

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

8th October 2015

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Hewlett (Chairman), Councillor Smith (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Billings, Mrs Coe, Coe, Mrs Coyle, MacPherson (substituting for Councillor Harrison) Muller and Mrs Wyatt.

Labour Group

Councillors Dunn, Rhind, Richards and Taylor.

In attendance

Councillor Atkin.

HCS/31 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Harrison (Conservative Group).

HCS/32 **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meetings held on 11th June 2015 and 27th August 2015 were noted and approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Councillor Billings referred to Minute No.HCS/16 of the 27th August 2015 Meeting, stating that he is a Parish Councillor for Hatton, not Hilton. Amendment duly noted as part of these Minutes.

HCS/33 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

The Committee was informed that no declarations of interest had been received for this meeting.

HCS/34 **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 10**

The Committee was informed that no questions from members of the public had been received.

HCS/35 **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 11**

The Committee was informed that no questions from Members of the Council had been received.

HCS/36 **REPORTS OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

There were no Overview and Scrutiny Reports to be submitted.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

HCS/37 **EXPERIAN RENTAL EXCHANGE SCHEME PHASE 2**

The Experian representative, Mr Lee Amos, delivered a presentation of the Rental Exchange Scheme to the Committee.

Comments and queried raised by Members relating to the use of, and access to, Experian reports, the authentication of those records, the Fair Processing Notice, safeguards against incorrect data, Experian's involvement in this market, the cost of record checks, the implementation timescales, publicity, debtor support and advice, provision for vulnerable tenants and the cascade of information to other Members were noted and responded to by the Experian representative and/or the Director of Housing and Environmental Services.

RESOLVED:-

- 1.1 That the findings of Phase 1 of the pilot and the feedback from the Tenants Panel regarding these findings be noted.***
- 1.2 That the move forward into Phase 2 of the Rental Exchange scheme and the undertaking of the necessary consultation with all tenants be approved.***
- 1.3 That the Director of Finance and Corporate Service be authorised to sign the Formal Agreement with Experian.***

HCS/38 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2015-16**

The Director of Housing and Environmental Services presented this report and, at Member request, agreed to re-prioritise the subject matter over subsequent Meetings.

RESOLVED:-

That the updated work programme be considered and approved, subject to re-prioritisation by the Director of Housing and Environmental Services.

HCS/39 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 (AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT [ACCESS TO INFORMATION] ACT 1985)**

RESOLVED:-

That, in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the Meeting as it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that there would be disclosed exempt information as defined in the paragraphs of Part 1 of the Schedule 12A of the Act indicated in brackets after each item.

MINUTES

The Exempt Minutes of the Meetings held on 11th June 2015 and 27th August 2015 were received.

**TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL
PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 11**

The Committee was informed that no questions had been received.

LAND AT REPTON (Paragraph 3)

The Committee approved the recommendation set out in the Report, subject to Finance and Management Committee approval to the heads of terms.

The Meeting terminated at 6.50pm.

COUNCILLOR J HEWLETT

CHAIRMAN