

**BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL**

**HOUSING CABINET MEMBER MEETING**

**5.15PM, 22 JULY 2008**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Councillor Caulfield, Cabinet Member for Housing.

**Also in attendance:**

Cabinet Member: Councillor Mears, Leader.

**Other Members:** Councillors; Simpson (Opposition Spokesperson) Marsh and Randall.

**PART ONE**

**15 PROCEDURAL BUSINESS**

**15a Declarations of Interests**

15a.1 There were none.

**15b Exclusion of Press and Public**

15b.1 The Committee considered whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of any items contained in the agenda, having regard to the nature of the business to be transacted and the nature of the proceedings and the likelihood as to whether, if members of the press and public were present, there would be disclosure to them of confidential or exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A, Part 5A, Section 100A(4) or 100 1 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

15b.2 **RESOLVED** - That the press and public be not excluded from the meeting.

**16 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4 JUNE 2008**

16.1 **RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the meeting held on 4 June 2008 be approved and signed by the Cabinet Member.

**17 CABINET MEMBER'S COMMUNICATIONS**

17.1 Cabinet Member welcomed everyone to the meeting. It was noted that the meeting had followed on directly from the Housing Management Consultative meeting and the Chairman welcomed those Members and Tenant Representatives that had chosen to observe proceedings.

**18 ITEMS RESERVED FOR DISCUSSION**

- 5.1 **RESOLVED** – That with the exception of the items reserved (and marked with an asterisk), the recommendations and resolutions contained therein be approved and adopted without debate.

**19 PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

- 19.1 There were none.

**20 WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

- 20.1 There were none.

**21 PETITIONS**

- 21.1 There were none.

**22 DEPUTATIONS**

- 22.1 There were none.

**23 LETTERS FROM COUNCILLORS**

- 23.1 There were none.

**24 NOTICE OF MOTION REFERRED FROM COUNCIL**

- 24.1 There were none.

**25 MATTERS REFERRED FOR RECONSIDERATION**

- 25.1 There were none.

**26 REPORTS FROM OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

- 26.1 There were none.

**\*27 HOUSING GREEN PAPER OPTIONS: STAGE ONE REPORT**

- 27.1 The Cabinet Member considered a report of the Director of Adult Social Care & Housing concerning the council's review of options in the Government's Housing Green Paper. With the support of external financial and legal expertise from Pricewaterhouse Coopers (PwC) and Trowers & Hamblins (Trowers), the detailed assessment of options for meeting the council's strategic objectives and development of a proposal for the council to set up a viable Local Delivery Vehicle (LDV) that meets these objectives had been completed (for copy see minute book).
- 27.1 Councillor Simpson noted that the Labour Group would have preferred more time to consider some of the issues raised by the report, noting that she had a series of questions to ask. For ease of reference the questions and answers are appended at 'A' (to follow).

**\*28 TENDER FOR A CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF A SECURITY WHEEL CLAMPING SERVICE WITHIN BRIGHTON & HOVE**

28.1 The Cabinet Member considered a report of Director of Adult Social Care & Housing that requested approval of a request to tender for a contract to provide a secure clamping service for Housing Revenue Account (HRA) managed car parking and garage areas let to licence holders. Permission was also sought that other directorates who would benefit from clamping on their land, for example office car parks, could use the service (for copy see minute book).

28.2 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the Housing Cabinet Member approve the tendering for a Security Wheel Clamping Service within Brighton & Hove. This will enable these services to commence on 31 January 2009.

(2) That the comments as made by the Housing Management Consultative Committee be noted.

**\*29 HOUSING STRATEGY 2008-2013: HEALTHY HOMES, HEALTHY LIVES, HEALTHY CITY**

The Cabinet Member considered a report of the Director of Adult Social Care & Housing concerning the development of a draft Housing Strategy and draft specialist housing strategies relating to Older People, the city's BME (Black and Minority Ethnic) communities and the city's LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans) communities. Development of these strategies began in 2007 to replace the previous Strategy that was developed in 2001 and updated in 2004 (for copy see minute book).

29.1 **RESOLVED** - (1) That the progress on the development of the city-wide Housing Strategy 2008–2013 and the consultation undertaken to date, be noted.

(2) That the engagement of the Housing Management Consultative Committee and tenant representatives in detailed consultation / review of the draft Housing Strategy, Older People's Housing Strategy, BME Housing Strategy and LGBT Housing Strategy, be noted.

**\*30 HOUSING MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE REPORT**

The Cabinet Member considered a report of Director of Adult Social Care & Housing concerning the attainment of performance targets set by members and/or Cabinet and reporting on general policy initiatives underway to improve performance within Housing Management responsibilities (for copy see minute book).

30.1 **RESOLVED** – That the report be noted.

**\*31 EXTERNAL ENVELOPE REPAIRS TO SOMERSET & WILTSHIRE HOUSE 2008**

31.1 The Cabinet Member considered a report of Director of Adult Social Care & Housing requesting delegated authority to award a contract for repairs to the external envelope of Somerset & Wiltshire House (for copy see minute book).

31.2 **RESOLVED** - That the Cabinet Member for Housing authorise that the Director of Adult Social Care & Housing be given delegated powers to approve the award of the contract for external envelope repairs to Somerset & Wiltshire House, following financial due diligence and cost comparisons of the tenders offered under mini competition from contractors on the LHC external envelope repairs framework, following consultation with the Cabinet member for housing.

The meeting concluded at 5.45 pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of

2008