

HOUSING PORTFOLIO HOLDER'S MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 21 MARCH 2018

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the Housing Portfolio Holder's Meeting held on Wednesday, 21 March 2018. Decisions made by the Portfolio Holder will be subject to call-in. Recommendations made to the Cabinet or to the Council are not subject to call-in. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Ian Senior.

In each of the following cases, the reasons for decisions, options and resource implications are as set out in the individual reports.

1. REVIEW OF SHELTERED HOUSING COMMUNAL ROOMS

The Housing Portfolio Holder

1. approved the project, the projected expenditure, the work undertaken to date and agrees to the project being rolled out in accordance with the draft programme which is estimated to be completed within a two year timescale;
2. agreed to a proposed allocation of £205,000 to be vired from the existing capital budget and recouped from realised increased revenue and capital receipts;
3. agreed to the proposed dedicated staffing resource to assist in managing and taking forward the project; and
4. agreed that a Deed of Variation should be included in all future leases of equity share properties to ensure that leaseholders are not in a position to block any change of use proposed for communal rooms on the sheltered housing scheme where they reside.

2. SUB-REGIONAL HOME-LINK ALLOCATIONS AND LETTINGS POLICY - UPDATES AND AMENDMENTS

The Housing Portfolio Holder approved the amendments to the Home Link and Allocations Policy attached as Appendix A to the report.

3. SHARED OWNERSHIP - APPROACH TO RESTRICTED STAIR-CASING IN CAMBOURNE

The Housing Portfolio Holder agreed

1. To lift the stair-casing restriction on shared ownership properties in Cambourne; and
2. on grant funded schemes, to apply to Homes England (previously known as the HCA) for a waiver of the restriction.

4. STARTER HOMES AT NORTHSTOWE: HEADS OF TERMS FOR USE OF CAPITAL RECEIPTS

The Housing Portfolio Holder

1. Approved the Heads of Terms attached as **Appendix 1 to the report; and**
2. Agreed that, following approval of the Heads of Terms, a legally binding Strategic Collaboration Agreement would be drafted for both parties to sign up to.

5. AFFORDABLE HOMES SERVICE PLAN 2017/18 AND 2018/19

The Housing Portfolio Holder approved the Affordable Homes Service Plan for 2018-19 (Appendix 2 to the report) and noted the progress to date on existing projects within the 2017-18 Service Plan.