



HOUSING SELECT COMMITTEE

Meeting: Wednesday, 4 May 2016 at 6.30 pm in the Café, Buxton Pavilion Gardens

Present: Councillor A McKeown (Chairman)

Councillors Flower, Grooby, Kerr (substitute for Sloman) and Robins.

Apologies for absence were received from R Bowen, K Smith, Councillors Atkins, Easter and Sloman.

Councillors McCabe and Thrane were also in attendance.

16/43 **MINUTES**
(Agenda Item 4)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 4 February 2016 be approved as a correct record.

16/44 **BUXTON HOUSING MARKET INTERVENTION PROJECT**
(Agenda Item 6)

The Committee received an update on the progress of the Buxton Housing Market Intervention Project and the request to close the project on completion of Peveril House.

Consideration was given to right to buy receipts, S106 funds, project management, schedules for spending and the need for case updates. Positive refurbishment, marketing, Buxton Councillors possibly visiting Peveril House and nomination rights were discussed. Annual consideration of capital programme works and right to buy reporting were also considered.

RESOLVED:

That the outcomes of the Buxton Housing Market Intervention Project be noted.

16/45 **ADOPTION OF TENANT ALTERATION AND IMPROVEMENT POLICY**
(Agenda Item 6)

The Committee received a report on the proposed tenant alteration and improvement policy.

Discussion took place on pigeon lofts, informal discussions, apparent structural changes, legal action to reinstate if unsafe, issues with laminate flooring, surveying void properties and photographic records, information for existing and new tenants.



RESOLVED:

That the Tenant Alteration and Improvement Policy as set out in the report be recommended to the Executive for adoption.

16/46 HOUSING AND PLANNING BILL
(Agenda Item 7)

It was reported that the Housing and Planning Bill was still between the Houses of Commons and the Lords. Amendments made by the House of Lords had been rejected. Updates were available on <http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2015-16/housingandplanning.html>. If a compromise was not reached within the present session the Bill would fall. Full implications would be known once consultation starts and operational discussions would be needed. Secondary legislation relating to pay to stay and the sale of high value homes were also discussed.

RESOLVED:

That the update be received with thanks and a further update be considered at a future meeting.

16/47 SELECT COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME
(Agenda Item 9)

An update on Supporting People Funding was requested. It was reported that lower level support for the warden scheme would continue and stop gap funding was being considered. To date 1 tenant had claimed a hardship reduction. There would be a report to a future meeting on the Chartered Institute of Housing review of sheltered housing due in June. There would also be a non-financial update from the Housing Revenue Account Business Plan.

RESOLVED:

That the Select Committee Work Programme be noted.

16/48 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC
(Agenda Item 10)

RESOLVED:

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item 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 ITEM

16/49 MINUTES
(Agenda Item 11)



RESOLVED:

That the exempt minutes of the meeting held on 4 February 2016 be approved as a correct record.

The meeting concluded at 7.13 p.m.

CHAIRMAN