

NOTICE OF MEETING

CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND TACKLING HOMELESSNESS

THURSDAY, 13 JULY 2023 AT 9.30 AM

COUNCIL CHAMBER - THE GUILDHALL, PORTSMOUTH

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Membership

Councillor Darren Sanders (Cabinet Member)

Councillor Cal Corkery
Councillor Raymond Dent

Councillor Charlotte Gerada
Councillor Daniel Wemyss

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AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for Absence
- 2 Declarations of Members' Interests
- 3 Public Artwork - PCC Housing Blocks and Estates (Pages 5 - 22)

Purpose

To seek approval to the principle to incorporate public art (murals / sculptures etc.) on Portsmouth City Council housing buildings, housing owned assets and within our housing estates across Portsmouth and Havant, and to agree the core principles and the process that will be followed in identifying and approving locations for the installation of public art as and when requests arise.

To seek approval to explore the opportunity to work with Articulate Sage to incorporate into the planned Portsmouth Art Festival 2023 housing buildings and housing owned assets, and in doing so pilot the application of the core principles and process as set out in this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. That the Cabinet Member for Housing and Tackling Homelessness approves the principle to incorporate public art (murals / sculptures etc.) on Portsmouth City Council housing buildings, housing owned assets and within our housing estates across Portsmouth and Havant, and agrees the process that will be followed in identifying and approving locations for the installation of public art as and when requests arise.**
 - 2. The Cabinet Member for Housing and Tackling Homelessness approves the exploration of a Portsmouth Art Festival 2023 using Housing buildings and housing owned assets to pilot the application of the core principles and process as set out in this report.**
 - 3. The Cabinet Member for Housing and Tackling Homelessness delegates to the Director of Housing, Neighbourhoods and Building Services and relevant officers, as appropriate, the application of the core principles and process.**
 - 4. The Cabinet Member for Housing and Tackling Homelessness requests officers to bring an information report following the Portsmouth Art Festival 2023.**
- 4 Management of energy provision in local authority housing whilst void (Pages 23 - 36)**

Purpose

Purpose of the report is to recommend an improved system of managing gas and electricity supplies in local authority social housing dwellings when the property is void. This report will highlight the benefits a new system would offer tenants and the Housing Revenue Account (HRA).

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Cabinet Member for Housing and Tackling Homelessness notes the positive impact of the pilot with Utilita which includes benefits to tenants and a more efficient process for officers and contractors.
2. That the Cabinet Member for Housing and Tackling Homelessness agrees to a large scale pilot encompassing all of the housing stock for a maximum period of 2 years and request a report to be brought back evaluating the impact of the pilot with a view to making the scheme permanent.
3. That the Cabinet Member for Housing and Tackling Homelessness delegates to the Director of Housing, Neighbourhood and Building Services to undertake all necessary and procedural actions to formalise the process for void energy management with a single supplier in the long term, undertaking a suitable procurement process if and when required.
4. That the Cabinet Member for Housing and Tackling Homelessness notes that a review of Utilita's tariff rates will be undertaken on a quarterly basis, in line with the Energy Price Cap updates, to ensure that their rates meet or beat other available rates.

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