

Decision No: CMM – 20

Forward Plan No: HSG 13718

This record relates to Agenda Item 75 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET MEMBER DECISION

DECISION-MAKER: COUNCILLOR MARIA CAULFIELD

PORTFOLIO AREA: HOUSING

SUBJECT: TENANCY AGREEMENT REVIEW

AUTHOR: DIANE FREELAND

THE DECISION

- (1) That the results of the consultation exercise and the themes arising as detailed in appendix 1, be noted.
- (2) That the implementation of the revised tenancy agreement, as attached at appendix 2 be agreed.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

- 7.1 To provide the Cabinet Member for Housing with the results of the tenancy agreement consultation. To seek the Cabinet Member for Housing's agreement to the implementation of the revised tenancy agreement, attached at appendix 2.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 6.1 Continue with the existing tenancy agreement. However this is not recommended, as it does not allow the council to take advantage of developments in best practice and does not reflect the wishes of tenants. During the consultation exercise those who responded expressed a high level of support for the changes the council were proposing to make. We need to ensure we have a comprehensive agreement, which covers all the areas of tenancy management and reflects the priorities that are important to the council and tenants.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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14 January 2010

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Councillor Maria Caulfield
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Proper Officer:

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Decision No: CMM – 21

Forward Plan No: N/A

This record relates to Agenda Item 76 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET MEMBER DECISION

DECISION-MAKER: COUNCILLOR MARIA CAULFIELD

PORTFOLIO AREA: HOUSING

SUBJECT: IMPROVING ACCESS TO HOUSING ADAPTATIONS

AUTHOR: MARTIN REID

THE DECISION

- (1) That the Council moves towards a preventative approach to managing major adaptations demand proactively rather than as a response to a request for a Community Care Assessment.
- (2) That the council improves and simplifies the assessment and delivery of major adaptations (over £1,000) by focusing all assessment, recommendation and service delivery of major adaptations within the Housing Adaptations Service.
- (3) That capital and staff resources are realigned to this effect (as outlined in 3.11 below).

REASON FOR THE DECISION

- 7.1 To ensure that we deliver major housing adaptations to our disabled customers in a timely and cost effective way.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 6.1 The option to do nothing and keep things as they are has been considered. However this would not achieve reductions in waiting times or efficiencies in the system that are required.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

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Decision No: CMM – 22

Forward Plan No: N/A

This record relates to Agenda Item 77 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET MEMBER DECISION

DECISION-MAKER: COUNCILLOR MARIA CAULFIELD

PORTFOLIO AREA: HOUSING

SUBJECT: WHEN A SOLE TENANT REQUESTS A JOINT TENANCY

AUTHOR: HELEN CLARKMEAD

THE DECISION

- (1) That the current policy position be confirmed and no provision be made for the creation of joint tenancies where one party is already a sole tenant of the council.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

- 7.1 To confirm clear policy that meets the council's objectives of fair law enforcement and making best use of the council's housing stock.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 6.1 Consideration was given to amending the allocations policy to enable the creation of new joint tenancies for existing sole tenants. This was rejected as would create a further succession chain that would not be commensurate with making best use of the council's housing stock.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

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Decision No: CMM – 23

Forward Plan No: N/A

This record relates to Agenda Item 78 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET MEMBER DECISION

DECISION-MAKER: COUNCILLOR MARIA CAULFIELD

PORTFOLIO AREA: HOUSING

SUBJECT: PROPOSED EXTENSION TO LOCAL LETTINGS PLAN FOR PEOPLE AGED 50 PLUS

AUTHOR: HELEN CLARKMEAD

THE DECISION

- (1) That the Cabinet Member for Housing agrees for Clarke Court to be designated as an over 50s block. All new lettings, except those of flats meeting the council's mobility standard, would be to people aged 50 years or older.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

- 7.1 To formally add Clarke Court to the existing Local Lettings Plan for 50 plus blocks

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 6.1 It was considered if it was feasible to further extend this scheme to other blocks, this was rejected for the reasons detailed at 3.3 to 3.6 above.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

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Decision No: CMM – 24

Forward Plan No: N/A

This record relates to Agenda Item 79 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET MEMBER DECISION

DECISION-MAKER: COUNCILLOR MARIA CAULFIELD

PORTFOLIO AREA: HOUSING

SUBJECT: WHEN A TENANT DIES - CUSTOMER CARE, SUCCESSION PEOPLE LEFT IN OCCUPATION

AUTHOR: HELEN CLARKMEAD

THE DECISION

- 2.1 That the Cabinet Member for Housing confirms the policy in respect of tenancy succession and action in respect of people left in occupation upon the death of a tenant who do not have succession rights.
- 2.2 That the Cabinet Member for Housing notes the customer care work undertaken around bereavement.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

- (1) To confirm clear policy that meets the council's objectives of fair law enforcement and making best use of the council's housing stock, and to implement this sensitively.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- (1) Consideration was given to relaxing policy for people left in occupation of property too large for their needs , but in order to make best use of council housing stock the recommendation is that the council continues to require successors who are not the spouse, civil partner or joint tenant of the deceased tenant to move to smaller or non adapted property.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

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Decision No: CMM – 25

Forward Plan No: HSG 13863

This record relates to Agenda Item 80 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET MEMBER DECISION

DECISION-MAKER: COUNCILLOR MARIA CAULFIELD
PORTFOLIO AREA: HOUSING
SUBJECT: SUPPORTING PEOPLE PROGRAMME
AUTHOR: DIANA BERNHARDT

THE DECISION

- (1) That the revised terms of reference for the Supporting People Commissioning Body set out in Appendix 1 be approved.
- (2) That the Supporting People Commissioning Body be retained as the decision making body for decisions regarding the Supporting People element of the Area Based Grant.
- (3) That the framework to develop the new Supporting People strategy set out in Appendix 2 be approved.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

- (1) This report is presented to recommend the arrangements to develop a new Supporting People strategy and to review the existing decision making arrangements.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- (1) The alternative option of not developing a Supporting People strategy has been explored. This is not being proposed as it is considered that there is a significant risk that the benefits of the programme outlined above would not continue. If no Supporting People strategy was developed there would not be a fair and transparent process for the allocation of Supporting People grant in the future which is needed to meet Comprehensive Area Assessment requirements.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

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