



Portsmouth
CITY COUNCIL

NOTICE OF MEETING

EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR HOUSING

THURSDAY 19 JULY 2007 AT 4 PM

**EXECUTIVE ROOM, FLOOR 3, GUILDHALL,
PORTSMOUTH**

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(NB This Agenda should be retained for future reference with the Minutes of this meeting.)

AGENDA

1 Declaration of Members' Interests in accordance with Standing Order No 14

2 Choice Based Lettings

... The attached report by the Strategic Director for Health, Housing & Social Care sets out the case for withdrawing from the South Hampshire Choice Based Letting Scheme and seeks reports of the introduction of an alternative scheme offering an informed choice to applicants.

RECOMMENDED:

(1) That the Executive Member approve the decision to revise and improve its own allocations scheme in the light of the recent review of voids and withdraw from the South Hampshire Choice Based Lettings (CBL) Scheme;

(2) That approval be given to reducing the register for local authority and registered social landlords' homes in the city, was retaining information about other housing needs in the city.

3 Mobile Homes: Commission Rates

... The purpose of the attached report by the Head of Housing Management is to improve the income from the mobile home parks by reintroducing the

charging of commission on the mobile home sites. The income will be used for Housing Revenue Account services and will provide a valuable source of revenue. It is recommended that the charge commences at 7% rather than 10% because this mirrors private site commission rates.

RECOMMENDED that authority be given to commence charging commission at a rate of 7%.

4 Sustainable Communities Programme for the Directorate for Health, Housing & Social Care

... The attached report by the Corporate Initiative Manager gives an overview of the sustainability agenda and the programme which is currently being pursued in the Corporate Initiatives Team of the HHSC directorate. It also seeks commitment to supporting this work.

RECOMMENDED (1) that the report be noted;

(2) that the actions taken as part of the Sustainable Communities Programme for the HHSC Directorate Sustainable Communities Programme be supported in principle;

(3) that the HHSC budget principles be amended to reflect this work.

5 Supporting People Programme Update

... The purpose of the attached report by the Head of Community Housing is to provide an update on the progress made on ongoing issues within the Supporting People Programme in Portsmouth.

RECOMMENDED (1) that the Executive Member for Housing notes the progress made in implementing a range of improvements for the Supporting People Programme;

(2) that the Executive Member notes the ongoing issues currently being resolved.

6 Private Sector Housing Stock Condition and Regional Housing Board Funding

... The purpose of the attached report by the Head of Community Housing is to provide an update on the proposed changes for the allocation of funding for housing renewal. Also to advise of the need to carry out a private sector stock condition survey to inform the new Private Sector Housing Renewal Strategy and assess the progress towards providing decent homes for vulnerable residents.

RECOMMENDED that the Executive Member for Housing –

(1) Approves the commissioning of a comprehensive Private Sector

Stock Condition Survey and the use of the Building Research Establishment's Housing Stock Modelling Service;

- (2) Approves the submission of a bid to the Regional Housing Board for additional future funding for Housing Renewal.**
- (3) That delegated authority to agree the final details of, and to submit that bid , be given to the Head of Community Housing after consulting with the Executive Member and Opposition Spokesperson.**

7 Housing Investment Programme and Council Housing Repairs and Maintenance

A report by the Strategic Director for Health, Housing & Social Care and the Strategic Director for Corporate Resources and Services to follow; for approval by Council.

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