

NOTICE OF MEETING

CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING - DECISION MEETING

TUESDAY 15 MARCH 2011 AT 4.00 PM

EXECUTIVE MEETING ROOM, FLOOR 3, THE GUILDHALL, PORTSMOUTH

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Membership

Cabinet Member - Councillor Steven Wylie

Opposition Spokespersons – Councillors Mike Park & Jim Patey

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AGENDA

1 Declaration of Members' Interests

2 Portsmouth Housing Market – Summarising Latest Trends

... The attached report by the Head of Community Housing & Regeneration provides an update on the main trends within the city's housing market in the closing months of the 2010-11 financial year.

RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet Member for Housing notes the trends as the background for Portsmouth City Council's involvement with Planning and providing housing and housing related services in Portsmouth.

3 Financial Assistance Policy for Private Sector Housing

... The attached report by Head of Community Housing & Regeneration seeks approval for the new financial assistance policy for private sector housing renewal in Portsmouth.

RECOMMENDED (1) that the 2001 financial assistance policy is agreed, and implemented from 1 April 2011 as detailed in Appendix 1;

(2) that receipts of loans provided prior to 1 April 2011 be offered the option of early repayment of their loan, by making either one-off payments or entering into an instalment arrangement;

(3) that the implementation and satisfaction with the take-up of the new assistance packages be reviewed after six months, and a further report be brought to a future meeting of the Cabinet Member for Housing.

4 Council Housing Maintenance and Improvements and Housing IT Business Software 2011/2012

... The attached report by the Head of Local Authority Housing Management sets out spending proposed for the next financial year for revenue and capital funded maintenance and improvement programmes together with housing IT business software and seek approval to incur expenditure in respect of the capital schemes and rolling programmes to show how the budgets have been allocated on area office basis. The council house repairs and maintenance budgets for 2010/11 and 2011/12 were approved at the full council meeting on 8 February 2011. Furthermore the revised 2010/11 and 2011/12 housing investment programme budgets and proposed programmes for 2013/14 to 2016/17 were also approved by the city council on 8 February 2011.

NB a full copy of the detailed improvements to each housing office area is on the website.

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

(2) that the capital budgets listed in Appendix B, Appendix C, Appendix D and Appendix E commencing in 2011/12 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 with the capital programme – global provision.