

HOUSING COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 26 MAY 2021

Present: Councillor T A Cullen, Chair

Councillors: D Bagshaw
L A Ball BEM
B C Carr (Vice-Chair)
J C Goold
D Grindell
E Kerry
H G Khaled MBE
J M Owen
J P T Parker
S Paterson
H E Skinner

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S A Bagshaw, J W McGrath and E Williamson.

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 February 2021 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3 MINIMUM STANDARDS OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN THE PRIVATE RENTED SECTOR

Members were advised of the requirements for a minimum energy efficiency standard in the private rented housing sector and of a proposed policy for the use of financial penalties for energy efficiency related enforcement.

RESOLVED that the proposed policy in respect of enforcement of energy efficiency requirements in private rented sector dwellings be approved.

4 GREEN HOMES GRANT (LOCAL AUTHORITY DELIVERY PHASE 2)

The Committee noted the Green Homes Grant (Local Authority Delivery Phase 2) and of the proposal which had been submitted to upgrade the energy efficiency of dwellings in the Council owned stock.

The Green Homes Grant scheme aims to raise the energy efficiency of low-income and low EPC rated homes, including the worst quality off-gas grid homes, delivering progress towards reducing fuel poverty, the phasing out of high carbon fossil fuel heating and the UK's commitment to net zero by 2050. This accords with Broxtowe's commitment to become carbon neutral by 2027.

RECOMMENDED that Finance and Resources Committee include an additional £724,850 in the 2021/22 capital programme for heating replacements and other energy efficiency works on the Council's housing stock funded from the Green Homes Grant (LAD Phase 2).

5 TENANCY MANAGEMENT POLICY

The Committee noted the updated Tenancy Management Policy. The purpose of the Policy is to outline the rights that each Broxtowe Borough Council tenant has in accordance with the relevant legislation relating to tenancy management.

RESOLVED that the updated Tenancy Management Policy be approved.

6 CUSTOMERS WITH ADDITIONAL SUPPORT NEEDS POLICY

The Committee noted the updated Customers with Additional Support Needs Policy. The aims of the policy were to provide tailored services to customers who have additional support needs and request and manage up to date data which identifies customers who have additional support needs.

RESOLVED that the Customers with Additional Support Needs be approved.

7 REVIEW OF LEASEHOLD MANAGEMENT POLICY

The Committee noted the proposed amendments to the Leasehold Management Policy.

The purpose of the policy was to provide clarity and consistency by outlining clearly the responsibilities and obligations of leaseholders and Broxtowe Borough Council's approach to delivering our contractual obligations.

RESOLVED that the proposed changes to the Council Leasehold Management Policy be approved.

8 HOUSING ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY 2019 - 2022 YEAR 3 ACTION PLAN

The Committee considered the year 3 action plan of the Housing Engagement Strategy 2019-2022.

The priorities and actions set out in the Housing Engagement Strategy would ensure that customers have a greater voice and can influence positive change.

RESOLVED that the Year 3 Action Plan of the Housing Engagement Strategy 2019 – 2022 be approved.

9 PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REVIEW OF BUSINESS PLAN - HOUSING -
OUTTURN REPORT 2020/21

The Committee noted the progress against outcome targets identified in the Housing Business Plan, linked to Corporate Plan priorities and objectives.

10 HOUSING DELIVERY PLAN UPDATE

The Committee note the current work to deliver the Housing Delivery Plan.

11 NEW BUILD OAKFIELD ROAD, STAPLEFORD CONTRACT - UPDATE

An update was provided to members on the contract with Vaughandale Construction Limited for the construction of 5 highly energy efficient flats for the Housing Revenue Account at Oakfield Road, Stapleford.

12 WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee considered the Work Programme.

RESOLVED that the work programme, with the inclusion of a report on mobility scooters/disabilities, be approved.

13 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 items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

14 HOUSING DELIVERY PLAN UPDATE APPENDIX 4

RESOLVED that should any part of the green land, of the community centre, become available for use as part of the development, the option should be explored to improve or possibly relocate the centre and facilities contained within it.

15 INDEPENDENT LIVING STOCK OPTIONS

RESOLVED that the proposed changes to the Independent Living schemes be approved.

