



NOTICE OF MEETING

CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING

TUESDAY, 14 JULY 2015 AT 5.30 PM

EXECUTIVE MEETING ROOM - THE GUILDHALL - FLOOR 3

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Councillor Yahiya Chowdhury, Labour

Councillor Matthew Winnington, Liberal Democrat

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AGENDA

1 Apologies for Absence

2 Declaration of Interests

3 Hawthorn Crescent Balconies (Pages 1 - 6)

The report by the Head of Property & Housing seeks permission to go out to tender and appoint a contractor to undertake planned maintenance works to 8 blocks of flats located within Hawthorn Crescent, Cosham. The works are required to ensure the safety and integrity of the buildings, reduce their on-

going maintenance and improve the living environment for residents.

RECOMMENDED:

- (1) That approval be given to tender the works based on a budget estimate of £1 million, inclusive of fees.**
- (2) That following a full tender evaluation authority to enter into contract with the preferred bidder is delegated to the Director of Property and Housing.**

4 Admiral Blocks Refurbishment (Pages 7 - 14)

The report by the Head of Property & Housing seeks permission to go out to tender and appoint a contractor to undertake planned maintenance works to 7 blocks of flats in the Portsea area of Portsmouth. The works are required to ensure the integrity of the buildings, reduce their on-going maintenance and improve the living environment for residents.

RECOMMENDED:

- (1) That approval be given to tender the works based on a budget estimate of £1.65 million, inclusive of fees.**
- (2) That following a full tender evaluation authority to enter into contract with the preferred bidder is delegated to the Director of Property and Housing.**

5 Retaliatory Evictions - notice of motion - Deregulation Act 2015 and the implications to the private rented sector (Pages 15 - 20)

The purpose of the report by the Head of Property and Housing is to consider a motion referred from Council concerning retaliatory evictions in the private rented housing sector. On 17th March 2015 Council referred to Housing Cabinet a motion proposed by former Councillor Michael Andrewes and seconded by former Councillor Leo Madden concerning retaliatory evictions in the private rented housing sector.

RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet Member for Housing:

- (1) Agrees to use Flagship to highlight and publicise legislative changes designed to prevent retaliatory evictions.**
- (2) Asks officers to work with tenants and landlords to practically implement the changes and improvements to tenants' rights on retaliatory evictions when they become law on 1st October 2015.**

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