

Time began 11.00am
Time ended 11.11am

Housing, Finance and Welfare Council Cabinet Member Meeting 14 April 2015

Present: Councillor Russell
In attendance: Councillor Harwood

05/14 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Dhindsa.

06/14 Late Items

There were no late items.

07/14 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations.

08/14 Minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2014

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 September were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

09/14 Housing Strategy 2015-2019 Public Consultation

The Cabinet Member for Housing, Finance and Welfare received a report, presented on behalf of the Interim Strategic Director of Adults, Health and Housing which detailed the Housing Strategy 2015-2019: Public Consultation. It was reported that the last strategy was written in 2009 and was now ready for renewal and review. As part of the process for developing the new strategy there was a need to consult widely to ensure that the views of all stakeholders were taken into account. The proposed consultation was provided in full to the Cabinet Member.

Resolved:

- 1. to approve the commencement of the Housing Strategy public consultation;**
- 2. to approve the Housing Strategy consultation process as detailed in the report.**

10/14 HRA Funded Purchase of Adapted Long Term Empty Property

The Cabinet Member for Housing, Finance and Welfare received a report, presented on behalf of the Interim Strategic Director of Adults, Health and Housing which detailed the HRA Funded Purchase of Adapted Long Term Empty Property. It was noted that the report proposed the purchase of a long term empty property in Normanton which had been adapted for physically disabled people. It was reported that at present there was a high demand from those on the Housing Register for properties adapted for wheelchair users as there were few wheelchair accessible properties within the Councils stock and these rarely become available.

Resolved:

- 1. to approve the purchase of the property in Normanton at the agreed price of £135k;**
- 2. to approve the designation of the property as specialist housing in perpetuity, invoking Paragraph 7, Schedule 5 of the Housing Act 1985 exempting the property from the Right to Buy.**

11/14 Grant Bid for Single Homeless Funding

The Cabinet Member for Housing, Finance and Welfare received a report, presented on behalf of the Interim Strategic Director of Adults, Health and Housing which detailed the Grant Bid for Single Homeless Funding. The Cabinet Member requested that it be put on record that although the work completed by the officers was appreciated and as the responsible Cabinet Member was delighted to accept the bid, she was disappointed that the correct procedures had not been followed by officers for the submission of the paperwork. The Cabinet Member did note though that to ensure this was not repeated in the future, she had been assured that the appropriate training had been arranged for the relevant officers.

Resolved:

- 1. to retrospectively approve the submission of the Single Homelessness grant bid to DCLG;**
- 2. to approve the acceptance of the offer of £250,000 of grant funding from DCLG;**
- 3. to note the Interim Strategic Director of AHH in conjunction with the Cabinet Member for Housing, Finance and Welfare will seek further approvals from Cabinet to allocate the funding to specific organisations and projects as prescribed in the bid.**

MINUTES END