



HOUSING SELECT COMMITTEE

Meeting: Thursday, 2 July 2015 at 6.30 pm in the Octagon Lounge, Buxton Pavilion Gardens

Present: Councillor A McKeown (Chairman)

Councillors Atkins, Easter, Grooby, A McKeown, Robins and Sloman (until 7.52 pm)

Tenant/Independent Members – R Bowen, G Fox and K Martin

Councillors McCabe and Thrane were also in attendance.

Apologies for absence were received from K Smith and Councillor Flowers.

16/09 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
(Agenda item 2)

Councillor Atkins declared an 'other' interest in any item (reason: stepson is High Peak Borough Council tenant).

Councillor McCabe declared an 'other' interest in agenda item 7 'Homelessness Prevention Expenditure Update' (reason: work for Crossroads Derbyshire who are mentioned and receive funding as set out in item 7).

16/10 **MINUTES**
(Agenda Item 4)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 4 June 2015 be approved as a correct record.

16/11 **DISABLED FACILITIES GRANT**
(Agenda Item 5)

Mike Towers gave a presentation on disabled facilities grants. Mandatory grants in the private sector, types of funded works, application process and deadlines, monitoring, 2014/15 data and future considerations were outlined. Discussion took place on keeping people in their own homes rather than hospitals and care homes, number of cases, promoting GP referrals and no means testing for under 18s.

RESOLVED:

That the presentation be received with thanks.

16/12 **HOUSING PERFORMANCE UPDATE 2014/15**
(Agenda Item 6)



There was an update on the performance of the Council across a range of housing measures for 2014/15.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

(Councillor McCabe left the meeting before consideration of the following item.)

16/13 HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION EXPENDITURE UPDATE
(Agenda Item 7)

A report on the Homelessness Budget 2015/16 expenditure and Second Homes Council Tax allocation for 2015/16 was considered. Around 250 affected households, increase in mutual exchanges, prevention outcomes 2009/10 – 2013/14, spending and 2015/16 budget were discussed.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Executive be recommended to note the Homelessness Budget distribution for 2015/16.
2. That the 2015/16 Second Homes Council Tax distribution for 2015/16 be noted.
3. That the successful application to the Government's fund to support those fleeing domestic abuse be noted.
4. That a report be brought forward in October to set out the options for funding in 2016/17.

(Councillor McCabe rejoined the meeting before consideration of the following item.)

16/14 VOIDS PROCESS UPDATE
(Agenda Item 8)

There was an update on the void process and the voids improvement action plan. The planned additional operational improvement plan, targets and hard to let properties were discussed.

RESOLVED:

1. That the report and progress made in improving void performance be noted.
2. That the new void performance framework, detailed at 8.11 of the report, be noted.
3. That a further update on the headline void improvement plan be requested to a future meeting.



16/15 SELECT COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME
(Agenda Item 9)

Reports on Disabled Facilities Grants, proposed changes to right to buy, stock condition survey update and Tenants Scrutiny would be added. An update on DCC cuts may be available for the September or October meeting.

A tour of a variety of properties, possibly including the Hope Valley, would be arranged for a morning.

RESOLVED:

That the updated work programme be noted.

16/16 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC
(Agenda Item 11)

RESOLVED:

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business as there may be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

SUMMARY OF EXEMPT ITEMS

16/17 CAPITAL ROOFING RENEWALS 2015/2016 CONTRACT
(Agenda Item 12)

RESOLVED:

That the contents of the report be noted and the Executive be recommended to approve the recommendations in section 8 of the report.

16/18 PIR/ELECTRICAL TESTING AND WORKS CONTRACT
(Agenda Item 13)

RESOLVED:

That the contents of the report be noted and the Executive be recommended to approve the recommendations in section 8 of the report.

The meeting concluded at 7.58 pm.

CHAIRMAN

