



**Notification to all Members of the council
of decisions by the Cabinet Member for Housing**

Issued by the Head of Customer, Community & Democratic Services

Tuesday 17 March 2015

The details set out below will be published in the next Members' Information Service, but in the meantime are notified to all Councillors in accordance with Rule 15(a) of the Policy and Review Panels Procedure Rules

The following decisions have been taken by the Cabinet (or individual Cabinet members) and will be implemented unless the call-in procedure is activated. Rule 15 of the Policy and Review Procedure Rules requires a call-in notice to be signed by any 5 members of the Council. The call-in request must be made to Democratic Services (democratic.services@portsmouthcc.gov.uk) and must be made by not later than 5pm on Tuesday 24 March 2015.

If you want to know more about a proposal, please contact the officer indicated. You can also see the report(s) on the Council's web site at www.portsmouth.gov.uk

	WARD	DECISION	OFFICER CONTACT
		Cabinet Member for Housing Decision Meeting - 16 March The Cabinet Member has made the following decisions:-	Joanne Wildsmith joanne.wildsmith@portsmouthcc.gov.uk Tel: 9283 4057
3		The Redress Schemes for Lettings Agents and Managing Agents DECISIONS the Cabinet Member for Housing: (1) Approved that the enforcement of this legislation is undertaken proactively by the Private Sector Housing Team (and the income generated from any fines imposed is kept within the Housing Standards budget). (2) Gave delegated authority to the Head of Corporate Assets, Business and Standards to review level of fine imposed dependent on circumstances and representation. (3) Authorised engagement with neighbouring	Bruce Lomax Private Sector Housing Manager Tel9283 4524

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		<p>authorities to discuss the manner in which they will be addressing enforcement of this legislation.</p>	
4		<p>Tipton House and Edgbaston House Refurbishment consultants</p> <p>DECISION the Cabinet Member for Housing agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) That approval be given to accept a tender for a lead consultant based on an estimated overall budget of up to £800K for the initial feasibility study, design and management of the scheme. (2) That following a full tender evaluation, authority to enter into contract with the preferred bidder be delegated to the Head of Housing and Property Services in consultation with the Head of Finance and Section 151 Officer. (3) That approval be given to spend up to £100K for the initial structural and feasibility report including costed options. 	<p>Steve Groves Repairs & Maintenance Manager Tel: 97958 501511</p>
5		<p>Council Housing Maintenance & Improvements and housing IT business software 2015/ 16</p> <p>DECISIONS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) The area programmes and allocation of finance for the funding of the Revenue Budgets for repairs and maintenance of dwellings were noted. (2) The capital budgets listed in Appendix B and Appendix C commencing in 2015/2016 were approved and the Local Authority Housing Manager was authorised under Financial Rules, Section B14 to proceed with schemes within the sums approved. (3) The Head of Financial Services and Section 151 Officer's financial appraisal for the capital programme - global provision was approved. 	<p>Meredydd Hughes Housing & Property Services Manager Tel: 9283 4539</p>

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6		<p>Delivering Replacement Homes - Phase 2</p> <p>RECOMMENDED that City Council approve the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) the following Capital Expenditure amounting to £22.903m: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. A development of 67 units (a mixture of flats and houses) on a disused allotment site in Havant at a total cost of £8.119m II. A development of 50 units (a mixture of houses and flats) at Kingsclere Avenue at a total cost of £6.059m. III. A development of 40 units (a mixture of flats and houses) at Blendworth Crescent as a total cost of £4.847m. IV. A development of 8 houses at Holybourne Road at a total cost of £969.400. V. A development of 24 flats to be built on the existing Buckland Family centre site at a total cost of £2.908m 2) to fund the £22.903m of Capital Expenditure, additional borrowing of up to £15.12m over the next 2 years, alongside the funding already approved within the existing capital programme. 3) that subject to the requirements of recommendation 4, authority be delegated to the Head of Housing and Property Services in consultation with the Head of Finance & S151 Officer to amend the composition and spending profile of the proposed schemes in order to meet planning and design requirements. 4) that a financial appraisal approved by the Head of Finance & S151 Officer must be completed prior to the commencement of 	<p>Jo Bennett Leasehold & Commercial Services Manager Tel: 9268 8606</p>

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		<p>any scheme, that confirms that the proposed scheme remains the most viable option and provides an overall benefit to the 30 year HRA Business Plan.</p> <p>(NB as this item is referred to Council for approval it is not subject to call-in)</p>	