

Decision No: CMM –

Forward Plan No:

This record relates to Agenda Item 14 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET MEMBER DECISION

DECISION-MAKER:	COUNCILLOR LIZ WAKEFIELD
PORTFOLIO AREA:	HOUSING
SUBJECT:	AUTHORITY TO AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE BUILDING OF 15 NEW COUNCIL HOMES AT AINSWORTH HOUSE
AUTHOR:	MARTIN REID

THE DECISION

- (1) That the Strategic Director of Place be given delegated authority to award and enter into the design and build contract for Ainsworth House. This requires awarding and entering into a contract with a delivery partner following a competitive procurement process via the Homes and Communities Agencies Delivery Partner Panel. The approximate contract value is £1.6m

REASON FOR THE DECISION

- (1) To enable the council to enter into a design and build contract for the construction of 15 new council homes on the Ainsworth House site.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

(1) What are the alternatives to using the Panel?

A full OJEU procurement process was considered, however it was felt to be more efficient to use the Delivery Partner Panel Framework to procure, as Procurement timelines associated with a full OJEU process are reduced as the framework provides a large number of pre-qualified contractors (the 'Southern Cluster'). This process also provides greater efficiency and a wide choice of suppliers who are experienced in delivering social housing.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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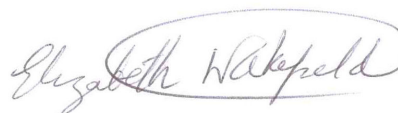
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Cabinet Member for Housing

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Mark Wall, Head of Democratic Services

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RECORD OF CABINET MEMBER DECISION

DECISION-MAKER:	COUNCILLOR LIZ WAKEFIELD
PORTFOLIO AREA:	HOUSING
SUBJECT:	RENEWAL OF PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING RENEWAL ASSISTANCE
AUTHOR:	MARTIN REID

THE DECISION

- (1) That the strategic importance of private sector housing renewal, the successful delivery of private sector housing renewal in the City and the issues outlined concerning future availability of capital funding to support the assistance available to eligible households, be noted.
- (2) That it is noted that the Lead Commissioner for Housing is undertaking a review of the Private Sector Housing Renewal Assistance Policy with a view to submitting a revised policy based on likely funding streams to a future meeting.
- (3) That expenditure be approved within Brighton and Hove of the council's 2011/12 Disabled Facilities Grant allocation of £723,000 in accordance with the provisions of the Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Act 1996.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

- (1) In order to continue to provide assistance, in the light of reduced Private Sector Renewal funding the council needs to review its Housing Renewal Policy in light of future funding streams to ensure, where possible, continued moves to a loans based culture, ensuring sustainable long term assistance from any capital investment made and ensuring value for money, whilst protecting the most vulnerable.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- (1) The council could cease providing any private sector renewal assistance beyond current commitments. However this would adversely affect vulnerable residents living in poor quality housing in the City and would not meet our key strategic goals.
- (2) The option of maintaining a narrow portfolio of financial products was considered but is not recommended as experience in other local authorities indicates that a broad range of flexible products is needed to encourage people to finance repairs or improvements to their homes using loans.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

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