

**Joint Report of the Director of Legal & Administrative Services and  
the Director of Planning & Community Development**

**COUNSEL AND PLANNING ADVICE – TEMPLE LAKE APPEALS**

1. Purpose of report

To seek an amendment to the allocation granted towards the cost of authorising the appointment of Ian Dove QC and David Tyldesley, planning consultant, to act on behalf of the Council at the forthcoming Temple Lake inquiry. This is in accordance with the Council's key objective and aim of providing high quality services.

2. Background

Cabinet received a report on 29 May 2007 where funding of £15,000 was approved in order that Messrs Dove and Tyldesley should represent the Council at the forthcoming inquiry. It has also been resolved since that date that the Council should proceed no further in opposing the appeal of Mr Singh against the refusal of the 2006 application. However, this is not likely to foreshorten the estimate of time allocated by the Planning Inspectorate for the inquiry.

3. Financial implications

The previous cabinet report made reference to quotations being sought and as such the forecast costs at that time were prior to any detailed assessment by the proposed appointed representatives.

Ian Dove QC and David Tyldesley have now had the opportunity to review the likely work involved in representing the Council such that the best estimate of likely costs (including any consultations prior to the inquiry) is now felt to be £31,500. A supplementary revenue estimate is therefore requested in respect of the additional £16,500. £108,500 remains available within revenue contingencies, subject to other reports on this agenda, which could be used to fund this increase.

**Recommendation**

**The cabinet is asked to RESOLVE that a supplementary revenue estimate of £16,500 be approved to cover the cost of retaining advocacy and planning consultant's assistance on behalf of the Council at the forthcoming Temple Lake inquiry, with funding to be provided from within the Council's revenue contingency.**

Background papers

Nil