

RECORD OF OPEN DECISIONS

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

At the Meeting of the Housing and Community Services Committee held on Thursday, 18th April 2013, 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 5.00 p.m. on Friday, 26th April 2013.

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>
7.	<u>AGENDA ITEM</u> HOME ENERGY CONSERVATION ACT (HECA) PLAN 2013	
	<u>DECISION:</u> That the Home Energy Conservation Act plan be approved.	
8.	<u>AGENDA ITEM</u> HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION STRATEGY 2013 – 2018	
	<u>DECISION:</u> (1) That the proposed draft Homelessness Prevention Strategy be approved as a basis for wider consultation. (2) That the Head of Housing and Environmental Services, in consultation with the Chairman of this Committee, be given authority to agree any minor amendments to the draft strategy arising from the wider consultation prior to implementation. (3) That any significant issues arising out of the consultation process be reported back to the Committee for approval.	
9.	<u>AGENDA ITEM</u> DESIGNATED PERSONS	
	<u>DECISION:</u> (1) That the 'Designated Persons' legislation contained within the Localism Act 2011 be noted, and that Councillors and the Local MP are automatically designated persons. (2) That the Performance and Scrutiny Panel be approved as a 'designated panel', for tenants to utilise as an option when they wish to make a complaint about the Housing Service.	
10.	<u>AGENDA ITEM</u> ADDITIONAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING	
	<u>DECISION:</u> (1) That phase 1 of a 2 year new build development and acquisition programme for affordable housing be approved, subject to quarterly update reports to the Housing and Community Services Committee.	

	<p>(2) That progress also be monitored through meetings of the Strategic Housing and Planning Group.</p> <p>(3) That an initial new build and acquisition fund of up to £5.37m be established, utilising £1.012m in Right to Buy Receipts, Housing Revenue Account balances of £1.434, and borrowing approval of up to £2.94m.</p> <p>(4) To note that development opportunities may change and arise within and outside of any agreed programme, and that officers will need to respond to those opportunities, subject to necessary formal approvals.</p> <p>(5) That the intention to enter into subsequent phases of a new build programme to specifically include the possible creation of a separate development company or 'special purpose vehicle', be noted.</p> <p>(6) That this report be forwarded to the Finance and Management Committee for approval.</p>	
11.	<u>AGENDA ITEM</u> WORK PROGRAMME	
	<u>DECISION:</u> That the updated work programme be approved	

DATED: 19th April 2013
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.