

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

Record of Executive Decision

Recommendation to Buy Back a Dwelling

Decision of:	The Executive Councillor for Housing, Councillor Smart		
Reference:	12/CS/H/02		
Date of decision:	11 th April 2012	Recorded on:	11 th April 2012
Decision Type:	Not a Key Decision		
Matter for Decision:	<p>This report proposes that the Council follows the basic premise of the 'Right of First Refusal' for buying back a Council dwelling that was sold under the right to buy process in 1970. Although this property was originally sold before the introduction of the legislation, the owner-occupier has approached the Council, to offer the Council the right to repurchase, outside of any legal requirement to do so.</p>		
Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options):	<p>On 2nd July 2007, the Executive Councillor for Housing, following scrutiny by Housing Management Board, approved the criteria to determine the conditions under which the Council may choose to enact their legal right to 'buy back' a dwelling.</p> <p>The property meets criteria four: Property location frees up land or access or is suitable for future development.</p>		
The Executive Councillor's decision(s):	<p>The Executive Councillor resolved to agree: Financial recommendations – Where a general provision for buying back dwellings under the Right of First Refusal legislation or equivalent has been included as part of the Housing Capital Programme:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">I. The Executive Councillor approved that the Council, following an approach by the owner, look to buy back the ex-Council property as detailed in the Officer's report, that was sold under Right to Buy in 1970. Although the Right		

of First Refusal process is not applicable in this instance, the Council has been offered the opportunity to take back a property that sits within a potential future re-development area.

- II. The capital cost of the project is detailed in the confidential report attached.
- III. The revenue implications arising from bringing this property back into housing stock (management, repairs and property improvements) are anticipated to be fully met from the rental income from the dwelling once let.

Reasons for the decision:

Although the Right of First Refusal process is not applicable in this instance, the Council has been offered the opportunity to take back a property that sits within a potential future re-development area.

Scrutiny consideration:

The Chair and Spokesperson of Community Services Scrutiny Committee (Housing) were consulted prior to the action being authorised.

Report:

See attached

Conflicts of interest:

Comments: