

Time started 11:03
Time ended 11:38

Adults, Health and Housing Cabinet Member Meeting 19 June 2018

Present: Councillor Webb

In Attendance: Karen Brierley (Housing Development and PFI Team Leader), Alex Hough (Democratic Services Manager), Mike Kay (Acting Director of Public Protection) and Jeremy Mason (Principal Housing Strategy Officer).

1/18 Apologies

There were no apologies for absence.

2/18 Late Items

There were no late items.

3/18 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4/18 Updated Older Persons Housing Strategy 2019-2029: Consultation

The Cabinet Member for Adults, Health and Housing considered a report seeking approval to begin consultation on an updated Older Persons Housing Strategy for 2019-2029.

It was reported that the existing strategy was due to expire and that the revised strategy was intended to provide a wider range of choice for older people, based on the following themes:

- Assessing and planning for current and future housing needs of the local older population
- Making the best use of existing housing stock
- Planning and facilitating new supply, designed to meet both housing need and aspirational demand
- Continuing to link housing with the support services which vulnerable people may need in order to live in their homes, such as Extra Care schemes.
- Empowering older people to make informed decisions and choices about their housing and support needs.

The proposed consultation plan was outlined under Appendix 2. The Cabinet Member emphasised the need to consult private housing developers and to make the consultation process accessible to older people.

It was confirmed that the consultation would be available both online and in hard-copy, and would be publicised by the Council's Communications section. It was also stated that officers would circulate hard-copies at the Older Persons Housing Forum.

Resolved:

- **To agree to the consultation**
- **To approve the consultation process detailed in the report.**

5/18 Energy Efficiency (Private Rented Property) (England and Wales) Regulations 2015

The Cabinet Member for Adults, Health and Housing received a report detailing regulations on measures to improve energy efficiency on certain types of private rented property.

The report sought approval for the imposition of penalty notices as outlined under the Energy Efficiency (Private Rented Property) (England and Wales) Regulations 2015.

It was reported that a landlord of a private rented property must attain a minimum Band E energy efficiency rating for their property or face penalties. It was confirmed that under the proposals a landlord may not grant a new tenancy on a property after 1 April 2018, and must not continue to let a property beyond 1 April 2020, where the energy performance of the property was below the minimum level.

It was noted that exemptions existed where significant investment had already been made in the property to attain the required standard. Certificates of exemption would be administered directly by the Department for Housing, Communities and Local Government. It was further stated that total fines could not exceed £5,000 and that landlords had a right of appeal to the First Tier Tribunal.

The Cabinet Member enquired how many properties in the city would be affected by the energy efficiency requirement. It was confirmed that an accurate figure was unknown at this stage, however it was expected that the majority of properties would already be compliant.

It was confirmed that a communications strategy was in place to publicise the updated regulations and that consultation had been carried out with landlord forums in the city.

Resolved to endorse the proposed approach to the imposition of penalty notices under the legislation, as outlined in the report.

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