

Item 4 [Executive Amendment]

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Relevant scrutiny committee:	The Executive	14 September 2009

EXECUTIVE AMENDMENT tO MEDIUM TERM STRATEGY – SEPTEMBER 2009

Key Decision

1.Executive Summary

- 1.1 Since circulation of the MTS (Version 2), for consideration by the Executive, there has been a development that will lead to changes in the housing capital programme and associated funding position.
- 1.2 Following submission of a bid to the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) for grant to build 8 new affordable housing units, the Council received notification on 9th September 2009, of success in securing grant funding towards the cost of 7 of the new properties. Detailed approval for the additional capital expenditure, and the corresponding use of resources to enable development of the 8 new dwellings (including one unit to be fully funded by the Council) will be sought from Community Services Scrutiny Committee on 8th October 2009.
- 1.3 Detailed work in relation to the financial implications of the proposed capital investment will be undertaken and presented to Community Services Scrutiny Committee on 8th October 2009. It is proposed that the resulting changes be incorporated into the final MTS to be presented to Council on 22nd October 2009.

2. Recommendations

Recommendations in the report to the Executive are amended / added to as follows:

Capital Recommendation 2.6

- To agree inclusion in the Capital Plan of new items identified to be added to paragraph 13.22, namely:
 - (g) HRA New Build Affordable Housing to include as an additional item in the Housing Capital Investment Programme the development of 7 new units of affordable housing, at an estimated total cost of £867,815, to be owned and managed by the Council (HRA) outside of the Housing Revenue Account Subsidy System, enabling retention of future net revenue streams.
 - (h) HRA Affordable Housing to include as an additional item in the Housing Capital Investment Programme the development of 1 unit of affordable housing, to replace a dwelling destroyed by fire, at an estimated cost of £154,361.
 - (i) HRA New Build Affordable Housing To include Homes and Communities Agency grant funding of £295,057 as a resource relating to the capital spend in (g) above.

Additional Recommendation

• To agree that amendments be made to the MTS Capital Funding Availability Projection, Appendix T, to reflect approved changes to the Capital Plan and that all related revisions be incorporated into the MTS to be considered by Council.

3. Capital Plan and Funding

- 3.1 Sections 7.105 to 7.110 of the MTS refer to the bid process for Local Authorities to apply for grant funding for the development of new affordable housing to meet local need, confirming the submission of a bid by Cambridge City Council for 8 new units of accommodation.
- 3.2 Since the circulation of the MTS to the Executive, the Homes and Communities Agency have announced that Cambridge City Council have been successful in securing grant funding for 7 of the 8 units of new affordable housing.
- 3.3 Community Services Scrutiny Committee will be asked to approve the proposed development of all 8 units of new affordable housing, with the balance of resources being met from currently uncommitted Section 106 commuted sums specifically for new affordable housing and housing capital balances.
- 3.4 The Housing Capital Programme will be amended to reflect these additional capital schemes, with total investment estimated to be £1,022,176, partially met by HCA grant of £295,057.

4. Capital Approvals

4.1 These changes, subject to approval by the Executive, will be incorporated in the updated MTS, presented to Council on 22nd October 2009.

5. Implications

- 5.1 The detailed capital implications will be included in the report to Community Services on 8th October 2009.
- 5.2 The ongoing revenue implications, which will be favourable to the HRA, will be fully evaluated and included as part of the 2010/11 budget process.

6. Background Papers

- 6.1 Background papers supporting this amendment:
 - £100m Fund for Councils to Build New Housing Community Services June 2009.
 - HCA Grant Approval Letter
 - HRA New Build Affordable Housing Community Services October 2009.

7. Appendices

• None

8. Inspection of papers

To inspect the background papers or if you have a query on the report please contact:

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