive - Audit Committee resolution 6 July 2021

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Please can you come back to me to advise asap.

Many thanks

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To: Claire Cox <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Anne Webster <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: 1 Yeomans Drive - Audit Committee resolution 6 July 2021

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From: Sarah Evans
Sent: 23 July 2021 14:30
To: Sharon Bridglalsingh; Claire Cox; Anne Webster
Subject: RE: 1 Yeomans Drive - Audit Committee resolution 6 July 2021

Hi Sharon.

Likewise, I don't know the breadth of information because of course I have not been party to it. However Claire and I will discuss some categories for filing the information she has. I expect they are likely to be broad and I also expect it will take Claire some time to do this if we work on the basis that she needs to categorise everything she has.

Presumably there is some flexibility over timescales to allow her to do this? (i.e. I'm not sure she will be able to get this done by very early in the week)

Sarah

From: Sharon Bridglalsingh <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 23 July 2021 13:58
To: Claire Cox <[REDACTED]> Anne Webster <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Sarah Evans <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: 1 Yeomans Drive - Audit Committee resolution 6 July 2021

Claire,

I have been thinking about this. It is hard for me to tell you what to send me when I don't have a grasp of what you hold. Is it possible for you and Sarah to work up broad categories? When the legal expert is then appointed next week, I can ask them what they want to see.

Sharon

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From: Anne Webster
Sent: 23 July 2021 11:03
To: Sharon Bridglalsingh
Cc: Becky Lovelock
Subject: RE: Call from Paul Coveney, FTB Chambers ref 1 Yeomans

Importance: High

Hi Sharon

Paul has just called me. He had a couple of questions that I think I was able to help with (whether the quote for fees should be hourly/daily or for the whole piece. I said hourly/daily as that's what we have had from others) and whether we wanted a planning specialist – I said I thought so, yes)

But there are other more specific questions he needs to ask you that I was unable to answer and he is conscious of the timeframe so would like to speak to you asap please?

Thank you

From: Sharon Bridglalsingh <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 22 July 2021 20:44
To: Becky Lovelock <[REDACTED]>; Anne Webster <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Call from Paul Coveney, FTB Chambers ref 1 Yeomans

Thanks just seeing this and will call him tomorrow

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From: Becky Lovelock <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, July 22, 2021 5:06:55 PM
To: Sharon Bridglalsingh <[REDACTED]> Anne Webster <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Call from Paul Coveney, FTB Chambers ref 1 Yeomans

Hi

Just taken a call on Sharon's line from the above – he wanted to talk to either of you as he had some queries. Could you please give him a call on [REDACTED]

Kind regards
Becky

Becky Lovelock
Senior Executive Officer to the Chief Executive

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