

Appendix 2: Example using Community & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee held 8th February 2023

COMMUNITY & HOUSING OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

8 FEBRUARY 2023

Minutes of the meeting of the Community & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee of Flintshire County Council held as a hybrid meeting on Wednesday, 8 February 2023

PRESENT: **Councillor Helen Brown (Chair)**

Councillors: Gillian Brockley, Tina Claydon, Geoff Collett, Rosetta Dolphin, David Evans, Dennis Hutchinson, Kevin Rush, Dale Selvester and Linda Thew

SUBSTITUTIONS: Councillors: Bernie Attridge (for Pam Banks)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors: Paul Johnson and Debbie Owen attended as observers

CONTRIBUTORS: Councillor Sean Bibby (Cabinet Member for Housing and Regeneration); Chief Executive; Chief Officer (Housing & Communities), Housing & Prevention Service Manager and Service Manager Housing Assets

IN ATTENDANCE: Community & Education Overview & Scrutiny Facilitator & Electoral Services Officer

21. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (INCLUDING WHIPPING DECLARATIONS)

None.

22. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 January be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

23. FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME & ACTION TRACKING ([Link to recording](#))

The Committee was asked to consider, and amend where necessary, the [Forward Work Programme](#) for the Community Housing & Assets Overview & Scrutiny Committee. An update on actions from previous meetings was also provided. The recommendation(s) are:

(1) That the Committee considers the draft Forward Work Programme and approves/amends as necessary

(2) That the Facilitator, in consultation with the Chair of the Committee be authorised to vary the FWP between meetings, as the need arises

(3) That the Committee notes the progress made in completing the outstanding actions

RESOLVED:

(a) That the Forward Work Programme be noted;

(b) That the Facilitator, in consultation with the Chair of the Committee, be authorised to vary the Forward Work Programme between meetings, as the need arises; and

(c) That the Committee notes the progress made in completing the outstanding actions.

24. HOUSING SUPPORT GRANT ([Link to recording](#))

The Housing & Prevention Service Manager introduced a [report](#) which provided an overview of the Housing Support Grant (HSG) regime and details of the Housing Support Delivery Plan, which was a requirement of receiving the Welsh Government (WG) revenue supported HSG. The recommendation(s) are:

(1) To note the overview of the Housing Support Grant Regime and wide range of services locally

(2) To support the Housing Support Grant delivery plan for 2023/24 attached as appendix 1

(3) To note feedback on the impact of the Housing Support Grant and range of good practice examples shared throughout the report

RESOLVED:

(a) That the Committee support the Housing Support Grant Delivery Plan for 2023-2024 attached at Appendix 1 of the report;

(b) That the overview of the Housing Support Grant regime and wide range of delivery of services locally be noted; and

(c) That the feedback on the impact of the Housing Support Grant and range of good practice examples shared through the report be noted.

25. COMMON HOUSING REGISTER (SINGLE ACCESS ROUTE TO HOUSING – SARTH) ([Link to recording](#))

The Housing & Prevention Service Manager introduced a [report](#) on the Single Access Route to Housing (SARTH) which was a partnership between all the major providers of social housing in North Wales, covering the local authority areas of Conwy County Borough Council, Denbighshire and Flintshire. The recommendation(s) are:

(1) To receive the report and note the significant increases in housing needs across the county and the growing pressures in regard to social housing which is not in line with the supply of available homes locally

(2) To note the customer feedback following survey work and the progress in relation to opportunities for service improvement and in particular digital transformation

RESOLVED:

(a) That the Committee note the significant increases in housing needs across the county and the growing pressures in regard to social housing which was not in line with the supply of available homes locally; and

(b) That the Committee note the customer feedback following survey work and the progress in relation to opportunities for service improvement and in particular digital transformation.

26. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) GARAGE SITES AND PLOT SITES UPDATE ([Link to recording](#))

The Service Manager Housing Assets introduced a [report](#) to provide an update on the Council's garage demolition programme along with providing an insight into how the Council assessed the land for future use. The recommendation(s) are:

(1) Community and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee to support the garage demolition programme proposals for addressing those sites and assets in a poor condition

(2) Community and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider and comment on the decision matrix, outlined in the report, on the criteria for assessing the garage sites for demolition

RESOLVED:

(a) That the Committee support the garage demolition programme proposals for addressing those sites and assets in a poor condition; and

(b) That the Committee support the matrix, outlined in the report, on the criteria for assessing the garage sites for demolition.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985 - TO CONSIDER THE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting as the following item was considered to be exempt by virtue of paragraph 15 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

27. SHELTERED HOUSING REVIEW REPORT

The Service Manager Housing Assets presented a report to provide an update on the Council's sheltered housing review, the proposed methodology to be utilised to identify assets to be included in the review and the associated option appraisal of these assets. The recommendation(s) are:

(1) Community and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee support the methodology used to assess the Council's sheltered assets and to support the recommendations identified within any additional option appraisals by officers or its procured consultants for further progression (re-designation/classification, adaptation or demolition)

(2) Community and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee support the revised service for the three high rise blocks in Flint (refer to appendix 3 – high rise blocks, Flint – revised sheltered offer)

(3) Community and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee support future assessment work to sheltered assets and progress to an options appraisal stage if investment concerns are highlighted through its in-depth review

RESOLVED:

(1) That the report be noted

(2) That a Task and Finish Group be established to consider the next steps for the Sheltered Housing Review

28. MEMBERS OF THE PRESS IN ATTENDANCE

There were no members of the press in attendance.

(The meeting started at 10.00 am and ended at 13.30 pm)

Chair

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