

RECORD OF OPEN DECISIONS

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

At the Meeting of the Housing and Community Services Committee held on 4th February 2016, 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 12th February 2016.

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>
8.	<u>AGENDA ITEM</u> STAR SURVEY 2015	
	DECISION: 1) Members noted the findings of the recent all tenant satisfaction STAR survey. 2) Members approved the follow-up actions arising out of the survey, as detailed at 3.20 in the report.	
9.	<u>AGENDA ITEM</u> NEW TENANCY AGREEMENT	
	DECISION: 1) Members noted the Council's proposed new Housing Tenancy Agreement and legal contract. 2) Members noted that the key changes to the draft agreement had been sent out for consultation to all tenants via the serving of a Preliminary Notice of Intention to serve a Notice of Variation, pursuant to Section 103(2) of the Housing Act 1985, as contained in Appendix 1 to the report, on 25 th January 2016. 3) That Officers return to this Committee on the 10 th March 2016 with feedback from the consultation process and in advance of a Notice of Variation being served on Council tenants.	
10.	<u>AGENDA ITEM</u> CHESTNUT AVENUE COMMUNITY FACILITY	
	DECISION: Members agreed to recommend to the Finance and Management Committee a start-up revenue budget of £32,889 in 2016/17, £16,875 in 2017/18 and £13,572 in 2018/19 to manage the Council's new community facility at Chestnut Avenue.	

11.	<u>AGENDA ITEM</u> INCOME MANAGEMENT POLICY	
	DECISION: Members approved the introduction of the South Derbyshire District Council Income Management Policy.	
12.	<u>AGENDA ITEM</u> HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET, FINANCIAL PLAN AND PROPOSED RENT 2016/17	
	DECISION: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) That Council House Rents be reduced by 1% for Tenants with effect from 1st April 2016 in accordance with provisions contained in the Welfare Reform and Work Bill 2015/16. 2) That rents for tenants in Sheltered Accommodation be referred to the Finance and Management Committee on 18th February 2016, pending confirmation of regulations in the final Welfare Reform and Work Bill. 3) That the proposed estimates of income and expenditure for 2016/17, together with the 10-year Financial Plan for the Housing Revenue Account, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, be considered and referred to the Finance and Management Committee for approval. 	
13.	<u>AGENDA ITEM</u> COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2015/16	
	DECISION: Members considered and approved the updated work programme.	

DATED: 5th February 2016

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.