

HOUSING COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, 5 MARCH 2019

Present: Councillor E Kerry, Chair

Councillors: A W G A Stockwell (Vice-Chair)
S A Bagshaw
L A Ball BEM
M J Crow (substitute)
D A Elliott (substitute)
J C Goold
G Harvey
J K Marsters
J W McGrath
J M Owen
J C Patrick

An apology for absence was received from Councillor M Radulovic MBE.

45 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

46 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 December 2018 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

47 PETS POLICY

The Committee considered the proposed Pet Policy.

The policy provides a framework for the types of pets that are permissible by the Council and what additional measures or enquiries that tenants are required to undertake for the request to be approved.

The policy also provides clarification on what measures the Council would take should a pet be kept without permission and what actions that the Council would take should pets become a nuisance and their continued ownership becomes an issue at the property or in the community.

RESOLVED that the Pets Policy be referred to the Residents Involvement Group for consultation, as amended.

48 TENANCY AGREEMENT CONSULTATION OUTCOMES

The Committee were informed of outcome of the Secure Tenancy Agreement consultation for existing tenants. The Consultation took place between September and December 2018.

49 IMPACT OF UNIVERSAL CREDIT

The Committee were updated on the impact of Universal Credit (UC) within the Borough. UC was introduced at Heanor Job Centre in June 2018 serving the north of the borough, and at Beeston Job Centre on 14 November 2018 in the south. It was noted that arrears have reduced by £24,000.

50 FORMER STAPLEFORD POLICE STATION - FUNDING BID

The Committee noted the report on the former Stapleford police station. The cost of acquiring the former Police Station in Stapleford was £168,000 and was met from the HRA. The Council has bid for £128,250 of funding, with the overall project cost being approximately £171,000 and the difference met by existing Council resources.

51 WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee noted the Work Programme.

RESOLVED that the Work Programme be approved.

52 HOUSING DELIVERY PLAN

With the permission of the Chair this item was removed from the agenda and was not discussed at the meeting.

53 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 paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

54 CONTRACT FOR THE GARAGE REPLACEMENT AND REFURBISHMENT WORKS PROGRAMME 2019-2022

RESOLVED that a three-year contract for the provision of Garage Replacement and Refurbishment Works within existing approved budgets be awarded to Impart Links Limited.