

CABINET MEMBER FOR RESOURCES

RECORD OF DECISIONS taken by the Cabinet Member for Resources, Councillor Jeanette Smith, at his meeting held on Thursday, 20 December 2018 at 10.00 am at The Executive Meeting Room - Third Floor, The Guildhall

Present

Councillor Jeanette Smith (in the chair)

Officers Present

Louise Wilders, Director of Community and Communication
Wayne Layton, Finance Manager
Tom Southall, Assistant Director, Property and Investment

15. Apologies for Absence (AI 1)

Councillor Jeanette Smith, Cabinet Member for Resources, welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made. She read out the housekeeping instructions and the evacuation procedure.

Apologies for absence were recorded from Councillor Chowdhury.

The Cabinet Member advised that no deputation requests had been received for this meeting.

16. Declaration of Members' Interests (AI 2)

There were no declarations of members' interests.

17. Forward Plan Omission (AI 3)

The Cabinet Member advised that the "Transfer of Properties to Portsmouth Community Housing Trust" report by the Director of Community and Communication was omitted from the Forward Plan covering 9 November 2018 to 1 February 2019. She said that the Chair of the City Council's Scrutiny Management Panel has been notified and a public notice published.

The Cabinet Member

NOTED

(1) the omission to the Forward Plan covering 9 November 2018 to 1 February 2019 and

(2) the publication of the omission notice

18. Transfer of Properties to Portsmouth Community Housing Trust (AI 4)

(TAKE IN REPORT)

Louise Wilders, Director of Community and Communication, introduced the report which proposed that 1-3 Angerstein Road be transferred to the Portsmouth Community Housing Trust for the purpose of providing affordable rental accommodation as identified by Portsmouth City Council.

She said the intention was for the rents to be set at the social rents level. This will take some pressure from PCC in addressing housing need.

She advised that the property was in a state of dilapidation and that the cost of repair will be undertaken by the Housing Trust.

Wayne Layton, Finance officer said that the work required to bring the property into a suitable state of repair was not viable for PCC to undertake and it makes financial sense to transfer the property to the Trust. Tom Southall, property services highlighted paragraph 4.2 that supports the proposal. There are risks associated with any lease but there are the usual safeguards around assignment etc.

The Cabinet Member said that she considered this to be a good development and would like more properties like this to be used in the same way. She was pleased to approve the recommendation as there is a need to address the housing shortage.

DECISION:

that the Cabinet Member for Resources approved the following:

- (1) That 1-3 Angerstein Road be transferred by long lease to the Portsmouth Community Housing Trust for the provision of housing as identified by Portsmouth City Council**
- (2) That delegation be made to the Director of Housing, Neighbourhoods and Buildings to agree a Lettings Agreement with Portsmouth Community Housing Trust that ensures Portsmouth has nomination rights to allocate the properties in line with the Portsmouth City Council Allocation Policy**
- (3) That delegation be made to the City Solicitor to complete all necessary legal work to complete matters**

The meeting concluded at 10.10 am.

Councillor Jeanette Smith
Cabinet Member for Resources

