POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 174

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: HCA Empty Property Funding - Extract from the

Proceedings of the Housing Committee Meeting held

on the 6 March 2013

Date of Meeting: 21 March 2013

Report of: Monitoring Officer

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Wards Affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

Action Required of the Committee:

To receive the item referred from the Housing Committee for approval:

Recommendation:

- (1) That the Policy & Resources Committee be recommended to approve the Empty Property Capital Scheme and update the Capital Programme with budgets of £405k in 2013/14 and £495k in 2014/15 to be funded by £900k HCA capital grant (of which £675k relates to BHCC and £225k relates to Lewes to be managed via BHCC); and
- (2) That the Policy & Resources Committee be recommended to approve forward funding to a maximum of £200k for this project due to the timing issues of awarding funding and the subsequent grant claim as detailed in paragraph 3.20 of the report.

HOUSING COMMITTEE

4.00 pm 6 March 2013 COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Councillor Wakefield (Chair), Powell (Deputy Chair), Peltzer Dunn

(Opposition Spokesperson), Farrow (Spokesperson), Barnett, Davey, Fitch,

Jarrett, Mears and Rufus.

PART ONE

61. HCA EMPTY PROPERTY FUNDING ALLOCATION

61.1 The Committee considered the report of the Strategic Director Place. The report provided information on the Homes & Communities Agency Empty Property Funding.

61.2 **RESOLVED**:

- (1) That the successful bid to the Homes & Communities Agency for funding under the Empty Homes Programme 2012-15 (currently subject to contract) be noted;
- (2) That the Strategic Director Place be granted delegated authority to enter into the Empty Homes (Revolving Fund) Agreement (2012-15 allocation (local authority)), the key elements of which are set out in paragraph (3.22) to the report;
- (3) That the Policy & Resources Committee be recommended to approve the Empty Property Capital Scheme and update the Capital Programme with budgets of £405K in 2013/14 and £495k in 2014/15 to be funded by £900k HCA capital grant (of which £675k relates to BHCC and £225k relates to Lewes to be managed via BHCC); and
- (4) That the Policy & Resources Committee be recommended to approve forward funding to a maximum of £200k for the project due to the timing issues of awarding funding and the subsequent grant claim as detailed in paragraph 3.20 to the report.