

CABINET MEMBER FOR SAFE AND ATTRACTIVE NEIGHBOURHOODS
4th October, 2010

Present:- Councillor Akhtar (in the Chair); Councillors Goulty and Kaye (Policy Advisors).

J60. PETITION - SHAFTESBURY HOUSE - DISTRICT HEATING CHARGES

The Democratic Services Manager reported receipt of a petition, containing 51 signatures, from residents of Shaftesbury House regarding the proposed increase in District Heating Charges.

Resolved:- (1) That the petition be noted.

(2) That the Director of Housing and Neighbourhood Services investigate the matters raised and submit a report thereon.

(3) That the lead petitioner be informed of the above.

J61. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved:- That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public 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 those paragraphs, indicated below, of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

J62. 2010 ROTHERHAM LTD.'S NEW OPERATING MODEL - CLIENT TEAM

The Director of Housing and Neighbourhood Services reported that 2010 Rotherham Ltd.'s Client Team was the latest team to undergo a 'Beyond 2010' review.

The temporary re-shaping of the Client Team would reflect the need to manage key service areas more cost effectively whilst retaining careful management of the close of the Decent Homes Programme and associated residual tasks.

Resolved:- (1) That the period of change which 2010 Rotherham Ltd.'s Client Team was entering into be noted together with the shift in the type of work coming through the Decent Homes Programme and monitoring of the Repairs and Maintenance contract.

(2) That the proposed interim remodelling of the Client Team, as outlined in Appendices 1 and 2, be supported.

(3) That a further report be submitted regarding the temporary arrangements early in 2011.

(Exempt under Paragraph 3 of the Act – information relating to the financial or business affairs of any person (including the Council))

J63. DECENT HOMES OVERSPEND - FINANCIAL OPTIONS

Further to Minute No. 59 of 20th September, 2010, the Director of Housing and Neighbourhood Services submitted a report setting out 4 potential financial solutions to the overspend arising from Decent Homes works in East Herringthorpe which would not compromise existing/ committed work schemes.

The potential options had been explored and evaluated with Senior Finance Officers and the Director of Finance together with 2010 Rotherham Ltd.'s Director of Operations. The implications of each on the wider capital programme had also been considered.

Since the report had been written, further consideration/ discussion had taken place on the 4 options with only 2 now proposed for approval. The Director of Operations, 2010 Rotherham Ltd. reported that further discussions were to take place with E.C. Harris and the Client Team on possible funding options.

Resolved:- (1) That the 4 proposed options be noted.

(2) That that virement of £195,000 from the Tied Tenancy budget and utilisation of Year 2 Environmental Programme £300,000 underspend be approved.

(3) That consideration be given to further options to address the potential overspend with a report submitted thereon as soon as practicable.

(Exempt under Paragraph 3 of the Act – information relating to the financial or business affairs of any person (including the Council))

J64. INTRODUCTORY TENANCY REVIEW PANEL

It was noted that an Appeals Panel had been held on 16th September, 2010, comprising Councillors Atkin, J. Hamilton and Hughes, to review a decision to terminate an Introductory Tenancy.

The Panel had confirmed the decision made on 16th August, 2010.

Resolved:- That the Panel's decision be noted.

(Exempt under Paragraph 2 of the Act - information likely to reveal the identity of an individual)

J65. STAGE 3 COMPLAINT PANEL

It was noted that a meeting of a Complaints Panel held been held on 14th September, 2010, comprising Councillors Atkin (in the Chair), Nightingale and Whysall. The Panel heard a complaint received from Mr. W. relating to the Rothercare Service.

The Panel had not upheld the complaint but had made the following recommendation:-

“That an information card be produced setting out all potential costs not set out in the Tenancy Agreement that the resident might have to pay to third parties to access the full benefit of living in the sheltered accommodation involved to prospective sheltered accommodation residents and made available before the signing of the Tenancy Agreement.”

Resolved:- (1) That the Panel's findings be noted.

(2) That the Panel's recommendation be referred to 2010 Rotherham Ltd. for incorporation into their current process.

(Exempt under Paragraph 2 of the Act - information likely to reveal the identity of an individual)