

Time began 11.30am
Time ended 11.33am

Urgent Leader of the Council Cabinet Member Meeting 27 March 2013

Present: Councillor Bayliss

In Attendance: Councillor Ingall

31/12 Apologies

There were none.

32/12 Late Items

There were no late items.

33/12 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations.

34/12 Enhanced Housing Management Options

The Leader received a report from the Strategic Director of Adults, Health and Housing. The report explained that Derby Homes operated Supported Living and Tenancy Support Services which were funded until the 31 March 2013 by the Housing Related Support funding stream. It was reported that with the imminent cessation of the Housing Related Support funding stream, the funding for these services would come to an end.

The Head of Strategic Housing recounted that on 20 March, Council Cabinet approved the implementation of an Enhanced Housing Management Service, with effect from 1 April 2013. This new service would deliver some, but not all, of the existing Supported Living services.

The Director and Company Secretary for Derby Homes estimated that 50 tenants had been assessed as able to pay for the services and were charged £15.52 per week. It was proposed that the charge be reduced to £10.62 per week to reflect the significant reduction in costs of the new service compared to the old.

The Scrutiny Officer, on behalf of the Chair of the Planning Housing and Leisure Board, questioned which services would not be provided as part of the reduced service. The Director and Company Secretary for Derby Homes explained that the amount of contact with tenants would be reduced. The restructured service would focus on supporting tenancies, i.e. ensuring that accommodation was accessible and tenancies could be maintained.

The Leader referred to section 4.5 of the report and noted that the council, together with Derby Homes, had agreed to meet the service charge (for those assessed as

being unable to pay) for a period of one year. Discussions were underway with regards to how the service could be funded in a year's time and whether it would be affordable to continue funding. A report would be presented at a future Council Cabinet meeting.

The Director and Company Secretary for Derby Homes confirmed that tenants would be directed to Derby Advice for support.

Resolved to agree to a service charge for the Enhanced Housing Management Service of £10.62 (£9.80 on a 52 week basis) for those tenants assessed as being able to pay.

MINUTES END