



Housing Scrutiny Committee 11 March 2025

Decisions

5. Structural repairs and associated works at Bermuda Terrace flats – 2025

The Executive Councillor:

- i. Approved the award of a contract to Chas Berger Limited, subject to the completion of the required consultation with leaseholders. Chas Berger Ltd achieved the highest score following the tender evaluation process.

6. Pledge to Support the Resettlement of Refugees

The Executive Councillor:

- i. Agreed the pledge to
 - a. Welcome refugees and asylum seekers to rebuild their lives in Cambridge and the surrounding areas through wraparound support under our resettlement programme.
 - b. Allocate a minimum 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 refugees. With a proportion of these properties provided to refugees

that require secure accommodation as prescribed by central Government refugee schemes.

- c. Engage with the East of England Strategic Migration Partnership to identify suitable accommodation for refugees based on household needs.
- d. Provide advice to refugees who are homeless to explore their housing options, including the Private Rented Sector.
- e. Work alongside local communities, agencies, and charities to provide services that support welcoming, cohesion, and the removal of any barriers to resettlement.

7. Cambridgeshire Housing Adaptations, Repairs & Renewals Policy 2025-2030

The Executive Councillor:

- i. Approved the Cambridgeshire Housing Adaptations, Repairs and Renewals Policy 2025-2030 at Appendix A of the Officer's report, as it related to Cambridge City Council, to replace the existing Cambridgeshire Adaptations & Repairs Policy 2019; and
- ii. Delegated authority to the Assistant Director of Housing & Homelessness to agree, subject to sufficient funding being available from the council's ring-fenced capital allocation, and in consultation with the Executive Councillor for Housing, Chair & Vice-Chair of Housing Scrutiny Committee and Opposition Spokes (or their successors):
 - a. any future changes to the maximum amounts of financial assistance payable which may be needed during the life of the policy;

- b. capital funding of any additional partnership work or other projects which may be appropriate to meet the objectives of the policy; and
- c. any other minor changes which may be required during the life of the policy.

8. City Centre Regeneration Sites

The Executive Councillor:

- i. Approved that the Stanton House scheme be brought forward as an affordable housing development and included in the Housing Capital Programme, with an indicative capital budget of £9,808,469 for the construction costs, professional fees and further associated fees.
- ii. Authorised the Director of Economy & Place in consultation with the Executive Councillor to deliver 100% affordable housing (29 units), with It is proposed that the affordable homes will be let in line with the Councils Housing Strategy, i.e. inclusive of a mix of social rent, 60% market rent and 80% market rent.
- iii. Authorised the Director of Economy & Place in consultation with the Executive Councillor for Housing to approve variations to the scheme including the number of units and mix of property types, sizes, tenure, rent and the nature and level of the provision of special needs as outlined in this report.
- iv. Approved that delegated authority be given to the Executive Councillor for Housing conjunction with the Director of Economy & Place 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.

- v. Delegated authority to the Director of Economy & Place to instruct the demolition of the existing building at Stanton House.

9. Update on New Build Council Housing Delivery

The Executive Councillor:

- i. Noted the continued progress on the delivery of the approved housing programme as outlined in Appendix 1 and 2 of the Office's report.
- ii. Noted the issues encountered with Heating Systems at a number of new build schemes as identified in Para 4.11, and the Council adoption of an (MEP) Guardian/Consultancy route toward full system health checks, ensuring readiness for 2025 Heat Network Regulation implementation.
- iii. Noted that Funding of £4,577,000 has now been allocated to the council for the first phase of development at East Barnwell through Homes England's 21-26 AHP.

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