

Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board Recommendations from the meeting held on 07 June 2016
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Council Cabinet Agenda – 07 June 2016

Item 8 Parkland View Extra Care Apartments For Sale

Members considered a report of the Cabinet Member for Urban Renewal and Strategic Director of Communities and Places seeking approval for the marketing and sale of the shared ownership apartments and associated terms.

Members raised concerns in relation to fire safety and evacuation procedures; overnight care levels; issues with equalities act compliance in relation to the doors and lift access; the delivery of on-site amenities; and occupancy rates. Following a number of discussions the Board made a number of recommendations to Council Cabinet.

The Board also requested further detail from officers to be circulated for information, including a breakdown of service and peace of mind fees. Members also requested a future report on "lessons learnt" at the end of the project.

The Board resolved to recommend that Council Cabinet:

- 1) Ensure that the following issues are resolved prior to marketing the sale of properties, including:**
 - a. Fire safety procedures are fully signed off and any issues resolved, including the external linking of the fire alarm system, directly to the fire service if possible;**
 - b. Any Equalities Act compliance issues are resolved, including the replacement of all doors that are unsuitably heavy; and**
 - c. Reassures are given that overnight cover will be provided at an appropriate level tailored to the needs of the residents and ensuring the safety of residents in the event of an emergency;**
- 2) Expedite the franchising of the shop, restaurant and salon facilities, providing subsidies where necessary to encourage faster levels of occupation;**
- 3) Explore a broad range of providers to deliver the shop, restaurant and salon facilities including local colleges, learning providers and training schools; and**
- 4) Include a requirement for service providers to demonstrate an ethos in line with the nature of the facility and its residents;**
- 5) To allow prospective buyers an opportunity to purchase an apartment**

currently proposed for rent as an alternative to those currently identified for shared ownership.

Item 10 Contract and Financial Procedure Matters

The Board considered a report of the Report of the Leader of the Council and Chief Executive on items that require reporting to and approval by Council Cabinet under Contract and Financial Procedure rules.

The report sought approval for acceptance of £430,156 European Social Fund grant and £415,319 from the European Regional Development Fund grant, which relate to the D2N2 Technical Assistance Programme, forming part of the wider European Structural and Investment Fund (ESIF) programme. The Board was informed that Derby City Council would be the accountable body for both grants.

No recommendations to Council Cabinet were made by the Board on this item, however the Board requested further information in relation to the spending programmes for both funding pots.