

CABINET

8 SEPTEMBER 2011

DECISIONS

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Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken on the substantive items at the meeting of the Cabinet held on Thursday 8 September 2011. These decisions will be implemented on the expiry of 5 clear working days, unless there is a call-in of any of the decisions (for details on how to do this, please contact Alison Atherton, Senior Professional, Democratic Services on 020 8424 1266 or by email alison.atherton@harrow.gov.uk) in which case any such decision may not be implemented until the resolution of the call-in process. If no request for call-in is received by 5.00 pm on Friday 16 September 2011 then the decisions will be implemented.

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RECOMMENDED ITEM

9. Key Decision: Residents' Engagement Strategy and Review of the Tenants' and Leaseholders' Consultative Forum

Resolved to RECOMMEND: (to Council)

That

- (1) the amended terms of reference at appendix 1 to the report and the new name for the body, Tenants', Leaseholders' and Residents' Consultative Forum, be noted;
- (2) the changes to the Executive Procedure Rules at appendix 3 to the report, to take account of the new terms of reference for the TLCF, be approved.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the proposed work on engaging with tenants, leaseholders and other residents of housing estates, as set out in the report, be endorsed;
- (2) the amended terms of reference at appendix 1 to the report and the new name, Tenants', Leaseholders' and Residents' Consultative Forum, be agreed.

Reason for Recommendation: To enable the body to meet the increased expectations of tenants, leaseholders and other residents to be involved in all housing issues and to ensure that the Council involves and empowers residents to influence housing decisions that impact on them.

[Call-in does not apply to the Recommendation to Council.]

RESOLVED ITEMS

10. Key Decision: Revenue and Capital Monitoring For Quarter 1 (as at 30 June 2011)

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the revenue and capital forecast outturn position for 2011/12 be noted;
- (2) for the General Fund Capital Programme, the virement detailed in paragraph 22, and amendments to the Programme set out in table 1 at appendix 2 of the report, be approved;
- (3) for the Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme, the rephasings detailed in paragraph 23, and reductions and virements set out in table 3 at appendix 2 of the report, be approved.

Reason for Decision: To note the forecast financial position and actions required.

11. Key Decision: Provision of Responsive Repairs and Maintenance and Procurement of Housing Capital Schemes

RESOLVED: That

- (1) It be agreed the procurement of repair and maintenance services for Housing and Corporate Property proceed on the basis of Option 4 for contract periods of up to 5 years, as described in the strategy document and shown diagrammatically at appendix 1 to the report;
- (2) the potential for driving savings and service improvement by including corporate repair and maintenance work in a wider Total Facilities Management package (including a possible procurement on a collaborative basis with other organisations) be explored by officers and a decision on whether to exclude Corporate Repair and Maintenance work

from the proposed procurement as described in the report, be delegated to the Corporate Directors of Community and Environment and Adults and Housing, in consultation with the Portfolio Holders for Housing and Property and Major Contracts;

- (3) the Head of Property, in consultation with the Portfolio Holders for Property and Major Contracts, be authorised to exercise the option to extend the existing contract with Kier, for up to 6 months, if necessary and appropriate, to allow sufficient time to complete the proposed procurement process;
- (4) the approval of the final specification, contract duration and tender documentation be delegated to the Corporate Directors of Adults and Housing and Community and Environment, as appropriate, in consultation with the Portfolio Holders for Housing and Property and Major Contracts.

Reason for Decision: To take the opportunity to revisit the strategy for delivering repairs and maintenance service to the housing stock as well as some elements of the corporate service. To note that the review process included a review of the market and an assessment of the views of the recipients of the service. The consultation exercise with recipients assessed what was important to them in any service and this was augmented with a financial assessment and supply chain assessment, which resulted in Option 4 as the preferred option believed to provide a more customer focused service that had the potential to help the Harrow economy, as well as improving the service and achieving significant savings.

12. Key Decision: Council Funding Support for Police Officers

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Corporate Director Community and Environment be authorised to enter into a contractual arrangement with the Metropolitan Police Authority to fund 5 Police Constables for a period of 3 years, as detailed in the report;
- (2) the Corporate Director Community and Environment and the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Safety be authorised to negotiate and agree annual extensions to this contract, at the end of the three year period, under the terms of the contract.

Reason for Decision: In order that the successful arrangement whereby the Council has previously funded Police Officers could be continued, taking advantage of favourable contract terms which were currently available.

13. Response to the Implications of the HAVS Investigation Challenge Panel Report

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the response to the recommendations outlined at Appendix 1 to the report be noted;

- (2) it be noted proposals for the future of main grant funding would be presented to Cabinet later in the autumn and would provide further detail to address relevant recommendations.

Reason for Decision: To respond to the recommendations of the Scrutiny Challenge Panel report on the implications of the future of HAVS.

[Call-in does not apply to decisions that have been noted.]

14. Key Decision: Commercial Safety Service Plan 2011/12

RESOLVED: That the Commercial Safety Service Plan 2011/12 be approved as the Council's Annual Food Service Plan 2011/12.

Reason for Decision: By virtue of the requirements contained in the Food Standards Act 1999 and the National Food Framework Agreement (FA), issued by the Food Standards Agency (FSA), the Council was required to have an annual Service Plan in place. The health and safety service aspects of the Plan were subject to approval by the Licensing and General Purposes Committee.

(Note: The meeting, having commenced at 7.30 pm, closed at 8.59 pm).