

NOTICE OF MEETING

CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING'S DECISION MEETING

TUESDAY 16 MARCH 2010 AT 4.00 PM

EXECUTIVE MEETING ROOM, GUILDHALL

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Membership

Cabinet Member - Councillor Steven Wylie

Opposition Spokespersons - Councillor Jim Fleming and Councillor Jim Patey

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AGENDA

1 Declaration of Members' Interests

2 Continuous Improvement Status Report for the Housing Service

... The attached report by the Head of Local Authority Housing Management provides a status report on the Housing Service's progress in improving customer services as requested by the Cabinet Member for Housing. The Housing Service embarked on a series of intervention into various service delivery in 2007 in order to develop a method of continuous improvement that automatically takes into account customers' changing demands. This process

is still underway, however significant improvements in customer satisfaction have been achieved to date and the overall reduction in the levels of complaints is down significantly over that period. The report outlines the progress and improvements in customer service so far on some of the key delivery streams.

RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet Member for Housing notes the improvements made to the Housing Service over the last three years and continues to support this approach to continuous improvement.

3 Update on Portsmouth's Housing Market

... The attached report by the Head of Community Housing & Regeneration is to present the latest available information on the state of Portsmouth and South Hampshire housing markets as at the fourth quarter of 2009. It reviews not only residential purchase prices and the volume of transactions, but also demand for affordable housing (renting and purchase), the private rental market, and completions of new housing (affordable and market). Most data refers specifically to Portsmouth but some (mortgage lending for example) is national and others are either regional or sub-regional. The opportunity is also taken to report on the outcomes of government initiatives to stimulate housing markets that were launched over a year ago.

RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet Member for Housing

- (1) notes the current situation within the housing market in Portsmouth;**
- (2) notes current progress with various initiatives to stimulate housing markets.**

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

The report (to follow) gives further detail over the next seven financial years on both private & council housing for the planned capital expenditure approved by City Council on 9th February. It details the more significant changes to the programme since it was last approved in July 2009. It describes the changes brought about by the implementation of the new Corporate Capital Strategy from April 2010 and recommends a longer term approach for schemes supporting vulnerable people in private housing.

The main purpose of the report is to seek approval to the detailed programmes of capital spending on council and private housing, recommend a longer term approach to funding schemes supporting vulnerable people in private housing and to avoid having to pay over to the Government up to 50% of capital receipts from disposals of council housing assets.

5 Council Housing Maintenance and Improvements and Housing IT Business Software 2009/2010

The Council Housing Repairs & Maintenance Budgets for 2009/10 and 2010/11 were approved at the Full Council meeting on 9 February 2010.

The revised 2009/10 and 2010/11 Housing Investment Programme budgets together with the proposed programmes for 2011/12 to 2015/16 were approved by the City Council on 9 February 2010.

... The purpose of the attached report by the Head of Local Authority Housing Management is to inform 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 to seek 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, Appendix C and Appendix D commencing in 2010 / 2011 be approved and the Local Authority Housing Manager be authorised under Financial Rules, Section B14 to proceed with schemes within the sums approved;

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

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