

## Minutes of Health & Housing Committee

Meeting Date: Thursday, 19 March 2015 starting at 6.30pm  
Present: Councillor B Hilton (Chairman)

Councillors:

S Bibby	R Newmark
S Brunskill	L Rimmer
R Hargreaves	M Robinson
K Hind	I Sayers
J Holgate	R Sherras

In attendance: Chief Executive and Head of Regeneration and Housing.

### 663 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillor S Hore.

Councillors J Hill, C Ross and J Shervey were also absent from the meeting.

### 664 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2015 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### 665 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

### 666 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

### 667 CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2015/2016

The Director of Resources submitted a report for Committee's information of the schemes which had been approved for inclusion in the capital programme for this Committee for the 2015/2016 financial year. This included two schemes which totalled £236,000. Responsible officers would complete and update capital monitoring sheets for each scheme, which would be reported quarterly to Members to give an indication of progress. This was particularly important for the disabled facilities grants.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

### 668 NEW THRESHOLDS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The Chief Executive submitted a report informing Committee of the change in government policy in respect to Section 106 contributions for small scale developments which became effective on 28 November 2014. This would have a significant material consideration in decision making, with particular reference to contributions for affordable housing and tariff style planning applications, which

could not be sought for development of 10 units or less and which have a maximum of combined gross floor space of no more than 100m<sup>2</sup>.

In relation to the threshold, the Council has adopted a lower threshold of 5 units for the purpose of the Core Strategy in designated rural areas. This included some of the Parishes but not all of them. It was clear that this change in guidance and also the forthcoming restriction on the number of pooled Section 106 Agreements which would come into force from April 2015 would have an impact on the ability to resource affordable housing within the borough. It would also potentially have significant financial implications and on the assessments on the planning balance of any planning application, if it is no longer possible to insist on an element of affordable housing within a development proposal, nor request contributions for infrastructure schemes such as education and recreational improvements.

RESOLVED: That a working group of Councillors consisting of S Bibby, K Hind, B Hilton, J Holgate, M Robinson and R Sherras be formed to take an initial look at the implications with the intention of holding a wider workshop with all Councillors after the May elections.

669 NOTES OF HEALTH AND WELLBEING PARTNERSHIP

The notes of the meeting held on Monday, 2 March 2015 were noted by Committee.

670 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor S Bibby circulated a short report outlining the work of the Older Peoples Champion Network.

Councillor S Brunskill gave a brief update on the Young Peoples Trust.

671 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That by virtue of the fact that the following items of business be an Exempt Information under Categories 1 and 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be now excluded from the meeting.

672 GENERAL REPORTS – GRANTS

The Chief Executive submitted details of four disabled facilities grants and five boiler replacement grants.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

673 AFFORDABLE HOUSING UPDATE

The Chief Executive submitted a list of affordable housing schemes in progress and proposed in the borough. This report particularly outlined those that had received pre-application advice. The notes of the Housing Working Group for 4 February 2015 were also included.

The meeting closed at 7.42pm.

If you have any queries on these minutes please contact Marshal Scott (414400).