RECORD OF OPEN DECISIONS

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

At the Meeting of the Housing and Community Services Committee held on Thursday, 30th January 2020, the following decisions were taken.

Urgent decisions or those exempt from call-in are indicated in the third column of the table. These decisions cannot be called in and are effective immediately.

All other decisions may be called in until 5.00pm on Friday, 7th February 2020.

A request to call in a decision must be made by at least three Members, including at least one Member of the controlling group. The request must be made in writing to the Chief Executive[1].

If no request to call in a decision is received within this time limit then the decision becomes effective immediately.

Agenda Item No.	**OPEN REPORTS**	Urgent/ Call-in Exempt
7.	**AGENDA ITEM** **HOUSING ALLOCATION POLICY**	
	DECISION: *1.1 That the responses to the consultation on the Housing Allocations Policy were accepted for inclusion within a revised policy which will be presented to the Housing and Community Services Committee later this year.* *1.2 That the Committee agreed to review the options for the procurement of a new Choice Based lettings system during 2020/21.*	
8.	**AGENDA ITEM** **HOMELESSNESS AND ROUGH SLEEPING STRATEGY**	
	DECISION: *1.1 That the content of the Homelessness Strategy Statement submitted to the Ministry of Community Housing and Local Government was noted.* *1.2 That the Committee approved the procurement of an external provider to carry out a comprehensive review of homelessness services and produce a Homelessness, Rough Sleeping and Temporary Accommodation Strategy.*	

9.	**AGENDA ITEM**	
	TRANSFER OF HOUSING REPAIR CALLS INTO CUSTOMER SERVICES	
	DECISION	
	1.1 That the Committee agreed to the transfer of Housing Repair calls into Customer Services which will require the creation of an additional Customer Services Advisor post on the Council's establishment, which will be either a full-time Modern Apprentice, or a part-time skilled Customer Services Advisor.	
	1.2 The Committee agreed that the financial and staffing implications of the transfer of calls be referred to the Council's Finance and Management Committee on 13th February 2020 for approval.	
10.	**AGENDA ITEM**	
	ADOPTION OF THE STRATEGY HOUSING MARKET ASSESSMENT (SHMA) 2019	
	DECISION	
	1.1 That the Committee agreed to formally adopt the updated Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA).	
	1.2 That the Committee noted the content of the Executive Summary document and the implications of the findings for South Derbyshire.	
	1.3 That the report be referred to Environmental and Development Services Committee for its endorsement for use as a material consideration to assist in the determination of future planning applications.	
11.	**AGENDA ITEM** **SWAD IN BLOOM**	
	DECISION:	
	1.1 That the Council joins in with and supports the national Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) "In Bloom" Scheme.	
	1.2 That the Council supports the "Swad in Bloom" Group (SIBG) and its Action Plan.	
	1.3 That the Committee approved permission for the SIBG to maintain and improve, in partnership with the Council the areas of Council land, as delineated on the plans	
	1.4 That the Council provides advice, help and support to the formative SIBG on volunteering protocols,	

	insurance, risk assessment, proposed projects etc. *1.5 The Committee agreed that the Council supports the SIBG in any application for permissions, grant-aid and funding which affects Council land or impacts on the visual amenity of the town.*	
12.	<u>**AGENDA ITEM**</u> **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**	
	DECISION: *1.1 That the Committee considered and approved the updated work programme.*	

DATED: Friday, 31st January 2020.

Chief Executive

1   Although it is not necessary to use a prescribed form, copies are available from the Chief Executive.
2   NOTE – this gives an outline of the committee decision for call-in purposes but it does not necessarily reflect the final wording for minute purposes.
3   Insert both the agenda item number and its heading.