



NOTICE OF MEETING

CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING

TUESDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 2014 AT 5.30 PM

THE EXECUTIVE MEETING ROOM - THIRD FLOOR, THE GUILDHALL

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Councillor David Horne, Labour

Councillor Stuart Potter, UK Independence Party

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AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for Absence

- 2 Declaration of Interests

3 Grosvenor House and Warwick Crescent Refurbishment (Pages 1 - 8)

The attached report by the Head of Housing and Property Services seeks permission to go out to tender and appoint a contractor to undertake planned maintenance works to 1-54 Grosvenor House, 2-20 (Evens) Warwick Crescent and 22-44 (Evens) Warwick Crescent.

The report also seeks permission to spend £3.1M to undertake works including external and communal decorations, re-roofing, new passenger lifts and lift shaft. The works are required to ensure the integrity of the buildings, reduce their on-going maintenance and improve the living environment for residents.

If approved, it is anticipated that the works could commence by April 2015.

RECOMMENDED that:

- (1) approval is given to tender the works based on an estimated budget of £3.1 million.**
- (2) following a full tender evaluation authority to enter into contract with the preferred bidder is delegated to the Head of Housing and Property Services.**

4 Review of the Licensing Programmes for Houses in Multiple Occupation in Portsmouth (Pages 9 - 16)

The purpose of attached report by the Head of Corporate Assets, Business and Standards is to formally review the current progress of both the mandatory and additional licensing schemes operating for Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs); to review the current licence fees for types of licence, including certain 's257' properties.

RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet Member for Housing;

approves the new fees for Additional and Mandatory Licensing including the change to the fee structure for a section 257 property which would require to be licensed under the Additional Licensing scheme.

5 Financial Assistance Policy for Private Sector Housing (Pages 17 - 34)

The purpose of the attached report by the Head of Corporate Assets, Business & Standards is to seek approval to amend the current Financial Assistance Policy for Private Sector Housing Renewal in Portsmouth to keep the policy in line with customer needs.

RECOMMENDED that the 2014 Financial Assistance Policy is agreed and implemented from 1st October 2014, as detailed in Appendix 1.

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