
NOTICE OF MEETING

CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING

TUESDAY, 12 MARCH 2019 AT 5.00 PM

EXECUTIVE MEETING ROOM - THE GUILDHALL (FLOOR 3)

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Councillor Darren Sanders (Liberal Democrat)

Group Spokespersons

Councillor Tom Coles, Labour

Councillor Luke Stubbs, Conservative

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A G E N D A

- 1 Apologies for Absence**
- 2 Declaration of Interests**
- 3 Financial Assistance to enter private sector housing (Pages 5 - 24)**

The purpose of the report by the Director of Housing, Neighbourhood and Building Services is to outline financial assistance currently offered to access

private sector accommodation to those that qualify. To outline options for extending financial support to others who do not currently qualify.

RECOMMENDED

- (1) That the Cabinet Member for Housing notes the current forms of provision and the criteria under which residents can access this.**
- (2) That the Cabinet Member for Housing instructs officers to update the information published by the council outlining the current offer of assistance with rent deposits, as part of a plan to update the information we provide online to tenants and landlords.**
- (3) That the Cabinet Member for Housing stresses the administration's desire to expand access to the private rented sector beyond the current offer, to help more residents secure affordable and sustainable tenancies.**
- (4) That officers review the potential options, and risks, in expanding financial support beyond the current schemes and return to councillors with a detailed options paper regarding the expansion of financial support to access the private rental sector. In order to expand provision beyond the current schemes, the Cabinet Member for Housing will identify and make available a source of funding, in agreement with the Director for Housing, Neighbourhood and Building Services and the Section 151 officer.**

4 Empty Private Property Strategy (Pages 25 - 56)

The report by the Director of Housing, Neighbourhood and Building Services presents the updated Empty Private Property Strategy which outlines the council's approach to reducing the number and impact of empty homes.

RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet Member for Housing approves the council's Empty Private Property Strategy 2019-2024.

5 Purchasing Property for Homeless Accommodation (Pages 57 - 68)

The report by the Director of Housing, Neighbourhood and Building Services seeks approval from the Cabinet Member for Housing to instruct the purchase a £1m portfolio of properties providing a portfolio of temporary homeless accommodation.

RECOMMENDED that:

- (1) the Cabinet Member for Housing approves a Capital Expenditure of £1m provided by Portsmouth City Council to enable the delivery of a portfolio of properties to address homelessness, which will be held within the Housing Revenue Account.**

- (2) the Cabinet Member for Housing delegates authority to the Director of Housing, Neighbourhood and Building Services in consultation with the Director of Finance & S151 Officer to decide the composition of the portfolio.
- (3) the Cabinet Member for Housing delegates the Director of Housing, Neighbourhood and Building to apply for any available grant funding to support the scheme.

6 Council Housing Maintenance & Improvements and Housing IT Business Software 2019/20 (Pages 69 - 110)

The report by the Director of Housing, Neighbourhood and Building Services informs members of the spending proposed for the next financial year for revenue and capital funded maintenance and improvement programmes together with Housing IT Business Software and to seek approval to incur expenditure in respect of the capital schemes and rolling programmes and to show how the budgets have been allocated on an area office basis.

RECOMMENDED that

- (1) the area programmes and allocation of finance for the funding of the Revenue Budgets for repairs and maintenance of dwellings be noted.
- (2) the capital budgets listed in Appendix B and Appendix C commencing in 2019/2020 be approved and the Director of Housing, Neighbourhood and Building Services be authorised under Financial Rules, Section B14 to proceed with schemes within the sums approved.
- (3) The Director of Finance and Section 151 Officer's financial appraisal be approved for the capital programme - global provision.

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