

Time began	2.00pm
Time ended	2.06pm

Housing, Finance and Welfare Council Cabinet Member Meeting 8 September 2014

Present: Councillor Russell

01/14 Apologies

There were no apologies.

02/14 Late Items

There were no late items.

03/14 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations.

04/14 Draft Private Sector Housing & Renewal Policy and Draft
Private Sector Empty Homes Strategy 2015-202: Consultation

The Cabinet Member for Housing, Finance and Welfare received a report, presented on behalf of the Strategic Director of Neighbourhoods which detailed the proposed Private Sector Housing Renewal Policy and the proposed Private Sector Empty Homes Strategy for 2015-2020.

The current documents for Private Sector Housing and Renewal Policy and Draft Private Sector Empty Homes Strategy were written in 2012 and will be due for renewal in 2015. As part of the review process a wide reaching consultation is required to ensure that the views of all stakeholders are taken into account. The objectives of the consultation are to consult on the development of our strategic priorities for the period 2015-2020 and how these can be achieved. This would be planned and delivered in conjunction with Policy, Research and Engagement colleagues.

It was proposed that the Private Sector Empty Homes Strategy incorporate a Foreword by the current Cabinet Member. The Cabinet Member requested that the Foreword be sent to her for her approval before publication.

The Cabinet Member requested information on when the consultation period would start and was informed that it would commence late October to early November and finish before Christmas 2014, there isn't a statutory consultation period. Further details were sought by the Cabinet Member to ascertain who would be consulted:

- Private Sector

- Tenants Forums
- Liaison groups
- Intouch
- E-bulletins
- Landlords
- Strategic Housing
- Equality and Diversity Forums

The officer stated that this list was not exhaustive but gave an indication of who would be consulted and how far reaching the proposed consultation would be.

Resolved to:

- **approve the commencement of the formal consultation process for the Private Sector Housing Renewal Policy and the Private Sector Empty homes Strategy.**
- **agree that a Cabinet Member Forward is included in the Private Sector Empty Homes Strategy.**

MINUTES END