

Decision No: CMM – 3

Forward Plan No: N/A

This record relates to Agenda Item 25 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET MEMBER DECISION

DECISION-MAKER: COUNCILLOR MARIA CAULFIELD

PORTFOLIO AREA: HOUSING

SUBJECT: SUPPORTING PEOPLE STRATEGY
ANNUAL UPDATE 2009-10

AUTHOR: NARINDER SUNDAR

THE DECISION

- (1) That the report be noted.
- (2) That progress made on delivering strategic actions of the Supporting People Strategy during year 2 of the strategy, 2009-10 be noted.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

- (1) To update members on progress and implementation of the Supporting People Strategy 2008-2011 to date.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- (1) This report is an annual update of a current strategy and no alternative options are necessary.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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07 July 2010

Decision Maker:

Councillor Maria Caulfield
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Proper Officer:

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Decision No: CMM – 4

Forward Plan No: N/A

This record relates to Agenda Item 26 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET MEMBER DECISION

DECISION-MAKER: COUNCILLOR MARIA CAULFIELD

PORTFOLIO AREA: HOUSING

SUBJECT: REPORT ON THE YOUTH HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY 2007 - 2010 AND INTERIM ACTION PLAN FOR 2010-2011

AUTHOR: RACHEL HOWARD

THE DECISION

2.1 That the report is noted and the interim action plan for 2010-2011 be approved.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

(1) To approve the Youth Homelessness Strategy interim action plan.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

(1) Not necessary.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

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Decision No: CMM – 5

Forward Plan No: N/A

This record relates to Agenda Item 27 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET MEMBER DECISION

DECISION-MAKER: COUNCILLOR MARIA CAULFIELD

PORTFOLIO AREA: HOUSING

SUBJECT: REFRESH & UPDATE EMPTY
PROPERTY STRATEGY UPDATE

AUTHOR: MARTIN REID

THE DECISION

- (1) Cabinet Member agrees the Strategy refreshed in line with the Housing Strategy 2009 – 2014
- (2) Cabinet Member agrees for the revised Strategy to go out for consultation to key stakeholders
- (3) Cabinet Member approves Assistant Director has delegated powers to agree any proposed changes to the Strategy post-consultation and in agreement with the Cabinet Member.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

- (1) The council has an excellent record and reputation in dealing with empty properties and the Empty Property Strategy 2010 – 2014 will build on this. The document will be used to promote the service.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- (1) No alternative option. Bringing empty properties back into use remains high on the political agenda. Brighton & Hove have a proven track record with excellent results produced within the existing Strategy. This is a specialist area of work which requires a separate Strategy.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

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Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*

Decision No: CMM – 6

Forward Plan No: N/A

This record relates to Agenda Item 28 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET MEMBER DECISION

DECISION-MAKER: COUNCILLOR MARIA CAULFIELD

PORTFOLIO AREA: HOUSING

SUBJECT: PRIVATE SECTOR RENEWAL & HOUSING ADAPTATIONS

AUTHOR: MARTIN REID

THE DECISION

- (1) That it is noted that that the council has been awarded £8,579,190 Private Housing Renewal Grant from the Regional Housing & Regeneration Board for 2010/11. This has been allocated across the BEST consortium according to the agreed split below.

B&HCC	£4,514,369
Hastings BC	£1,871,979
Eastbourne BC	£1,319,479
Rother DC	£277,107
Wealden DC	£290,834
Lewes DC	£305,419
	£8,579,190

- (2) That it is noted that the council's share of the 2009/10 £1m mini-bid, £566,200, has been carried forward to 2010/11.
- (3) That is noted that the council has been awarded £660,000 by the government for expenditure in 2010-11 on Disabled Facilities Grant.
- (4) That the progress made by the BEST partnership in year 2 of the RHB private sector renewal programme 2009/10 be noted.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

- (1) To update members on the progress of the BEST Private Housing Renewal Programme and Disabled Facilities Grant spend 2009-10, and the funding received for 2010-11.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- (1) This report is an annual update and no alternative options are necessary.

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CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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Results of Call-in (<i>if applicable</i>)

Decision No: CMM – 7

Forward Plan No: N/A

This record relates to Agenda Item 29 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET MEMBER DECISION

DECISION-MAKER: COUNCILLOR MARIA CAULFIELD

PORTFOLIO AREA: HOUSING

SUBJECT: TENANT HANDBOOK REVIEW

AUTHOR: DIANE HUGHES

THE DECISION

- (1) That the conclusions of the working group outlined in the report be noted.
- (2) That the implementation of the new tenant handbook attached at appendix 1 be agreed.
- (3) That it be agreed that minor changes may be required and made to the tenant handbook between the Housing Cabinet Meeting and printing to ensure it reflects the latest local context, with significant changes requiring approval from the Director of Housing, Culture & Enterprise.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

- (1) To provide the Cabinet Member for Housing with the results of the Chairman's Working Group's review of the tenant handbook. To seek the Cabinet Member for Housing's agreement to the implementation of the revised tenant handbook, attached at appendix 1. To seek agreement that minor changes may be required and made to the tenant handbook between the Housing Cabinet meeting and printing to ensure it reflects the latest local context with significant changes requiring approval from the Director of Housing, Culture & Enterprise.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- (1) Continue with the existing tenant handbook. 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. We need to ensure we have a comprehensive handbook, which compliments the revised tenancy agreement, covers information across the range of housing management services we provide and reflects the information that is important to tenants.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

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RECORD OF CABINET MEMBER DECISION

DECISION-MAKER: COUNCILLOR MARIA CAULFIELD

PORTFOLIO AREA: HOUSING

SUBJECT: CESP - COMMUNITY ENERGY SAVING PROGRAMME

AUTHOR: MARTIN REID

THE DECISION

- (1) That the current project work and negotiation being undertaken with an energy provider to assess and maximise the potential investment opportunity arising from Community Energy Savings Programme as a means of meeting strategic housing goals of improving energy efficiency and reducing fuel poverty, be noted.
- (2) That it is noted that any final decision on any funding offer from the energy provider is likely to be subject to further Cabinet Member approval given the potential nature and scope of the programme.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

- (1) The paper outlines the background to the Community Energy Saving Programme (CESP), the discussions and project work currently underway with an energy company to assess the potential benefits of this programme to residents of the City and the likely timescale for seeking a decision on whether to progress any offer of additional funding arising from the current negotiations.
- (2) The report is for noting on the basis that any final decision on any funding offer from the energy provider is likely to be subject to further Cabinet Member approval given the potential nature and scope of the programme.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- (3) The Housing Strategy is supported by a detailed needs analysis that considers the wide range of housing issues faced by local people. Our strategic priorities and actions have been developed in response to those needs and refined over time through consultation.
- (4) This report outlines our response to date to the potential opportunities offered by the Community Energy Saving Programme (CESP) as part of our wider strategic housing vision of making best use of the City's assets by improving and increasing investment in our homes for the benefit of tenants and residents of the City as a whole.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

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