

RECORD OF DECISION: EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS

Decision No: 10/C/2019
Decision taken by: Cabinet
Date: 09 September 2019

Topic: Housing Delivery Action Plan

It was agreed that the Housing Delivery Action Plan be approved and published on the Council's website.

REASON/S FOR THE DECISION:

To meet the Government's requirement as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework and Planning Practice Guidance, Local Planning Authorities who have delivered less than 95% of their respective housing requirements between 2015-2018 are required to produce and publish an action plan that assesses the causes of housing under delivery and identifies actions to increase delivery in future years.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

None.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (if any)

None.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED (if any)

None.

Decision No: 11/C/2019
Decision taken by: Cabinet
Date: 09 September 2019

Topic: Local Plan Review

It was agreed that the Local Plan Review be approved and published on the Council's website.

REASON/S FOR THE DECISION:

To meet the Government's requirement as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework the National Planning Policy Framework (2019), which requires policies within adopted local plans to be reviewed in order to assess whether they need updating at least once every five years. Reviews should be completed no later than five years from the adoption date of a plan. Such reviews are also a legal requirement as set out in Regulation 10A of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) England Regulations 2012 (as amended).

Alternative options considered and rejected:

None.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (if any)

None.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED (if any)

None.

This decision will come into force and may then be implemented on the expiry of 5 working days after publication unless it is called in.

Decision No: 12/C/2019
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Topic: Carbon Monoxide (CO) Detectors in Council Owned Housing

It was agreed to approve the installation of carbon monoxide detectors in all Gravesham Borough Council housing stock where a fuel burning appliance is installed.

REASON/S FOR THE DECISION:

Although there is no legal obligation on the Council to install carbon monoxide detectors, the Council, as a landlord take the health and safety of its tenants very seriously. In addition to other safety measures already installed in council owned properties, the installation of carbon monoxide detectors will provide increased protection for our tenants and their families in their homes.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

N/A.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (if any)

None.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED (if any)

None.

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Decision No: 13/C/2019
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Topic: DSO Building Management Policies and Management Plans

It was agreed to adopted policies relating to Asbestos Management, Gas Safety, Water Hygiene and Scheme of Control for Legionella Bacteria, Lift Maintenance, Construction and Maintenance Safety and Fire Safety in Council owned housing as recommended by the Housing Committee in July 2019.

REASON/S FOR THE DECISION:

As a Landlord, the Council has a duty of care to its tenants to ensure that their health and safety is not put at risk. This is achieved by ensuring that all relevant regulatory and legislative requirements are met and monitored for compliancy. These six policies confirm those requirements and the working practices in place to ensure compliancy and ultimately the safety of our tenants, staff and contractors when working in or around Council owned housing.

Alternative options considered and rejected:
N/A.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (if any)
None.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED (if any)
None.

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Decision No: 14/C/2019
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Topic: Future use of land at North East Gravesend

It was agreed:

1. that authority be granted for the Council to engage consultants in a master planning exercise for the area as set out in section three of the report.
2. that delegated authority be granted for the Director (Planning & Development) and the Director (Corporate Services), in consultation with the Commercial Portfolio Holder and Chief Executive, to enter into negotiations with the owner of Plot one with a view to acquiring their land holding in the first instance including any overage provision as necessary; secure a coordinated and comprehensive approach to the area more widely through negotiation with the owner of Plot six and the land at Dalefield Way to the east of the Denton Caravan Site; and work with the owner of Plot one on a cohesive development proposal should agreement of terms for land acquisition not prove possible, as set out within section four of this report.

REASON/S FOR THE DECISION:

To facilitate a comprehensive and coordinated approach to the planning and development of this part of the borough for the benefit of existing tenants & businesses and to ensure maximum development potential is achieved on remaining sites.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

None.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (if any)

Cllr John Burden declared an interest in the item as the company he worked for currently had a charge on one of the plots being considered. He therefore left the Chamber during consideration of this item.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED (if any)

None.

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Decision No: 15/C/2019
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Topic: Write Offs

It was agreed to write-off the total debt of £124,760.47 for Business Rates and £18,173.76 Housing Benefit Overpayment.

REASON/S FOR THE DECISION:

The debts have been written off as they are irrecoverable.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

None.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (if any)

None.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED (if any)

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