



MEETING OF THE CABINET
8 APRIL 2013 - 11.00 AM – 11.15 AM

PRESENT:

Councillor Paul Carpenter
Councillor Mrs Frances Cartwright
Councillor John Smith
Councillor Mike Taylor
Councillor Teri Bryant

Councillor Mrs. Linda Neal - Chairman

Chief Executive (Beverly Agass)
Strategic Director Community & Environment (Tracey Blackwell)
Head of Housing & Neighbourhoods (Ian Richardson)
Head of Legal & Democratic Services (Lucy Youles)
Cabinet Support Officer (Lucy Bonshor)

Non-Cabinet Members :Councillor Bob Adams

CO52. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th March 2013 were agreed as a correct record of the decisions taken.

CO53. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS (IF ANY)

None disclosed.

CO54. *TENANCY POLICY

Decision:

Cabinet approves the Tenancy Policy as appended to report H&N0113

subject to amendments to clarify some of the wording being agreed with the Portfolio Holder.

Considerations/reasons for decision:

- 1) Report H&N0113 from the Head of Housing & Neighbourhoods.
- 2) The introduction by the Government of wide ranging reforms to the social housing legislation, regulation and policy.
- 3) The Government's revised tenancy standard which sets out that all providers of social housing must publish a clear and accessible Tenancy Policy which outlines the landlord's approach to tenancy management.
- 4) Consultation undertaken with the Community Focus Forum, a stakeholder consultation event and the Communities Policy Development Group.
- 5) The policy reflects Cabinet's previous position following their decision taken on 4th March when the Tenancy Strategy was approved.
- 6) Under the Localism Act, responsibility for social housing regulation passed to the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) Regulation Committee from 1 April 2012.
- 7) Comments made by Members at the meeting concerning the clarity of wording within the draft document.

Other options considered:

No other options have been considered as there is a requirement for the Council to have a policy for the granting and management of tenancies of council housing.

DATE DECISION EFFECTIVE:

Decision CO54 as made on 8th April 2013 can be implemented by Wednesday 17th April 2013, unless subject to call-in by the Scrutiny Committee Chairman or any five members of the Council from any political group.

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