

PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION MEETING MINUTES

10 AUGUST 2010

Chairman: * Councillor Phillip O'Dell

In attendance: * Margaret Davine Minute 12
(Councillors)

* Denotes Member present

7. **Declarations of Interest and Declarations of Any Dispensations Granted by the Standards Committee**

RESOLVED: To note that

- (1) there were no declarations of interests:
- (2) there were no declarations of any dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.

8. **Minutes**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 9 July 2010, be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

9. **Petitions and Public Questions**

RESOLVED: To note that no petitions or public questions had been received.

10. **Matters referred to the Executive Member**

RESOLVED: To note that no matters had been referred to the Executive Member for reconsideration.

11. Reports from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee or Sub-Committees

RESOLVED: To note that no reports had been received.

RESOLVED ITEMS

12. The Provision of Care in the Extra Care setting of Richards Close (Ewart House)

In accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, the Deputy Leader of the Council considered a report of the Corporate Director Adults and Housing on the provision of care in the extra care setting of Richards Close (Ewart House). The report was admitted late to the agenda, because to delay a decision to the next meeting of the Cabinet would be financially prejudicial to the interests of the Council. The scheme would not be operational until January 2011 and the Council would be liable for the void costs.

An officer introduced the report, which requested authority to enter into a contract with Creative Support Ltd for the delivery of a care contract for Richards Close (Ewart House). It was noted that the contract did not commit the Council to additional expenditure as the contract would be funded from the allocated Adults budget. The affordability study showed that efficiencies would be delivered over the 2.5 year contract. In order for the contract to commence as soon as possible to enable the scheme to be operational and opened in October 2010, permission to waive the call-in period had been received from the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the contract for the delivery of the care element of an extra care service at Ewart House, Richards Close, be awarded to Creative Support Limited;
- (2) the Corporate Director Adults and Housing be authorised to seal a contract for a term of two and a half years with the option to extend for a further three years at twelve monthly intervals.

Reason: Harrow Council, in partnership with Harrow Churches Association (HCHA) had developed an Extra Care Sheltered Housing Scheme which would provide an alternative to residential care for older people living in their own homes. Through a tender process a preferred provider was selected to provide the extra support care within the premises of Ewart House at Richards Close, Harrow.

(Note: The meeting, having commenced at 9.00 am, closed at 9.05 am).

(Signed) COUNCILLOR PHILLIP O'DELL
Chairman