

Item 07 - Meeting Point Update

The attached report was considered by the Improvement & Innovation Advisory Committee on 27 June 2023. The relevant Minute extract is below.

Improvement & Innovation Advisory Committee (27 June 2023, Minute 10)

The Strategic Head for Commercial & Property presented the report, which updated the Committee on the 27 - 37 High Street and the Swanley Meeting Point development. The business hub was operational, with two offices occupied in long-term hires from local businesses, and there had been several inquiries into letting office and hot-desk space. The Housing Team was working to place residents in their new homes. The project had been delivered within budget, despite issues with utility providers and the pandemic. The Officer gave a presentation highlighting the improvement to the area as a result of the development.

In response to questions, it was clarified that the office rates were favourable and competitive within the market, making the space available for non-profits and charities to use. The site incorporated many green development elements, including air source heat pumps and building fabric that provided enhanced insulation.

Resolved: that the delivery of 17 new affordable homes and a new business hub in Swanley be noted.