

NOTICE OF MEETING

CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING'S DECISION MEETING

TUESDAY 14 JULY 2009 AT 4.00 PM

EXECUTIVE MEETING ROOM, FLOOR 3, THE GUILDHALL, PORTSMOUTH

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Cabinet Member - Councillor Steven Wylie

Opposition Spokespersons - Councillor Jim Fleming and Councillor Jim Patey

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

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AGENDA

- 1 Declaration of Members' Interests**
- 2 Accreditation for Private Landlords and Letting Agents**

A report by the Housing Standards Manager will follow to provide further details on the new accreditation scheme in private landlords and letting agents in Portsmouth, including the proposed administration charge.

RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet Member for Housing

- (1) agrees to the administration charge for the accreditation scheme;**
- (2) gives delegated authority to the Head of Community Housing to review these costs on an annual basis and make changes accordingly.**

3 Sustainable Communities Programme Update

... The attached report by the Corporate Initiatives Manager (Community Housing) is to update on progress with the reviews of the John Pounds development and the approved Housing Carbon Challenge Action Plan, which forms part of the Sustainable Communities Programme of Community Housing.

RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet Member for Housing

- (1) notes the updates on the reviews of the John Pounds Development and the Housing Carbon Challenge Action Plan**
- (2) notes the comments made about the good practice already being demonstrated in Community Housing and Local Authority Housing.**
- (3) approves the retitling of the Action Plan to the “Greener Homes Strategy” as set out in Appendix 4.**
- (4) agrees that the strategy and its associated action plan be discussed, developed and implemented in association with external partners, including the Housing Partnership of the Local Strategic Partnership and that further reports on progress should be brought forward to future meetings.**
- (5) notes that funding for external resources is being investigated and that appropriate grant applications will be submitted, as set out in this report, including those seeking external funding for staff resources to support the objectives of the Greener Homes Strategy.**
- (6) agrees that joint projects and funding applications to support the objectives of the Greener Home Strategy should be pursued with other partners, including Portsmouth University.**
- (7) agrees that expenditure of £125K in accordance with the proposals set out in this report and attached Financial Appraisal (Appendix 6) be approved in principle, subject to the following:**
 - Authority to approve schemes within the approved expenditure above be delegated to the Head of Community Housing and Head of Financial Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing.**
 - All schemes must have a Financial Appraisal approved by the Section 151 Officer**
- (8) approves the Financial Appraisal attached.**

4 Housing Investment Programme (HIP) 2009/10 to 2015/16

A report by the Head of Financial Services will follow which will recommend for approval the revised programmes of capital spending on council and private housing proposed for 2009/10 and to note the proposed programmes for 2010/11 to 2015/16.

5 Council Housing Rent Reduction

A report by the Head of Financial Services will follow which will recommend a reduction in Council Housing rents from 5th October 2009.

6 Dates of Decision Meetings of the Cabinet Member for Housing

RECOMMENDED that the following timetable be agreed:

Decision meetings 4.00 pm

Briefings 9.00 am

16 September

2 September

10 November

27 October

2 February 2010

19 January 2010

16 March

2 March

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1 July 2009
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