

HOUSING COMMITTEE

17 JANUARY 2017

Present: Councillor E Kerry, Chair

Councillors: S A Bagshaw
L A Ball BEM
M J Crow
J A Doddy
R H Darby
J C Goold
J K Marsters
J M Owen
J C Patrick
M Radulovic MBE
A W G A Stockwell

An apology of absence was received from J W McGrath.

35. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

36. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 September 2016 were confirmed and signed.

37. DISABLED FACILITIES GRANT POLICY

The Committee received a presentation in regards to the Disabled Facilities Grant Policy. The Council, in its role as a local housing authority, is under a statutory duty by virtue of the provisions of the Housing Grants Construction and Regeneration Act 1996 to provide Disabled Facilities Grants for private sector residential adaptations where the appropriate legislative conditions are met.

RESOLVED that the Disabled Facilities Grant Policy be approved.

38. BUSINESS PLANS AND FINANCIAL ESTIMATES 2017/18 – 2019/20

The Committee considered the proposals for the business plans, detailed revenue budget estimates for 2017/18, capital programme for 2017/18 to 2019/20 and proposed fees and charges for 2017/18. It was noted that the fees and charges for 2017/18 are to remain the same as the year.

1. **RESOLVED** that the attached Housing Business Plan be approved; and
2. **RECOMMENDED** that the Finance and Resources Committee recommends to Council that the following be approved:
 - a) The detailed revenue budget estimates for 2016/17 (revised) and 2017/18 (base) including any revenue development submissions
 - b) The capital programme for 2017/18 to 2019/20
 - c) The fees and charges for 2017/18.

39. HOUSING AND PLANNING ACT UPDATE

The Committee considered the implications of the Housing and Planning Act 2016 and the recent the Autumn Statement announced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Members It was noted that further detail was to be provided to the Committee at a later date in relation to high income social tenants.

40. INCOME GENERATION ON RETIREMENT LIVING SCHEMES

The Committee noted the proposals in relation to income generation on retirement living schemes. It was proposed that the Council extend the use of the communal facilities located in the Retirement Living Schemes, for events, activities, forums and training by voluntary, statutory and third sector. In addition to offering the hire of the communal facilities for private hire.

41. BEXHILL COURT

The Committee received an update the on the development of the dementia friendly bungalows at Bexhill Court Beeston. The Bexhill court scheme officially opened on 24 November 2016. The development was a partnership project between Broxtowe Borough Council, Nottingham Community Housing Association, Waters Homes and Pelham Architects to build specially designed and adapted bungalows for people with dementia. This contributes to the Council's on-going commitment to be a dementia friendly Council.

42. WORKING TOGETHER TO COLLECT THE RENT – KEY LEARNING POINTS

The Committee noted the key learning points of the Chartered Institute of Housing Programme Working Together to Collect the Rent which ended on 14 December 2016.

43. WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee review the work programme.

RESOLVED that the Work Programme be approved.