

RECORD OF OPEN DECISIONS

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

At the Meeting of the Housing and Community Services Committee held on Thursday, 19th November 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, 27th November 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 Executive¹.

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

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>OPEN REPORTS</u>	<u>Urgent/ Call-in Exempt</u>
6.	<u>AGENDA ITEM</u> CORPORATE PLAN 2020-24: PERFORMANCE REPORT (2020-2021 QUARTER 2 – 1 JULY TO 30 SEPTEMBER) DECISION: 1.1 The Committee considered progress against performance targets set out in the Corporate Plan 2020 - 2024. 1.2 The Committee reviewed the Risk Register for the Committee's services.	
7.	<u>AGENDA ITEM</u> REVISED COMMUNITY TRIGGER PRACTITIONER GUIDANCE DECISION: The Committee considered and approved the revised Derbyshire Community Trigger Practitioner Guidance document as per Appendix 1 of the report.	
8	<u>AGENDA ITEM</u> MODERN SLAVERY STATEMENT 2019/20 DECISION: 1.1 The Committee considered and approved the revised Council Modern Slavery Statement as per Appendix 1 of the report. 1.2 The Committee gave the Strategic Director – Service Delivery delegated authority, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee, to agree the annual Statement, subject to there being no significant	

	<p><i>changes made. This will be in line with Derbyshire County Council's Statement which will be approved annually by its Director of Community Services.</i></p> <p><i>1.3 The Committee considered and approved the revised Modern Slavery Referral Procedure and Guidance for Council Employees as per Appendix 2 of the Report.</i></p>	
9	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM</u> BETTER CARE FUNDING ALLOCATION – FINANCIAL POSITION</p>	
	<p>DECISION:</p> <p><i>1.1 The Committee noted the progress of schemes that have been supported through the allocation of Better Care Funding (BCF) and welcomed the wider impact they are having on reducing pressure on front-line Council Services</i></p> <p><i>1.2 The Committee approved the proposed BCF Action Plan, timescales and revised allocations contained within Appendix 1 of the report.</i></p> <p><i>1.3 The Committee approved the use of £50k from the BCF allocation to be ringfenced for a new project and associated staffing costs to enable better targeting of resources based on recent stock condition data.</i></p> <p><i>1.4 The Committee approved changes highlighted within the Private Sector Housing Assistance Policy as per Appendix 2 of the report.</i></p> <p><i>1.5 The Committee granted delegated authority to the Strategic Director (Service Delivery) in conjunction with the Chairman of the Committee to make any minor amendments to the Policy necessary to ensure its effective delivery. Any major changes would be brought to Committee for approval.</i></p> <p><i>1.6 The Committee referred staffing and financial elements of the report to a future meeting of the Finance and Management Committee for consideration and approval.</i></p>	
10.	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM</u> HOUSING INCOME MANAGEMENT POLICY</p>	
	<p>DECISION:</p> <p><i>1.1 The Committee agreed that the Housing Income Management Policy, as per Appendix A of the report, be issued for consultation with the public and stakeholders.</i></p> <p><i>1.2 The Committee agreed that the final version of the Policy be reported to the Committee in early 2021 for</i></p>	

	<i>implementation with effect from 1st April 2021.</i>	
11.	<u>AGENDA ITEM</u> HOMELESS OUT OF HOURS SERVICES	
	DECISION: <i>1.1 The Committee approved the Council serving the required six-months' notice on the other Districts in Derbyshire and Staffordshire to terminate the agreement for the provision of out-of-hours homelessness services by this Council on their behalf.</i> <i>1.2 The Committee agreed that the Council's own processes and procedures for dealing with out-of-hours homeless applicants be reviewed and enhanced by improving risk assessment and data sharing arrangements.</i>	
12.	<u>AGENDA ITEM</u> HOUSING SAFETY POLICIES	
	DECISION: <i>That the Committee approved the following Housing Safety policies and procedures:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Draft Electrical Safety Policy, as per Appendix A of the report</i> • <i>Draft Fire Safety Policy, as per Appendix B of the report</i> • <i>Draft Gas Safety Policy, as per Appendix C of the report</i> • <i>Draft Legionella Policy, as per Appendix D of the report</i> • <i>Draft Lift Safety Policy, as per Appendix E of the report</i> • <i>Asbestos Policy and procedures, as per Appendix F of the report.</i> 	
13.	<u>AGENDA ITEM</u> COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME	
	DECISION: <i>That the Committee considered and approved the updated work programme.</i>	

DATED: Friday 20th November 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.