

CABINET DECISION NOTICE

Tuesday 8 March 2016



The following decision(s) were taken by Cabinet at its meeting held on **Tuesday 8 March 2016** :-

1. PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING REGENERATION POLICY

(a) Decision(s)

- (1) That the contents of the Private sector Housing Regeneration Policy be noted.
- (2) That approval be given to a discretionary approach to the spend of the DFG budget to widen the grant schemes that were available from solely Mandatory DFG to Mandatory DFG, Relocation Grants, Discretionary DFG Top-up and Urgent Hospital Discharge Adaptations Grants.
- (3) That approval be given to the re-allocation of £100,000 underspent capital budget to set up a landlord loan scheme in the Vale.
- (4) That approval be given to the establishment of an Essential Repairs Grant (to replace Minor Works Grants) and to the allocation of £50,000 of capital budget spend towards this scheme.

(b) Reason(s) for Decision(s)

The policy would better enable regeneration of the private sector housing stock in the Vale, focussing particularly on assisting target vulnerable groups, including older people and those on low incomes living in poor quality housing. The proposed provision of a landlord loan scheme would help improve conditions in the private sector housing stock. The introduction of additional discretionary grants alongside the mandatory DFG would increase the range of options available and allow AVDC to better tailor support to meet individual needs.

(c) Alternative Option(s) considered

Not to adopt additional and alternative schemes. However, doing so will assist in increasing choice, access and better standards in the rented private housing stock.

(d) Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Environment and Living Scrutiny Committee, which received a report on this matter to its meeting on 11 February 2016 and endorsed the proposal.

(e) Conflicts of Interest / Dispensation(s)

None.

3. WATERSIDE NORTH

(a) Decision(s)

- (1) That pursuant to Section 122 of the Local Government Act, 1972, (as amended), approval be given with immediate effect, to the appropriation of the land shown edged red on the plan attached to the Cabinet report from its existing use as a temporary car park and purposes associated therewith to use for town planning purposes to facilitate its redevelopment to provide a mixed use scheme of up to five new café/restaurant units on the ground floor, with apartment accommodation on three levels above and improvements to the public realm in accordance with an outline planning permission granted in February, 2015 under reference 14/1974/AOP or any other planning permission varying or replacing the same.
- (2) That the position with regard to the Rights of Light Survey contained in the confidential section of the agenda be noted.

(b) Reason(s) for Decision(s)

To progress the Waterside North Phase 1, which is in line with the capital programme approved by full Council on 2 December 2015.

(c) Alternative Option(s) considered

None.

(d) Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Finance and Services Scrutiny Committee.

(e) Conflicts of Interest / Dispensation(s)

None.

CALL-IN TIMESCALES

Any requests for call-in must be received by the Democratic Services Manager by 5pm on Thursday 17 March 2016. The request must be made by the Chairman of the relevant Scrutiny Committee or any 3 Members of that Scrutiny Committee.

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