

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

HOUSING & NEW HOMES COMMITTEE

4.00pm 13 JANUARY 2016

FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE, SHIP STREET, BRIGHTON

DECISION LIST

Part One

54 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET AND INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2016/17 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY

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Ward Affected: All Wards

- (1) That Housing & New Homes Committee recommend that Policy & Resources Committee:
 - (a) **Does not** approve and recommend to Council the HRA revenue budget for 2016/17 as shown in Appendix 1.
 - (b) approves a rent reduction of 1% in line with draft government legislation as detailed in paragraph 3.7.
 - (c) **Does not** approve service charges and fees as detailed in Appendix 2 or delegates authority to the Acting Executive Director of Environment, Development & Housing to make further amendments to communal service charges and laundry charges (to ensure cost recovery) once notification of new contract prices (from April 2016) has been received.
 - (d) **Does not** approve the capital programme expenditure and financing budget of £43.047 million for 2016/17 or note the 4 year programme as set out in Appendix 3.
 - (e) notes the Medium Term Financial Strategy and 30 year financial projections shown in Appendix 4.
- (2) That an urgent meeting of all area panel representatives, housing officers and interested elected members be held to obtain feedback on capital programme priorities and revenue savings on the 2016/17 budget, and this feedback be passed onto Policy and Resources

Committee on 11 February 2016 for consideration.

- (3) That a full consultation and engagement exercise be undertaken with residents which is based on a programme agreed at an initial meeting with tenant only chairs, panel chairs and officers to be held in September 2016.
- (4) That the results and recommendations from the consultation exercise in (3) above be reported to the Committee with recommendations for the 2017/18 HRA revenue and capital budgets.

55 MUTUAL EXCHANGE INCENTIVES

Contact Officer: Nick Kitson
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- (1) That it is agreed to extend financial incentives to downsizing tenants completing a mutual exchange.

56 WELFARE REFORM CHANGES

Contact Officer: Ododo Dafe
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- (1) That the contents of the report and comments made by the Committee be noted.

57 WELFARE REFORM: RESPONSES TO RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE CENTRE FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL INCLUSION

- (1) That the extract and report be noted along with the committee's comments.

58 PROCUREMENT OF TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION - DYNAMIC PURCHASING SYSTEM

Contact Officer: Sylvia Peckham
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- (1) That Policy & Resources Committee be recommended to agree that delegated authority be granted to the Executive Director of Environment Development and Housing in consultation with the Director of Finance to set up a DPS with a duration of up to four (4) years and run call-off tenders for the provision of long term managed leased accommodation which may be situated outside of the Brighton & Hove Local Authority Local Housing Allowance Area provided we seek to procure within an hour's travelling time of the city by public transport.

- (2) That Policy and Resources be recommended to agree that delegated authority is granted to the Executive Director of Environment Development and Housing to award contracts under the DPS as required following the recommendations of the evaluation panel with respect to individual call-off tenders run under the DPS.

59 PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING (PSH) DISCRETIONARY LICENSING UPDATE

Contact Officer: Martin Reid *Tel:* 01273 93321
Ward Affected: All Wards

- (1) That authority be delegated to the Acting Executive Director for Environment, Development & Housing to explore the necessity or otherwise of the introduction of further discretionary licensing in all or part of the local authority area.
- (2) That there is a report back to this Committee outlining the findings and any resulting recommendations.

60 HOUSING MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE REPORT QUARTER 2 2015/16

Contact Officer: Ododo Dafe *Tel:* 01273 293201
Ward Affected: All Wards

- (1) That the report which was submitted to the Area Panels in November & December be noted, along with the comments of the Committee.

61 OVERPAYMENTS ON THE HOUSING REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENT CONTRACT

Contact Officer: Graham Liddell *Tel:* 01273 291323
Ward Affected: All Wards

- (2) That the report and the committee's comments be noted.
- (3) That it is agreed that a report be presented to the Committee on a biannual basis, demonstrating that the council and Mears Ltd have robust processes are in place to avoid any further overpayments.

NB The above decisions will be implemented after close of business on 20 January 2016 unless they are called in.