



Housing Scrutiny Committee 14 March 2023

Decisions

5. Estates & Facilities Compliance Update

The Executive Councillor

- i. Noted the progress of the service review and compliance related work detailed within the report.
- ii. Noted the status of the compliance dashboard with reference to Electrical Inspection Condition Reports.

6. Housing Revenue Account Provisional Carry Forwards 2022/23

The Executive Councillor

- i. Agreed the provisional carry forward requests, totalling £440,840 as detailed in Appendix A, subject to the final outturn position.

7. Report on Proposal to deliver modular (POD) Housing

The Executive Councillor Housing

- i. Approved the use of the land at the corner of Hills Avenue and Baldock Way as a site for delivery of modular (pod) housing to serve former rough sleepers.
- ii. Approved that a budget of £25,000 be allocated out of the approved new build housing budget to support the delivery of the Hills Avenue Pod housing scheme.

- iii. Delegated authority to the Head of Property Services in consultation with the Assistant Head of Finance to approve the terms of lease to a third-party charitable organisation.

8. Update on Hanover and Princess Courts Options Appraisal

The Executive Councillor

- i. Approved the redevelopment of Hanover Court and Princess Court (Option 4 in the Options Analysis).
- ii. Approved that delegated authority be given to the Executive Councillor for Housing in conjunction with the Strategic Director to enable the site to be developed through Cambridge Investment Partnership (CIP), subject to a value for money assessment to be carried out on behalf of the Council. Development would be through the transfer of the site to CIP and the purchase of completed affordable homes from CIP.
- iii. Delegated Authority to the Strategic Director acting on behalf of the Council as the landowner to enter into and complete any planning obligation under section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 which is required by the Council in its capacity as the local planning authority, pursuant to the planning application for the development of the site.
- iv. Authorised the Strategic Director in consultation with the Executive Councillor for Housing, Chair and Spokes to approve variations to the affordable housing units to be purchased including the number of units and mix of property types, sizes and tenure.
- v. Delegated authority to the Strategic Director to commence Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) proceedings on leasehold properties to be demolished to enable the development, should these be required.
- vi. Delegated authority to the Strategic Director to serve initial Demolition Notices under the Housing Act 1985.

9. Update on New Build Council Housing Delivery

The Executive Councillor

- i. Noted the continued progress on the delivery of the approved housing programme.
- ii. Noted the inclusion into the new build delivery programme of housing to serve the needs of Afghan and Ukrainian Refugees,

part funded through DLUHC, as per the out of cycle decision approved by the Executive Councillor in February 2023.

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