

HOUSING CABINET

RECORD OF DECISIONS taken by Councillor Steve Wylie as Cabinet Member for Housing at his decision meeting held on Tuesday 20 September 2011 at 4.00 pm in the Guildhall, Portsmouth.

Also present were party spokespersons Councillors Lee Mason and Jim Patey.

Councillor Wylie opened the meeting relaying his pleasure at being at the opening of the first council housing for over a decade earlier that day at Henrietta Place in Somerstown.

17 Declaration of Members' Interests (AI 1)

There were no declarations of members' interests.

18 Maxstoke Close, Rednal House, Cotteridge House Cladding and Associated Works 2011 (AI 2)

(TAKE IN REPORT BY THE HEAD OF HOUSING MANAGEMENT)

Meredydd Hughes reported on behalf of the Head of Housing Management regards essential structural repairs which had gone out to tender for the identified works and once completed these would continue to be monitored. In response to members' questions he confirmed that there would be further reports to the Cabinet Member for Housing on the forward programme of capital works, for which there was an identified programme for the next 12-18 months.

DECISIONS:

- (1) Approval was given to proceed with the works based on a budget estimate of £600,000 including a £120,000 allowance for contingencies/unforeseen works.**
- (2) That following a full tender evaluation, authority to enter into contract with the preferred bidder was delegated to the Head of Housing Management.**
- (3) That the financial appraisal was approved.**

19 Housing Investment Programme (HIP) 2011/12 to 2017/18 (AI 3)

(TAKE IN REPORT BY THE HEAD OF HOUSING MANAGEMENT, HEAD OF COMMUNITY HOUSING & REGENERATION AND SECTION 151 OFFICER)

Peter Pennekett presented the report which reflected the changes since the council budget had been set in February. A series of meetings had been held with residents to go through the details of the programme and funding sources. He drew members' attention to Appendix 5 which set out the significant changes since the budget had been set. Discussion took place with regard to the impact for the private sector renewals programme and

Appendix 7 set out implications of losing capital funding. It was reported that there was the need for a further report to the Cabinet Member for Housing in November and the subsequent council meeting. This report would coincide with the Capital Priorities report going to council. The HIP report included a programme to give financial commitment to private sector housing over the next two years, whereas there had previously been a seven year programme of investment.

RECOMMENDED to Council:

- i. That the detailed 2011/12 programme in the sum of £40.5 million be approved.**
- ii. That the current proposed programmes of £29.7 million, £31.8 million, £24.4 million, £23.0 million, £23.1 million and £23.6million for the six financial years 2012/13 to 2017/18 be noted.**
- iii. The Prudential Indicators for the Housing Revenue Account set out in Appendix 6 and the Budget Principles shown at Appendix 2 be approved.**
- iv. That for the purposes of the Local Authorities (Capital Finance) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 the City Council resolve to spend up to £20 million on affordable housing each year between 2011/12 and 2013/14. Furthermore that the capital receipts arising in each year from the disposal of surplus HRA assets be used 100% for the provision of affordable housing or regeneration schemes.**
- v. The Head of Community Housing & Regeneration be given delegated authority in consultation with the Chief Officer responsible for financial administration (S.151 Local Government Act 1972) to approve arrangements for the joint City Council and Homes & Communities Agency Programme for 2011/12 to 2013/14.**
- vi. Authority be delegated to the S151 Officer to alter the mix of capital funding sources used to finance the HIP to maximise the resources available to the Council.**
- vii. To agree in principle that there will be ongoing corporate financial support for the Private Sector renewals programme for 2012/13 to 2014/15, which will be subject to a further report to the Housing Portfolio and Council in November.**

The meeting concluded at 4.25 pm.

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Cabinet Member for Housing