



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

Issued by the Director of Community & Communication

Wednesday, 13 March 2019

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 Wednesday 20th March.

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 - 12 March The Cabinet Member Councillor Sanders has made the following decisions:-	Joanne Wildsmith, Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4057 joanne.wildsmith@portsmouthcc.gov.uk Tel:
3		Financial Assistance to enter private sector housing DECISIONS: (1) The Cabinet Member for Housing noted the current forms of provision and the criteria under which residents can access this. (2) The Cabinet Member for Housing instructed 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.	Paul Fielding, Assistant Director - Housing & Mark Sage Tackling Poverty Co-ordinator

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		<p>(3) The Cabinet Member for Housing stressed 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.</p> <p>(4) Officers will 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.</p>	
4		<p>Empty Private Property Strategy</p> <p>DECISIONS:</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Housing approved the council's Empty Private Property Strategy 2019-2024.</p>	Clare Hardwick, Acting Head of Private Sector Housing
5		<p>Purchasing Property for Homeless Accommodation</p> <p>DECISIONS:</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Housing:</p> <p>(1) approved 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.</p> <p>(2) delegated 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.</p> <p>(3) delegated the Director of Housing, Neighbourhood and Building to apply for any available grant funding to support the scheme.</p>	Jo Bennett, Head of Business Relationships, Growth & Support

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6		<p>Council Housing Maintenance & Improvements and Housing IT Business Software 2019/20</p> <p>DECISIONS:</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Housing agreed that:</p> <p>(1) the area programmes and allocation of finance for the funding of the Revenue Budgets for repairs and maintenance of dwellings be noted.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(3) The Director of Finance and Section 151 Officer's financial appraisal be approved for the capital programme - global provision.</p>	<p>Meredydd Hughes, Assistant Director Buildings</p> <p>& Graham Fairbrother, IT Business Partner</p>