

## Decisions of the Housing Committee

30 June 2014

Members Present:-

Councillor Tom Davey (Chairman)  
Councillor Lisa Rutter (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Val Duschinsky	Councillor Adam Langleben
Councillor Bridget Perry	Councillor Jim Tierney
Councillor Shimon Ryde	Councillor Kath McGuirk
Councillor Ross Houston	Councillor Tim Roberts

### 1. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS

All Members were present.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillor Kath McGuirk declared a non-pecuniary interest noting that she once refused a tenancy for a Council residence.

Councillor Ross Houston declared a non-pecuniary interest as a Council appointed representative on the Board of The Barnet Group Ltd.

### 3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS (IF ANY)

None.

### 4. MEMBERS' ITEMS (IF ANY)

The Committee considered five Member's Items which were introduced by the respective Member of the Committee as highlight in agenda item 4.

The Committee noted the circulation of a table response by Officers to the Members' Items.

Following the consideration the committee:

- That Members Item 1.1 be noted and the contents be considered in developing the Housing Strategy
- That Members Item 1.2 be noted and the contents be considered in developing the Housing Strategy
- That Members Item 1.3 be noted. The Committee further noted that there is an item with the Work Programme which will be considered and determined at the meeting due to take place on 22 April 2015.

- That Members Item 1.4 be noted the contents be considered in developing the Housing Strategy
- That Members Item 1.5 be noted the contents be considered in developing the Housing Strategy. The Committee further noted they will receive a Briefing relating to the Stongrove regeneration scheme.
- That the relevant Governance Officer be instructed to publish the tabled responses from Officers. This can be found here - <http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=699&MId=7935&Ver=4>

## **5. HOUSING COMMITTEE BUSINESS PLANNING**

The Chairman introduced the report and informed the Committed that the Policy and Resources Committee on 10 June 2014 approved the Priorities and Spending Review.

Members considered the reports impact to the Housing Committee in line with its terms of reference.

Following the consideration of the item, the Committee:

Resolved:

- That Housing Committee note the Policy and Resources Committee report as set out in Appendix A
- That Housing Committee note that Policy and Resources Committee are expected to set a savings target for Housing Committee at their meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> July 2014
- That Housing Committee agreed to receive a report back in the autumn with an agreed commissioning plan and savings proposals for inclusion in the Policy and Resources Committee meeting on 2 December 2014.
- That Housing Committee note the service information pack included in Appendix B which provide some contextual information on budgets, past spend and performance data, contracts, customer and staffing data.

## **6. PROPOSED CHANGES TO HOUSING ALLOCATIONS SCHEME**

The Chairman introduced the report and requested the Committee consider and comment where appropriate.

The Committee noted the submission of the Member Item's which had relevance to this item.

Members considered how the Council allocates housing and the impact to housing association in rented and private sector homes within the Borough.

The Committee having considered the item:

Resolved:

- That the Housing Committee approves the proposed revisions to the Council's Housing Allocations Scheme, subject to the outcome of a public consultation.

- That the Housing Committee notes that final approval for the Scheme will be sought from the Committee on 27 October 2014.
- That the Housing Committee request that the Housing Strategy includes detail of the Housing Allocations Scheme

## **7. COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME**

The Chairman introduced the Committee's work programme and highlighted the business which will be considered during the municipal year.

Resolved:

- That the Committee note the Work Programme
- That an item be added to the Work Programme to address the Stonegrone Regeneration Scheme and provide the Committee with an update.

## **8. ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT**

There were no urgent Items.

The meeting finished at 8:55pm