

RECORD OF DECISION: EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS

Decision No: 22/C/2021
Decision taken by: Cabinet
Date: 04 October 2021

Topic: RPDL Board Structure revision

It was agreed:

That the revised Board structure for Rosherville Property Development Limited be approved and for the Corporate Change Manager, in consultation with the Leader of the Executive, to notify the Board of Rosherville Property Development Limited and Rosherville Limited at the next Board meetings.

REASON/S FOR THE DECISION:

Due to the retirement of the previous Director (Planning & Development) and a recent restructure of the senior management at Gravesham Borough Council, there is a need to review the structure for the Rosherville Property Development Board in order to fill the vacant Director position at the company, in line with the approved Governance framework approved by Full Council in December 2019.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

N/A

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (if any)

Cllr Lenny Rolles declared an interest in this item as he is a Director of Rosherville Limited (the holding company) and Chair of the Rosherville Limited Board.

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DISPENSATIONS GRANTED (if any)

Decision No: 23/C/2021
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Topic: Adoption of the Kent Downs AONB Management Plan 2021 – 2026

It was agreed:

1. that the Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Management Plan 2021-2026 (Appendix 2) be approved for adoption;
2. That adoption of the Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Management Plan 2021-2026 take effect on a date to be confirmed by the Kent Downs AONB Unit;
3. That the Assistant Director (Planning) be given delegated powers to accept reasonable minor changes to the document prior to the Plan's formal adoption.

REASON/S FOR THE DECISION:

Under the Countryside and Rights of Way (CRoW) Act 2000 there is a statutory requirement for local authorities to produce Management Plans for Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) within their boundaries and to review them every five years. As the Kent Downs AONB covers more than one local authority area, the CRoW Act requires us to act jointly in preparing a Management Plan. The Management Plan is prepared by the Kent AONB Joint Advisory Committee (JAC) on behalf of the 12 constituent local authorities. The JAC has prepared a final version of the document for the respective local authorities to adopt.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

N/A

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (if any)

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None

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED (if any)

None

Decision No: 24/C/2021
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Topic: Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2022-2023

It was agreed:

1. To note the work undertaken on the review of the current Council Tax Reduction (CTR) scheme.
2. To proceed with a public consultation with a view to changing the CTR scheme from April 2022 as set out in Section Two of the report
3. To proceed with the draft consultation documents (Appendix 3) and give delegated authority to the Director (Corporate Services), in consultation with the Leader of the Executive and Portfolio Holder for Performance & Administration to finalise the consultation documents.

REASON/S FOR THE DECISION:

Section 13A (1) (a) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 prescribes that the council is required to have a Council Tax Reduction (CTR) scheme. The current scheme is complex and confusing for both claimants and potential claimants with shortcomings identified in Item 1.4 of the report

The council has to consider annually whether to revise its CTR scheme or to replace it with a replacement scheme. The Council has a statutory duty to consult on any revision or replacement to the CTR scheme.

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Alternative options considered and rejected:

N/A

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (if any)

None.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED (if any)

None.

Decision No: 25/C/2021
Decision taken by: Cabinet
Date: 04 October 2021

Topic: Armoury Drive Development - Contract Award

It was agreed:

That authority be delegated to the Director (Housing), in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing Services and Section 151 Officer, to award a build contract to the successful contractor following a selection process via the Kent Business Portal for the construction of six new Council homes consisting of 4 x 2 bed maisonettes and 2 x 1 bed bungalows with the provision of associated parking, cycle/refuse storage and landscaping.

REASON/S FOR THE DECISION:

The Council has made a commitment to deliver new council housing for affordable rent within the Borough, and the decision to

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award a build contract to the successful contractor identified through an EU compliant procurement exercise helps to deliver against this commitment.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

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CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (if any)

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED (if any)

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