

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

Record of Decisions

Programme for New Affordable Housing 2006-08

Decision of:	Cllr Catherine Smart, Executive Councillor for Housing		
Reference:	06/CS/23		
Date of decision:	6 July 2006	Recorded on:	6 July 2006
Decision Type:	Key Decision.		
Matter for Decision:	To progress the decision that was taken in 2005 (July 2005) to make Council resources available to approved development partners for new build affordable housing, and to allocate monies received as commuted sums in lieu of S106 on site affordable housing provision, to further schemes.		
Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options):	Increasing the level of affordable housing is a key priority for Cambridge City Council and is a Medium Term Objective under the aim of Better Housing. Working with Registered Social Landlord (RSL) partners, the Council seeks to maximise development opportunities as they arise.		
The Executive Councillor's decision(s):	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1 To approve the list of schemes for capital funding, as part of the Housing Investment Plan for 2006/7 and 2007/08, as detailed in Table C in the report.2 That officers to bring forward further schemes for consideration, especially in relation to unspent S106 monies, as soon as possible.3 That officers review policies and procedures within the enabling and development service.4 That officers bring forward options which go further than the mandatory proposals for consideration of higher energy efficiency standards		
Reasons for the decision:	These are described in the report.		
Scrutiny consideration:	The Scrutiny Committee approved the recommendations by 7 votes to 0 subject to an additional recommendation that officers bring forward options which go further than the mandatory proposals for consideration of higher energy efficiency standards.		
Report:	Agenda Item 5 of the Community Services Scrutiny Committee on 6 July 2006		
Conflicts of interest:	No conflicts of interest were declared.		
Comments:			

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Homelessness Reviews

Decision of:	Cllr Catherine Smart, Executive Councillor for Housing	
Reference:	06/CS/24	
Date of decision:	6 July 2006	Recorded on: 6 July 2006
Decision Type:	Non-Key Decision.	
Matter for Decision:	The purpose of the officers' report is to present findings and recommendations following a review of the system by which reviews of homelessness decisions are carried out. In February 2005, the review process was outsourced to an external contractor, Sternberg, Reed, Taylor and Gill Solicitors on a two-year contract.	
Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options):	It was agreed that the contract be reviewed in advance of its conclusion in February 2007, to determine whether or not the council should enter into a re-tendering exercise for this work	
The Executive Councillor's decision(s):	That the Director of Community Services be authorised to tender and let a contract to carry out reviews of the council's homelessness decisions for a period of three years with an option to extend the contract for a further period (or periods) totalling no more than two years subject to the satisfactory performance of the appointed contractor and the approval of the Executive Councillor for Housing.	
Reasons for the decision:	These are described in the report.	
Scrutiny consideration:	The Scrutiny Committee approved the recommendations by 7 votes to 0	
Report:	Agenda Item 6 of the Community Services Scrutiny Committee on 6 July 2006	
Conflicts of interest:	No conflicts of interest were declared.	
Comments:		

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Home Energy Policy And Strategy

Decision of:	Cllr Catherine Smart, Executive Councillor for Housing		
Reference:	06/CS/25		
Date of decision:	6 July 2006	Recorded on:	6 July 2006
Decision Type:	Non - Key Decision.		
Matter for Decision:	The officers' report outlines the key objectives and plans for the Home Energy Strategy with a view to gaining initial approval before extensive development and consultation (including equality impact assessment) is carried out over the summer.		
Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options):	Previous Cambridge City Council Home Energy policies are now out of date and the advent of a full-time Home Energy Officer has allowed sufficient time to begin the process of developing a new strategy. This strategy is being submitted in a basic draft format in order to kick-start the consultation process. This will last for approximately three months until the finalised Home Energy Strategy returns to the Community Services Scrutiny Committee in Autumn 2006 for final decision.		
The Executive Councillor's decision(s):	To approve the content outline and general objectives of the proposed Home Energy Strategy as set out in the report in principle, and assist where applicable with the consultation process.		
Reasons for the decision:	These are described in the report.		
Scrutiny consideration:	The Scrutiny Committee approved the recommendations by 7 votes to 0		
Report:	Agenda Item 7 of the Community Services Scrutiny Committee on 6 July 2006		
Conflicts of interest:	No conflicts of interest were declared.		
Comments:			