

COMMUNITY & HOUSING OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
22 APRIL 2024

Minutes of the meeting of the Community & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee of Flintshire County Council held as a hybrid meeting on Monday, 22 April 2024

PRESENT: Councillor Helen Brown (Chairman)

Councillors: Gillian Brockley, Tina Claydon, David Evans, Ted Palmer, Kevin Rush, Dale Selvester and Linda Thew

SUBSTITUTIONS: Councillors: Mel Buckley (for Geoff Collett) and Bill Crease (for Pam Banks)

APOLOGY: Councillor Rosetta Dolphin

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors: Marion Bateman and Debbie Owen attended as observers

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Community & Education Overview & Scrutiny Facilitator

83. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (INCLUDING WHIPPING DECLARATIONS)

Councillor Ted Palmer declared a personal interest as a Council Tenant.

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

RESOLVED:

That the press and public be excluded for the remainder of the meeting for the following item by virtue of exempt information under paragraph(s) 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

84. CAPITAL WORKS – PROCUREMENT OF WELSH HOUSING QUALITY STANDARD (WHQS) ENVELOPE WORKS TO COUNCIL OWNED PROPERTIES (ROOFING, POINTING, RENDERING, WINDOWS & DOORS ETC.)

The Service Manager (Housing Assets) introduced a report to seek approval from the Committee, to appoint two contractors: by Direct Award through the Procure Plus Framework, to carry out Whole House Envelope works to approximately 1500 properties over the next five financial years. This work continued the second tranche of planned capital improvements to ensure the Council's rented homes continued to meet the current Welsh Housing Quality Standards (WHQS) standard and all legislative requirements.

The Service Manager provided background and an overview of the tendering exercise with Procure Plus and also the performance of the contractors.

Councillor Ted Palmer commented on the work carried out by the contractors which he said had been very good, with any issues resolved quickly.

In response to questions from Councillor David Evans on works carried out where properties adjoin private properties, the Service Manager provided details of the engagement with private property owners and the independent appointment of a third party surveyor.

The recommendation as outlined within the report was moved by Councillor Ted Palmer and seconded by Councillor Kevin Rush.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee support Cabinet and the Cabinet Member for Housing approving the Direct Award to the two contractors, as outlined within the report, to carry out the Whole House Envelope programme, through the Procure Plus framework.

85. MEMBERS OF THE PRESS IN ATTENDANCE

There were no members of the press in attendance.

(The meeting started at 11.00 am and ended at 11.13 am)

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Chair