

Time began 9.03am
Time ended 9.11am

Urban Renewal Cabinet Member Meeting 12 June 2015

Present: Councillor Hussain

In Attendance: Councillor Ian Fullagar and Perveez Sadiq

01/15 Apologies

There were no apologies.

02/15 Late Items

There were no late items.

03/15 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations.

04/15 Platform for Life for Capital Funding

A report of the Acting Strategic Director for Adults, Health and Housing was considered which stated that the Platform for Life Fund, administered by the Homes and Communities Agency, was a new programme for shared accommodation let at an Affordable Rent for young people aged 18-24, who were homeless or at risk of homelessness or in housing need. The aim was to provide a stable place to live, where residents could be supported into training and education, linked effectively into existing health services, and encouraged into long term employment, independence and healthy living. This was not intended to be supported housing in the traditional sense, but was aimed at young people with low support needs who wanted to work or study, but needed stable accommodation to do so.

Derby City Council proposed to submit a bid for funding, in partnership with Derby Homes, which would involve six houses currently part of the existing social housing stock, and the purchase of a further 6 properties on the open market. These properties, to be managed by Derby Homes, would be located in areas which would support apprenticeships and local training and educational initiatives offered by the city's key employers, Rolls Royce and Toyota and with easy access to Derby College and University, enabling young people to pursue their training and education from a stable home. The accommodation would be shared, resulting in the overall bid supporting 24 young people to improve their prospects for a healthy and successful life. There would be some limited upgrading costs to this housing portfolio.

Should this bid be successful, this would fulfil the final stage of a Housing Pathway, enabling young people transitioning through temporary accommodation and who

have benefited from support, to secure stable accommodation whilst they continued to acquire employment skills and training and wider employment opportunities.

The bid requests grant approval of £210,000 for the delivery of 6 shared dwellings in the private sector.

Resolved to authorise a bid submission by Derby City Council for grant funding as outlined in the report, under the Platform for Life Programme.

05/15 Acquisition of a Property for a Foster Family with Complex Needs

A report of the Acting Strategic Director for Adults, Health and Housing was considered which stated that a family were long term foster carers for five children and also had three birth children living with them. To meet all of the children's needs and ensure that the sibling groups were not separated, accommodation providing sufficient bedrooms and living space was required to ensure adequate private space for each child.

The Council has a statutory responsibility as the foster children's corporate parent to ensure provision of sufficient space for the children.

A property currently on the open market had been identified as suitable for purchase and could be altered to provide sufficient bedrooms and living space for the family. A purchase price of £175k, subject to approval of this report, had been accepted.

Resolved

- 1. To authorise for the Council to proceed with the purchase of the property at the agreed price of £175k.**
- 2. To provide the family with a secure tenancy of the property.**

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