

Time began 2.00pm
Time ended 2.09pm

URGENT LEADER OF THE COUNCIL CABINET MEMBER MEETING 1 FEBRUARY 2013

Present: Councillor Bayliss
In attendance: Councillors Redfern and Troup

This record of decisions was published on 5 February 2013. The key decisions set out in this record will come into force and may be implemented on the expiry of five clear days unless a key decision is called in.

19/12 Apologies

There were none.

20/12 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

21/12 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations.

22/12 Minutes of the meeting held on 7 December 2012

The minutes were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

23/12 Minutes of the meeting held on 18 December 2012

The minutes were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

24/12 Exclusion of press and public

Resolved to exclude the press and public during consideration of the following items under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

Key Decision

25/12 Purchase of dwellings to provide affordable housing

A report of the Strategic Director of Adults, Health and Housing was considered. The report sought authorisation for the purchase of nine new build properties within a self-contained gated development to rent as affordable housing. It was confirmed that the properties would be protected from right to buy provisions for at least 15 years, and that any properties designated as specialist housing would be fully exempted.

Other Options Considered

A shorter term lease option where the vendor would retain ownership was not pursued as the vendor wished to recover the investment in the short term rather than over a longer period.

Resolved to agree to purchase nine properties as detailed in the exempt report, and to fund the purchase from Housing Revenue Account (HRA) new build budget and Empty Homes Grant received from the Homes and Communities Agency.

MINUTES END