

NOTICE OF MEETING

CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND TACKLING HOMELESSNESS

THURSDAY, 26 OCTOBER 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 Interim Report on Progress of Council Housing Maintenance and Improvements Programme 2023/2024 (Pages 5 - 22)

Purpose of Report

1. The purpose of this report is to update the Cabinet Member on the delivery of the Council Housing Maintenance and Improvements Programme 2023/24, the spend against the approved budget and to highlight any future issues.
2. The report also provides an 'industry update' highlighting the wider financial and operational context impacting on repairs and maintenance.
3. To seek approval to reset and review the ongoing Capital Programme.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. **That the Cabinet Member notes the progress of the budget plan and revenue and capital expenditure and the ongoing pressures on both the revenue and capital budgets.**
2. **That approval is given to amend the allocation of budgets within the capital programme to allow for it to be reviewed and reprogrammed, prioritising demand to meet the legislative requirements under the**

Building Safety Act 2022 within available budgets and the Director of Housing, Neighbourhood and Building Services to be authorised to proceed with schemes within the sums approved under Financial Rules, Section B11.

4 Development of Council Homes - Twyford Avenue, Stamshaw (Pages 23 - 38)

Purpose of Report

1. To seek approval from Cabinet Member for Housing and Tackling Homelessness to deliver a development of 6 council homes on the site of the current block 305, 305A, 307 and 307A Twyford Avenue, Stamshaw.
2. To seek approval of a capital spend of £1.49m delivering 6 new council housing dwellings to be held in the Housing Revenue Account.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. **That the Cabinet Member for Housing and Tackling Homelessness approves the addition of the Twyford Avenue scheme to the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Capital Programme, with estimated expenditure of £1.49m, to deliver 6 new council housing dwellings.**
2. **That the Cabinet Member for Housing and Tackling Homelessness delegates authority to the Director of Housing, Neighbourhood and Building Services, in consultation with the Director of Finance and Resources & S151 Officer, to amend the composition and spending profile of the proposed scheme in order to meet planning and design requirements and also to agree the use of unsupported borrowing, along with either grant funding or retained capital receipts, whilst ensuring that the schemes remain financially viable following any necessary changes.**
3. **That the Cabinet Member for Housing and Tackling Homelessness delegates the Director of Housing, Neighbourhood and Building Services to apply for any grant funding to support the scheme.**

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