



## Housing Scrutiny Committee 22 June 2021

### Decisions

4. Diana Minns was appointed Vice Chair of the Scrutiny Committee for 2021/22

6. Resident Involvement Strategy (RIS) 2021-24

The Executive Councillor for Strategy and External Partnerships (see footnote) agreed the RIS 2021-24.

7. Procurement of planned maintenance contractor 2022-2028

The Committee endorsed the recommendations (15-0).

The Executive Councillor for Strategy and External Partnerships:

Approved the issue of tenders and, following evaluation of tenders, authorised the Strategic Director (following consultation with Executive Councillor, Chair, Tenant Representative Vice Chair, and Spokes of the Committee) to award a contract(s) to a

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contractor(s) to carry out planned building maintenance / capital works to Council housing and other buildings for a period of five years and four months from November 2022 to March 2028, with an option to extend for one or more periods up to a maximum extension of three years.

#### 8. Procurement of compliance contractor 2022-2028

The Committee endorsed the recommendations (15-0).

The Executive Councillor for Strategy and External Partnerships:

Agreed to amalgamate the aforementioned contracts (paragraph 1, Executive Summary of the report) into a single procurement exercise and authorised the Strategic Director (following consultation with Executive Councillor, Chair and Spokes of the Committee and elected tenant spokes) to award either a single contractor, or multiple contracts for Compliance Delivery areas.

#### 9. Housing Services Communal Cleaning

The Committee endorsed the recommendations (15-0).

The Executive Councillor for Strategy and External Partnerships:

Authorised officers to explore the option of transferring responsibility for the cleaning of the Councils Category 2 Sheltered Housing Schemes back in house to the Council, and to delegate

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authority to the Strategic Director, in consultation with the Executive Councillor for Housing, Chair and Vice Chair of Housing Scrutiny Committee (HSC) and the opposition spokesperson, to make a decision on whether or not this should go ahead.

Following the above decision, to delegate authority to the Strategic Director, in consultation with the Executive Cllr for Housing, Chair and Vice Chair of HSC and the opposition spokesperson, to tender and award a contract for the communal cleaning of the Council's General Housing, Category 1 sheltered housing and, potentially, category 2 sheltered housing stock.

Approved delegated authority to the Head of Finance to amend both expenditure and income budgets in relation to the provision of communal cleaning services and bin cleaning in sheltered housing schemes in the HRA in line with prices received as part of the recent procurement exercises.

10. 2020/21 Revenue and capital outturn, carry forwards and significant variances – Housing Revenue Account

The Committee endorsed the recommendations (13-0).

The Executive Councillor for Strategy and External Partnerships:

Approved carry forward requests totalling £7, 598,300 in revenue funding from 2020/21 into 2021/22 as detailed in Appendix C of the report.

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The Committee endorsed the recommendation (7-0).

The Executive Councillor for Strategy and External Partnerships:

Recommends to Council carry forward requests of £18,610,000 in HRA and General Fund capital budgets and associated resources from 2020/21 into 2021/22 and beyond to fund re-phased net capital spending, as detailed in appendix D and the associated notes to the appendix.

11. Social Letting Housing Policy

The Executive Councillor for Strategy and External Partnerships approved the revised Lettings Policy as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.

12. Purchase of additional affordable housing, The Mews, Histon Road

The Committee endorsed the recommendations (9-0).

The Executive Councillor for Strategy and External Partnerships:

Approved the purchase of 3 additional new Council rented homes at the Mews, Histon Road and delegated authority to the Strategic Director to approve contract terms with Laragh Homes/LLP in respect of this transaction.

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Approved a revised combined total budget of **£1,978,300** to enable the development of 10 homes at the Mews, Histon Road.

13. Greater Cambridge Housing Strategy: New Housing Policies

The Committee endorsed the recommendations (9-0).

The Executive Councillor for Strategy and External Partnerships:

Approved the proposed Build to Rent Policy attached as Appendix A to the report

Approved the proposed Clustering & Distribution of Affordable Housing policy attached as Appendix B to the report

Approved the proposed Affordable Rents policy attached as Appendix C to the report.

14. Refugee resettlement-delivering the pledge to resettle 200 more refugees

The Committee endorsed the recommendations (9-0).

The Executive Councillor for Strategy and External Partnerships

Agree to allocate a maximum of 4 City Council properties per annum, outside of the current Lettings Policy, for the next five years, to help deliver the pledge to resettle 200 more refugees.

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