

CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING

RECORD OF DECISIONS taken by the Cabinet Member for Housing, Councillor Steve Wemyss, at his meeting held on Tuesday, 15 March 2016 at 5.30 pm at the Executive Meeting Room - The Guildhall (Floor 3)

Present

Councillor Steve Wemyss (in the chair)

Councillor Stuart Potter
Councillor Yahiya Chowdhury
Councillor Matthew Winnington

4. Apologies for Absence (AI 1)

There were no apologies for absence.

5. Declaration of Interests (AI 2)

There were no declaration of members' interests.

6. Council Housing Maintenance and Improvements and Housing IT Business Software 2016/2017 (AI 3)

Meredydd Hughes presented the report on behalf of the Director of Property & Housing; this set out the annual revenue and capital expenditure on repairs and maintenance for 2016/17. The details for the area housing offices had also been circulated which set out the anticipated works over the next year. Appendix C to the report set out the IT works for housing.

Questions were raised by the opposition spokespersons, including Cllr Winnington asking if Kilmiston Close would be back in the programme? Steve Groves, reported that this had slipped within the capital programme to a future year. The effect of the forthcoming central government budget announcement on the capital spending was as yet unknown.

Councillor Wemyss as Cabinet Member for Housing wished to place on record his thanks to Meredydd Hughes and his team for the production of this comprehensive report. He had received representation from various sources over the last couple of years regarding parking on some of the estates and had discussed this with the Residents' Consortium. He therefore wished to make some funds available to assist and improve parking where problems had been highlighted and where there was insufficient funding currently available. Councillor Wemyss therefore added an extra proposal to earmark

£50k towards the provision of additional parking by Housing Services. This was supported by the opposition spokespersons.

DECISIONS:

(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 (as listed in Appendix B and Appendix C of the report) commencing in 2016/2017 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 was approved for the capital programme - global provision.

(4) The Cabinet Member approved the use of £50,000 from the anticipated 2015/16 Housing Revenue Account revenue underspend to be allocated to provide additional parking on the Housing Area Estates.

The meeting concluded at 5.45 pm.

Councillor Steve Wemyss
Cabinet Member for Housing