

11th December 2019

REPORT OF GENTOO

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The following report provides an update from Gentoo for the West Area Committee from June 2019 to December 2019.

2 Background

- 2.1 Area Committee agreed that regular updates from Gentoo would be presented to each Committee meeting to enable members to be up-to-date on current Gentoo developments, projects and priorities.

3. Changes to Neighbourhood Services

- 3.1 From Thursday 2 January 2020 we are changing the way we deliver some of our services. Our local office opening hours are changing slightly. Offices will be open from:
- 9:00am to 4:00pm Monday to Thursday
 - 9:00am - 12 noon on Friday

As a result of a change to our office opening hours, we will also be changing our HomeHunt allocations advertising cycle. Properties will now be advertised from 2:00pm on Wednesday until 12 noon the following Wednesday. Customers can still make up to five bids per week.

4. Investment & Renewal

- 4.1 Work has now commenced on Pennywell Estate at Chester Gate. The masterplan for the development features 500 new homes which will be available to both buy and rent, with the scheme worth around £74m in total over the lifetime of the development programme. The first phase comprises 118 new homes all for sale. Sunderland City Council has commenced works to the new access road into the development from Chester Road and Gentoo has commence groundworks to phase 1. We aim to commence construction on site from March 2020.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 Note the content of this report.

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