



# NOTICE OF MEETING

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## **CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING - DECISION MEETING**

**TUESDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2009 AT 4 PM**

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

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### **AGENDA**

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

**2 John Pounds Development, Portsea**

... The purpose of the attached report by the Corporate Initiatives Manager within Community Housing is to provide information on the review of the whole development and seek approval to an Action Plan related to the development of the next stages.

**RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet Member for Housing –**

**(1) Approves the Action Plan attached at Appendix 3 of the report;**

**(2) Notes the arts and wellbeing project linking Portsea and Paulsgrove;**

**(3) Notes the plan update on capital expenditure and legal issues in the Action Plan.**

### **3 Housing Carbon Challenge Group Action Plan Update**

... The attached report by the Corporate Initiatives Manager (within Community Housing) updates on progress with the Action Plan since 18 July 2008 and in particular highlights resource issues.

**RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet for Housing –**

- (1) Notes the update, including the current review of the Housing Carbon Challenge Group Action Plan;**
- (2) Notes the resourcing issues are yet to be finalised for the satisfactory development and implementation of the HCCG Action Plan and that a further report will be made at a later decision meeting of the Cabinet Member for Housing.**

### **4 Annual Review of Charges Made for Mandatory Licensing, Enforcement Action and Non-Mandatory Inspections**

... The purpose of the attached report by the Head of Community Housing is to seek approval for the proposed increase to charges made for mandatory licensing of houses in multiple occupation (HMO), instigating enforcement action under the Housing Act 2004 and non-mandatory inspections.

**RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet Member for Housing –**

- (1) Agrees the increase in the fee to be charged for all licence applications under Part 2 of the Housing Act 2004 submitted, as shown in Appendix 1, from 1 April 2009;**
- (2) Agrees the increase in the charges made for undertaking enforcement action with regard to Part 1 of the Housing Act 2004, as shown in Appendix 2, from 1 April 2009;**
- (3) Agrees the increase in the charges made for undertaking non-mandatory inspections from £130 to £132 from 1 April 2009;**
- (4) Gives delegated authority to the Head of Community Housing to make any changes as a result of the City Council's local pay review and local government national pay award for 2008/09 in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and Opposition Spokespersons.**

### **5 Portsmouth Housing Market and the Economic Downturn**

... The purpose of the attached report by the Head of Community Housing is to present the latest available information on the state of Portsmouth's Housing Market as at the fourth quarter of 2008; a description that includes house completions as well as price data and to explain responses planned by the Government and its agencies, notably the Homes and Communities Agency.

**RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet Member for Housing –**

- (1) Notes the current situation with the housing market in Portsmouth;**
- (2) Notes the Government's current and proposed policy initiatives to stimulate national and local housing markets;**
- (3) Endorses the current market related activities by the City Council and seeks a further report from the Head of Community Housing on other proposals and support when details have been clarified with the Government, the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH), and other partners.**

## **6 Council Housing Budget for 2009/10**

The report by the Head of Financial Services will follow.

The City Council has delegated to the Cabinet Member for Housing the function of setting rents, charges and budgets for Council Housing. The purpose of this report is to recommend changes to Council housing ('housing revenue account' or HRA) rents and other charges and recommend approval to budgets of 2007/08 and 2008/09.

## **7 Housing Investment Programme HIP (2008/09 to 2014/15)**

The report by the Head of Financial Services will follow.

The main purpose of this report is to recommended for approval to Council the revised programmes for capital spending on Council and private housing proposed for 2007/08 and 2008/09 and to note the proposed programmes for 2009/10 to 2013/2014.