



Portsmouth
CITY COUNCIL

NOTICE OF MEETING

**HOUSING EXECUTIVE MEMBER'S
DECISION MEETING**

TUESDAY 18 MARCH 2008 AT 4 PM

**THE 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 Reviewing Portsmouth City Council's Affordable Housing Programme

... The attached report by the Head of Community Housing with its progress update focusing on the supply of new affordable housing, the recent increase in completions and forecast for the immediate future. The City Council approved its affordable housing strategy in July 2005, later updated in March 2007.

RECOMMENDED that the report be noted.

3 Homelessness Strategy

... The purpose of the attached report by the Housing Options Manager is to meet the requirement for the City Council to publish a revised homelessness strategy later in the year and a draft strategy has been produced by consultation with the stakeholders, with the involvement of Portsmouth Multi-Agency Homelessness Focus Group.

RECOMMENDED the Executive Member for Housing endorses the strategy.

4 Amendment to the Financial Assistance Policy for Private Sector Housing

... The report by the Housing Renewals Manager seeks approval to a number of amendments to the current policy that extends and refines the range of assistant packages to better meet the needs of residents and strategic objectives.

RECOMMENDED that the Executive Member agree the broader range of assistant packages to be introduced on the 1 April 2008, as detailed in Appendix A of the report.

5 Council Housing Maintenance and Improvements and Housing IT Business Software 2008/09

... The purpose of the attached report by the Strategic Director for Health, Housing & Social Care and the Strategic Director for Corporate Resources & Services informs members of the spending proposed for the next financial year for revenue and capital funded maintenance and improvement programmes, together with Housing IT Business Software, and seeks approval to incur expenditure in respect of the capital schemes and rolling programmes and to show how the budgets have been allocated on an area office basis.

RECOMMENDED (1) that the area programmes and allocation of finance for the funding of the revenue budgets for repairs and maintenance of dwellings be noted;

(2) that the capital budgets listed in Appendix B and Appendix C commencing in 2008/2009 be approved and the Local Authority Housing Manager be authorised under the Financial Rules of Section B14 to proceed with schemes within the funds approved;

(3) that the Strategic Director for Corporate Resources and Services' financial appraisal be approved for the capital programme – global provision.

6 Telecare in Portsmouth – 'Moving into the Mainstream'

... The attached report from the Health Improvement & Development Service outlines the current position of Telecare in Portsmouth and presents options for developing mainstream services.

RECOMMENDED (1) that the proposal outlined in the report to expand the use of Telecare including development of an in-house responder service be approved.

(2) authority be delegated to the Strategic Director for Health, Housing & Social Care in consultation with the Strategic Director for Corporate Resources & Services to implement the scheme and choose the best option for meeting customer demand.

- (3) the financial appraisal submitted by the Strategic Director for Corporate Resources & Services be approve.**
- (4) Initiate discussions with Portsmouth PCT regarding joint investment into the development of Telecare be started.**

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