

COUNCIL CABINET 23 NOVEMBER 2010

Present Councillor Holmes (Chair)
 Councillors Grimadell, Ingall, Marshall, Poulter,
 Webb and Williams

In attendance Councillors Bayliss and Jones

This record of decisions was published on 25 November 2010. 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.

119/10 Recommendations from the Adults, Health and Housing Commission

The Council Cabinet considered a report on recommendations from the Adult Health and Housing Commission. At its October meeting, the Adults Health and Housing Commission reviewed options for the future management and maintenance of Council's housing stock, which was currently managed by Derby Homes. As part of the review the Commission received evidence from a range of people including officers and Board members of Derby Homes, groups of tenants and Housing and Advice Services division. Members also considered the November 2010 Forward Plan which was a standing item on the Commission agenda.

The Commission recommended that;

- The results of the "Local Conversation" exercise carried out by Derby Homes tenants should be included as part of the appraisal process for determining future management and maintenance arrangements of the council housing stock.
- The Council Cabinet should undertake detailed consultation with tenants if a decision was taken to bring management and maintenance responsibilities back in-house.
- Regeneration of housing estates should be considered as part of the appraisal process for determining the future management and maintenance of the housing stock.
- Officers provide detailed information on VAT issues related with Derby Homes to Commission members.

Members were unhappy and wanted an explanation as to why insufficient notice was given to them on items 37/10 and 39/10 listed in the November Forward Plan for consideration by the Council Cabinet at its December meeting, as the Adults Health and Housing Commission was not scheduled to meet again until 24 January 2011 and would not have opportunity to consider the issues prior to the decision being taken.

The Council Cabinet also considered a report of the Strategic Director of Adults, Health and Housing in response to the recommendations.

Decision

1. To agree that it is important to seek tenants views on the future arrangements for management of the housing stock and repairs service. Before a final decision is taken on the future arrangements consultation with the tenants be undertaken
2. To note that Council Cabinet considers that tenant consultation should take place before a final decision is made on the future arrangements.
3. To agree that there may be a need in the future, to change management arrangement in respect of some estates. However, it does not agree that this should be done as part of the current appraisal of options.
4. To note that Commission members will be provided with detailed information on VAT issues related to Derby Homes.
5. In relation of item 37/10 and 39/10 on the Forward Plan, Council Cabinet will be proposing that consultation be carried out on both of these issues. Therefore the Adults Health and Housing Commission will have the opportunity, at its meeting of the 24 January to consider both reports.

37/10 Consultation on the Eligibility Criteria and Charging Policy for Adult Social care Services -To approve a public consultation on a change in the eligibility criteria and charging policy for adult social care services

39/10 Council Care Homes and Day Services for Older People- To approve future options for Council Care Homes and Day Services for Older People