

CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING

RECORD OF DECISIONS taken by the Cabinet Member for Housing, Councillor Darren Sanders, at his meeting held on Monday, 25 February 2019 at 4.00 pm at the Executive Meeting Room - The Guildhall

Present

Councillor Darren Sanders (Cabinet Member)

Councillor Tom Coles (Labour Spokesperson)

7. Apologies for Absence (AI 1)

Apologies for absence had been received from the Residents' Consortium.

8. Declaration of Interests (AI 2)

There were no declarations of members' interests.

9. Longdean Lodge development for Supported Housing (AI 3)

Alison Cloutman, Supported Housing Business Manager, presented the report of the Director of Housing, Neighbourhood and Building Services. This site in Paulsgrove is a replacement site for new building of supported housing, which had a continued demand (as evidenced by the previous year's review by the Housing & Social Care Scrutiny Panel). The intention was to provide accommodation which was bespoke to the needs of the residents, in shared accommodation and independent living for adults with learning disabilities. This would not need a change of use due to the previous use as Longdean Lodge. The site also offered good transport links by bus into Cosham and into the City Centre.

Deputations are not minuted in full but can be viewed on the webcast here: <https://livestream.com/accounts/14063785/Cabinet-Housing-25Feb2019>

Ward councillors Jo Hooper and Gemma New attended to raise questions on behalf of local residents. In response Jo Bennett, Head of Business Relationships, Growth & Support, reported:

- Residents would be involved in consultation but this was currently at a pre-application stage
- As a standard part of the pre-application the soil would be examined to see if there are contamination levels, and if so how this could be dealt with

- As part of the design stage the construction movements would be looked at to ensure that there is consideration shown to nearby residents and they would be aware of when noisy work was planned
- This had been a redundant site with the building being decommissioned and demolished
- The grant funding arrangements were explained with an application being made to Homes England or there could be a contribution of right to buy receipts up to 30% of the value of the development
- Whilst particular individuals may change the client group for the scheme remained for vulnerable adults needing the planned level of support, with the scheme being commissioned for Adult Social Care.

Councillor Coles had no extra questions following those by the ward councillors.

Councillor Sanders had previously chaired the Housing & Social Care Scrutiny Panel referred to and he thanked his predecessor as Cabinet Member for Housing Councillor Jennie Brent, as well as the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Adult Social Care Councillor Matthew Winnington and his predecessor Councillor Luke Stubbs for their parts in this important investment for the city. He asked that it be a meaningful and inclusive consultation with residents and that they know who to contact during the construction if there were problems as part of the construction management plan. Councillor Sanders also stressed the importance of involving the 3 ward councillors.

DECISIONS The Cabinet Member for Housing:

- (1) approved Capital Expenditure of £6.6m, to deliver 13 new properties housing 28 adults with Learning disabilities, comprising of five, 4 bed shared flats and eight, 1 bed flats to be held in the Supported Housing Portfolio within the Housing Revenue Account.**
- (2) delegated authority to the Head of Housing, Neighbourhood and Building 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 and also to agree the use of either Grant funding or 141 receipts whilst ensuring that the schemes remain financially viable following any necessary changes.**
- (3) delegated the Director of Housing, Neighbourhood and Building to apply for any grant funding to support the scheme.**
- (4) Delegated the Director of Housing, Neighbourhood and Building Services, Director of Regeneration and the Section 151 Officer to**

agree the value and appropriation of land between the General fund and Housing Revenue Account.

The meeting concluded at 4.20 pm.

Councillor Darren Sanders
Cabinet Member for Housing