

NOTICE OF MEETING

CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING – DECISION MEETING

TUESDAY 10 JULY 2012 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 David Horne & Steve Wemyss

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A G E N D A

- 1 Apologies for Absence**
- 2 Declarations of Members' Interests**

INFORMATION ITEM ONLY

3 Green Neighbours Project Update

The attached information report by the Head of Planned Maintenance informs members that the Green Neighbours project for the two pilot areas and development of a group of volunteers called the Green Neighbours who will initially provide advice on home energy use, affordability and recycling.

ITEMS FOR DECISION

4 Energy Act 2011 – The Green Deal

The report attached by the Head of Community Housing & Regeneration to the cabinet members for both Environment and Housing proposes how Portsmouth City Council should introduce the Green Deal for the private housing market.

RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet Member for Housing:

- (1) Confirms that the Council officers should progress with talks with other authorities in Hampshire to ensure that city residents understand the benefits as well as the risks associated with Green Deal and that, if they go forward with the scheme, they may receive the most cost effective service and the most appropriate benefits available.
- (2) agrees that, officers continue to work towards an effective business model that will enable local businesses to access the Green Deal funding.
- (3) confirms that, Portsmouth City Council should pursue Option 4, as described in the report, to actively seek partners to install the cost saving measures in homes within the city and enable the partner to seek the finance to undertake these works.
- (4) approves the recruitment of a city council Green Deal assessor
- (5) approves the setting of an assessment figure at £150.00.

5 Financial Assistance Policy for Private Sector Housing

The attached report by the Head of Community Housing & Regeneration seeks approval for the new financial assistance policy for private sector housing renewal in Portsmouth, to make the current policy more in line with the members' requirements.

RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet Member for Housing approves the financial assistance policy 2012, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report and that it be adopted with effect from 17 July 2012.

6 Redevelopment of 415-425 Eastern Road

The attached report by the Head of Housing Management seeks permission for a Sustainable Homes code 3 scheme to be procured, designed and built on the site with associated landscaping works.

RECOMMENDED

- (1) That approval is given to proceed with the scheme within the estimated sum of £1.18m;**
- (2) That a scheme to build a new block of four, three bed maisonettes and landscape the surrounding blocks be approved;**
- (3) That the financial appraisal be approved.**

7 Phase 1 Redevelopment of Grosvenor House 2013/14

The attached report by the Head of Housing Management seeks permission for phase 1 of a two phase refurbishment of Grosvenor House to provide internal and external refurbishment of the block.

RECOMMENDED that approval is given to proceed with the scheme within the estimated sum of £771,391.

8 Purchase of Wells Terrace, former Beresford Public House, Stamshaw

The attached report by the Head of Housing Management seeks permission to purchase the terrace development comprising three units of three bedrooms and one unit of two bedrooms and one unit of one bedroom and to market the one and two bedroom units for sale on the open market. The purchasing of the development will provide much needed three bedroom units for inclusion within the housing stock.

RECOMMENDED

- (1) That approval is given to the purchase of the full development for the sum of £525,000.**
- (2) That authority be delegated to the Head of Housing Management and the Head of Asset Management to dispose of the two bedroom and one bedroom units on the open market following the completion of the purchase, and the resulting receipts earmarked for the future reprovion of housing.**

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