

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL
Record of Executive Decision

Rationalised Repair Time Categories
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Decision of: Catherine Smart, Executive Councillor for Housing and Heath

Reference: HMB/060626/A10

Date of decision: 26 June 2006 (recorded on 26 June 2006)

Decision Type: Non-Key Decision

Matter for Decision:

The introduction of a rationalised series of repair time categories

Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options):

See officer's report

<p>The Executive Councillor decided:</p> <p>The introduction of the following repair time categories:</p> <p>Emergencies 24 hours</p> <p>Urgent repairs 3 days</p> <p>Routine repairs 20 days</p>
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Reasons for the decision:

The former BVPI 72 set out requirements in respect of timescales relating to repairs within various categories contained in the tenants Right

Scrutiny consideration:

Two members of the Board asked for this item to be scrutinised by the Committee. The scrutiny committee considered and approved the recommendations by 12 votes to 0.

Report: Agenda Item 10 of Housing Management Board, 26 June 2006

Conflicts of interest:

No conflicts of interest were declared by the Executive Councillor.

Comments:

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Tenancy Management Policies

Decision of: Catherine Smart, Executive Councillor for Housing and Heath

Reference: HMB/060626/A11

Date of decision: 26 June 2006 (recorded on 26 June 2006)

Decision Type: Non-Key Decision

Matter for Decision:

The third phase of tenancy management policies.

Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options):

The Council's policies and procedures on Tenancy Management had not been update in the last 11 years which led to inconsistencies in service delivery.

As many of the policies are governed by legislation or existing tenancy conditions, no alternatives have been considered.

The Executive Councillor decided:

To approve the policies relating to the following:

1. Pets in Council owned properties
2. Use of Council garages
3. Access licenses
4. Use of communal areas
5. Cleaning: tenants responsibilities
6. Rubbish/fly tipping and bulk bins
7. Complaints about property condition

Reasons for the decision:

A decision regarding the approval of these policies is essential in City Homes' preparations for inspection and to enable it to address issues around inconsistency.

Scrutiny consideration:

Two members of the Board asked for this item to be scrutinised by the Committee. The scrutiny committee considered and approved the recommendations by 15 votes to 0.

Report: Agenda Item 11 of Housing Management Board, 26 June 2006

Conflicts of interest:

No conflicts of interest were declared by the Executive Councillor.

Comments:

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**Housing Revenue Account-
Revenue and Capital Outturn for 2005/06**

Decision of: Catherine Smart, Executive Councillor for Housing and Heath

Reference: HMB/060626/A12

Date of decision: 26 June 2006 (recorded on 26 June 2006)

Decision Type: Non-Key Decision

Matter for Decision:

Requests to carry forward funding into the current financial year 2006/07

Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options):

Formal approval is required to carry forward unspent budget into the following financial year and to vary the revenue budget contribution towards the funding of capital expenditure in 2005/06.

The Executive Councillor decided:

- To agree the carry forward request totalling £111,280 as detailed in Appendix C of the report.
- To agree that the remaining under-spend, of £40,874, in the Housing Revenue Account be utilised as additional Direct Revenue Financing of Capital, to partially offset the loss of resources in the Housing Capital Investment Plan, due to a downturn in capital receipts from right to buy sales in 2005/06.

Reasons for the decision:

See officer's report.

Scrutiny consideration:

Two members of the Board asked for this item to be scrutinised by the Committee. The scrutiny committee considered and approved the recommendations by 12 votes to 0.

Report: Agenda Item 12 of Housing Management Board, 26 June 2006

Conflicts of interest:

No conflicts of interest were declared by the Executive Councillor.

Comments:

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Housing Performance Indicators Year End 2005/06

Decision of: Catherine Smart, Executive Councillor for Housing and Heath

Reference: HMB/060626/A13

Date of decision: 26 June 2006 (recorded on 26 June 2006)

Decision Type: Non-Key Decision

Matter for Decision: See officer's report.

Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options):
See officer's report.

The Executive Councillor noted the report and agreed the targets set for 06/07

Reasons for the decision:

See officer's report.

Scrutiny consideration:

Two members of the Board asked for this item to be scrutinised by the Committee. The scrutiny committee considered and approved the recommendations by 13 votes to 0.

Report: Agenda Item 13 of Housing Management Board, 26 June 2006

Conflicts of interest:

No conflicts of interest were declared by the Executive Councillor.

Comments:

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Environment Improvements on Housing States

Decision of: Catherine Smart, Executive Councillor for Housing and Heath

Reference: HMB/060626/A14

Date of decision: 26 June 2006 (recorded on 26 June 2006)

Decision Type: Key Decision

Matter for Decision:

The spending of £200K in Environmental Improvements on Housing Estates.
To agree the criteria for prioritising future spend subject to resources being available.

Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options):

In order to achieve the Cambridge Standard agreed in consultation with tenants, the Housing Capital Investment Strategy earmarked £2 million to be spent over the next ten years on environmental works in line with agreed priorities and tenants expectations.

The Executive Councillor decided:

1. To approve the spending of £160K on Open Spaces in Abbey, Arbury, Kings Hedges and Romsey wards as set out in 4.0 of the report.
2. To agree £40 to be spent on Project Appraisals currently on hold as set out in 5.0 of the report.
3. Officers are asked to report back later this year on priorities for future years. The criteria for future spending are looked at in the Housing Asset Management Strategy, by applying information contained in the Neighborhood Profiles.

Amendment:

4. In future years after 2006/07, programmes of environmental improvements which are for the benefit of the whole community, including home owners, should be paid from the General Fund rather than the Housing Revenue Account.

Reasons for the decision:

See officer's report.

Scrutiny consideration:

Two members of the Board asked for this item to be scrutinised by the Committee. The scrutiny committee considered and approved the recommendations by 11 votes to 0.

Report: Agenda Item 14 of Housing Management Board, 26 June 2006

Conflicts of interest:

No conflicts of interest were declared by the Executive Councillor.

Comments:

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**Statutory Consultation for Lettings Scheme.
Process for Member Consultation**

Decision of: Catherine Smart, Executive Councillor for Housing and Heath

Reference: HMB/060626/A15

Date of decision: 26 June 2006 (recorded on 26 June 2006)

Decision Type: Non-Key Decision

Matter for Decision:

To approve the process for member and tenant consultation on the new Lettings Scheme for operation under Choice Based Lettings as set out in the report.

Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options):

In order to procure the new IT systems for CBL, it is necessary to have an appropriate Lettings Scheme in place by early 2007.

The Executive Councillor decided:

To approve the process for member and tenant consultation on the new Lettings Scheme for operation under Choice Based Lettings as set out in the report.

Reasons for the decision:

See officer's report.

Scrutiny consideration:

Two members of the Board asked for this item to be scrutinised by the Committee. The scrutiny committee considered and approved the recommendations by 13 votes to 0.

Report: Agenda Item 15 of Housing Management Board, 26 June 2006

Conflicts of interest:

No conflicts of interest were declared by the Executive Councillor.

Comments:

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**Performance Indicators, Costing and Value for Money in the
Resident Involvement Service**

Decision of: Catherine Smart, Executive Councillor for Housing and Heath

Reference: HMB/060626/A16

Date of decision: 26 June 2006 (recorded on 26 June 2006)

Decision Type: Non-Key Decision

Matter for Decision:

To approve the proposed system for reporting on performance and costings, or to suggest alternatives or amendments.

Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options):

See officer's report.

The Executive Councillor decided:

To approve the proposed system for reporting on performance and costings.

Reasons for the decision:

See officer's report.

Scrutiny consideration:

Two members of the Board asked for this item to be scrutinised by the Committee. The scrutiny committee considered and approved the recommendations by 11 votes to 0.

Report: Agenda Item 16 of Housing Management Board, 26 June 2006

Conflicts of interest:

No conflicts of interest were declared by the Executive Councillor.

Comments: