



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

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*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 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

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](http://www.portsmouth.gov.uk)

	WARD	DECISION	OFFICER CONTACT
		<p><b>Cabinet Member for Housing Decision Meeting - 27 January</b></p> <p>The Cabinet Member has made the following decisions:-</p>	<p>Joanne Wildsmith, Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4057 joanne.wildsmith@portsmouthcc.gov.uk</p>
3	All Wards	<p><b>Temporary Accommodation Placement Policy</b></p> <p>DECISIONS:</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Housing</p> <p>(1) recognises the important role that temporary accommodation has in supporting people who are in crisis as a result of homelessness.</p> <p>(2) recognises that the policy formalises the working practice and ensures the fair allocation of temporary accommodation and meets its legal obligations.</p> <p>(3) approved the council's Temporary Accommodation Placement Policy which will be published on the council's website.</p>	<p>Paul Fielding Assistant Director Housing and Daniel Lake NTO Manager/ Accommodation Manager Tel: 9283 4625 &amp; 9284 1149</p>

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4		<p><b>Helping people secure a private rented home to reduce homelessness and housing need in Portsmouth</b></p> <p>DECISIONS:</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Housing:</p> <p>(1) noted the current difficulties that renters have in entering the private rented sector (PRS).</p> <p>(2) considered the options for providing additional support to enter the PRS. This may be either extending the range of support for those that already receive it, or new support for those that the council currently does not have a legal duty to support. Officers recommend the widening of a bond scheme and the use of a community bank to provide low cost loans.</p> <p>(3) Agreed to the officer's recommendation to proceed with extending the bond scheme and enabling a community bank to provide low-cost loans (Options 2 and 4). The Cabinet Member decided that the loans should be made available to residents interest-free, as outlined in option 4b. The Cabinet Member also agreed with the officer recommendations on eligibility and to adopt Scope 2, allowing those threatened with homelessness, not currently living in suitable self-contained accommodation or seeking a move into the private rented sector to benefit.</p> <p>(4) Delegated to the Director of Housing, Neighbourhoods and Building Services the authority to develop and operate a 12 month pilot of the chosen scheme(s) in order to fully develop a working scheme, understand the demand from residents, and expose the financial risk for the council, and that a review of the scheme's effectiveness and options for future development will be conducted and completed in the third quarter of the pilot to facilitate planning for the future.</p> <p>(5) Agreed that funding for the operation and any financial liability incurred by the pilot comes from the Leader's portfolio reserve, in line with the Leader's constitutional obligation to tackle poverty in the city.</p>	<p>Mark Sage, Tackling Poverty Officer Tel: 9283 4111</p>
5		<p><b>Council Housing Budget 2020/21</b></p> <p>DECISIONS:</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Housing approved the following:</p>	<p>Wayne Layton, Finance Manager Tel: 9283 4458</p>

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		<p>(i) The Revised Budget as set out at Appendix 3 of the report.</p> <p>(ii) All rents and charges to be effective from 1st April 2020 or such other date as determined by the Director of Housing, Neighbourhood and Building Services in consultation with the Director of Finance and Resources.</p> <p>(iii) Dwelling Rents for 2020/21 to be set in accordance with Central Government's Social Rent Policy (rise of 2.7%).</p> <p>(iv) General Service charges for 2020/21 to be set at this meeting as set out in the report, and in accordance with Appendix 5.</p> <p>(v) Sheltered Housing Service charges for 2020/21 to be set at this meeting as set out in the report, and in accordance with Appendix 6.</p> <p>(vi) Laundry charges for 2020/21 to be set at this meeting as set out in the report, and in accordance with Appendix 7 (no rise).</p> <p>(vii) Heating charges to be set in accordance with Appendix 8 (no rise).</p> <p>(viii) Garages and parking site rents as shown in Appendix 9 be approved and authority to let garages at reduced rents where demand is low be delegated to the Director of Housing, Neighbourhood and Building Services in consultation with the Director of Finance and Resources.</p> <p>(ix) Revenue Budget 2020/21 as set out in Appendix 3 be approved and authority given to the Director of Housing, Neighbourhood and Building Services in consultation with the Director of Finance and Resources to amend the budgets to reflect the latest available information prior to finalising budgets for 2020/21.</p> <p>(x) The relevant Managers be authorised to incur expenditure in 2020/21.</p> <p>(xi) The forecast Revenue Budgets for 2021/22 to 2022/23 as set out in Appendix 3 arising from the proposals contained in this report, be noted.</p>	