

RECORD OF DECISION: EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS

Decision No: 9/C/2022
Decision taken by: Cabinet
Date: 21 March 2022

Topic: The Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund (SHDF) Wave 1 funding award

It was agreed:

1. to note the grant award notification and ratify the decision to accept the award taken by the Director (Housing), in consultation with the S.151 Officer; and
2. approve the addition of the project to the current year capital programme, recognising that 51% of the cost of the project is to be met from external funding and 49% funded by the Council.

REASON/S FOR THE DECISION:

The Council faces some significant financial challenges in order to successfully decarbonise its existing housing stock, and therefore, will be exploring and applying for relevant grant funding to help mitigate these challenges as and when it becomes available. A recent application to the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund (SHDF) has been successful and therefore, required Cabinet approval to ratify the decision taken by the Director (Housing) to accept the award and to add the project identified to the current year capital programme, recognising that 51% of the cost of the project is to be met from external funding and 49% funded by the Council.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

N/A

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (if any)

N/A

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED (if any)

N/A

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Decision No: 10/C/2022
Decision taken by: Cabinet
Date: 21 March 2022

Topic: Procurement of DSO Building Management Contracts

It was agreed:

that the Director (Housing) in consultation with the S151 Officer and Lead Member be given delegated authority to conduct the procurement process and award the contracts for DSO Building Management using procurement frameworks by way of mini tender and direct award as outlined in the report.

REASON/S FOR THE DECISION:

As a landlord, Gravesham Borough Council has a statutory duty to ensure its housing stock is properly maintained, that equipment is serviced and that any responsive repairs are completed within a timely manner and it is essential that external service providers are in place to assist with the delivery of required works.

Gravesham Borough Council has been an active member of the South East Consortium (SEC) and London Housing Consortium (LHC), both delivering a wide range of pre-tendered frameworks through collaborative procurement arrangements involving a number of public sector organisations. These have been procured in accordance with domestic and European legislation, from which the Council may legitimately appoint contractors to meet their operational needs.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

N/A

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (if any)

N/A

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED (if any)

N/A

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Decision No: 11/C/2022
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Topic: Support for energy bills - the Council Tax Rebate 2022/2023

It was agreed:

1. to delegate authority to the Director (Corporate Services), in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Performance & Administration, to develop a discretionary Council Tax Rebate scheme and associated policy, and to make the necessary arrangements to assess eligibility and determine award of funding to eligible households; and
2. to delegate authority to the Director (Corporate Services) to make any further technical amendments to the scheme where further government advice is issued and ensure that the Portfolio Holder for Performance & Administration is kept informed of any such amendments required.

REASON/S FOR THE DECISION:

To enable officers to develop policy and design and implement the Discretionary Fund announced by government in February 2022 as quickly as is practically possible for the benefit of eligible households.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

None.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (if any)

None.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED (if any)

None.

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Decision No: 12/C/2022
Decision taken by: Cabinet
Date: 21 March 2022

Topic: Rosherville Business Plan 2022-25

It was agreed:

that the business Plan for Rosherville Limited be approved.

REASON/S FOR THE DECISION:

To approve the business plan for Rosherville Limited for the period 2022-2025, in line with the agreed Articles of Association for the company.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

Not applicable.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (if any)

Cllr Lenny Rolles declared an interest in this item as he is a Director of Rosherville Limited and Chair of the Rosherville Limited Board. Cllr Rolles left the meeting when this item was discussed and took no part in the decision.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED (if any)

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Decision No: 13/C/2022
Decision taken by: Cabinet
Date: 21 March 2022

Topic: Establishment of Rosherville Repairs & Maintenance Local Authority Trading Company

It was agreed:

1. that the formation of Rosherville Repairs Limited subsidiary company be approved;
2. that the provision of seed funding for the company to the sum of £66,623 be approved; and
3. authority be provided to the Director (Housing) in conjunction with the Rosherville Limited Company Secretary to make the necessary arrangements to register the company with Companies House.

REASON/S FOR THE DECISION:

The decision was necessary in order to provide the authority to create the company structure which is a necessary vehicle for trading with the private sector in delivering a repairs and maintenance service.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

Not applicable.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (if any)

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DISPENSATIONS GRANTED (if any)

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