

Time began: 9.00 am
Time ended: 9.09 am

HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT CABINET MEMBER MEETING TUESDAY 20 OCTOBER 2009

Present: Councillor Troup

01/09 Apologies

There were no apologies received.

02/09 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items received.

03/09 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Non-Key Decisions

04/09 Exeter House

A report from the Corporate Director of Corporate and Adult Services on Exeter House.

It was reported that at its meeting in July 2007, Council Cabinet authorised an initial demolition notice. At a further meeting of Council Cabinet in March 2009 it was resolved to issue the revocation notice rescinding the previous initial demolition notice. Since then the refurbishment costs have increased from £350,000 to £450,000, this was due to the recommendations by the Fire Safety Officer regarding the internal layout of some of the flats, and exit points in the event of a fire.

It was noted that a key issue of the refurbishment was that the City continued to experience a high level of unmet need for affordable housing and this scheme would bring 38 units back to the number of affordable units in the City.

Resolved;

- 1. To authorise that the Revocation Notice is served;**
- 2. To authorise the refurbishment of Exeter House at a cost of £450,000 to include:**
 - The refurbishment of all previously vacated flats**

- The installation of new kitchens to all of the council flats to ensure that they continue to meet the decent homes standard
 - General redecorating to communal areas
 - The installation of flood defence barriers to the car park
 - The installation of individual slot barriers to the ground floor flat entrances
 - To substantially remodel the 12 flats on the second floor and reduce to 9 flats as set out below:
 - 5 flats are the larger 1-bed type and these will be retained, but the internal layout substantially altered
 - 3 pairs of smaller flats/bedsit knocked together and converted 2-into-1 to form two-bed roomed flats
 - 1 larger one bed flat requires no alteration.
3. To refer the report to the Community Commission and to report any comments to Council Cabinet.

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