

HOUSING COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER 2020

Present: Councillor T A Cullen, Chair

Councillors: L A Ball BEM
B C Carr (Vice-Chair)
D Grindell
J C Goold
E Kerry
H G Khaled MBE
G Marshall
J W McGrath
J M Owen
P J Owen
H E Skinner
E Williamson

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J P T Parker and S A Bagshaw

15 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor E Kerry declared an interest in agenda item 5 due to renting a garage, minute number 18 refers.

16 **MINUTES**

The Committee confirmed the minutes as a correct record of the meeting held on 3 June 2020, subject to the resolution of minute item 3 being amended to read 'Resolved to adopt the proposed amendment including an additional amendment relating to reclaim decisions with wording agreed by the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee.'

17 **HOUSING STRATEGY**

Members welcomed the Strategy based on the Housing Priorities within the Corporate Plan, which included the topics of 'to build more houses on underused or derelict land, invest to ensure our homes are safe and more energy efficient and to prevent homelessness and help people to be financially independent.'

RESOLVED that the Housing Strategy 2020-2024 be approved

18 **GARAGE STRATEGY**

The Committee discussed the new Garage Strategy and confirmed the Councils approach to the ongoing management and maintenance of garage sites. The Head of Housing to provide further responses to the strategy via email to all Committee Members.

RESOLVED that the Garage Strategy 2020-2024 be approved

19 SANCTUARY SCHEME

The Committee welcomed the policy to provide guidance on how the Council will manage requests for assistance through the Sanctuary Scheme. Members praised the benefits the scheme provided by allowing survivors of domestic abuse to stay in their own homes by providing security improvements.

RESOLVED that the Sanctuary Scheme Policy be approved

20 ASSET MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

The Committee welcomed the Asset Management Strategy that was built upon the work of the recent stock condition survey and to ensure effective management of the Housing Revenue Account assets. Members discussed the key themes in the Strategy including improvements to car parks outside the properties.

RESOLVED that the key themes to be developed and be included in the Asset Management Strategy.

21 NOTING REPORTS

The following reports were noted:

- Performance Management-Review of Business Plan Progress
- Housing Delivery Plan Update
- Fuel Poverty
- Compliancy
- Community Living Network
- Homelessness Services in Broxtowe
- Income Collection, Financial Inclusion and Tenancy Sustainment Update.

22 WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee considered the work programme.

RESOLVED that the Work Programme be approved.

23 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED that under Section 100A of the Local Government Act, 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

24 INDEPENDENT LIVING STOCK OPTIONS

RESOLVED that Consultation be completed for schemes as listed in appendices 1 and 3 of the report and the phases outlined in appendix 2 of the report be approved.