

**BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL**

**HOUSING COMMITTEE**

**2.00pm 5 MARCH 2014**

**COMMITTEE ROOM 1, HOVE TOWN HALL**

# **DECISION LIST**

## **Part One**

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### **58. NEW HOMES FOR NEIGHBOURHOODS - SMALL SITE STRATEGY**

*Contact Officer:* Sam Smith

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*Ward Affected:* All Wards

58.1 **RESOLVED:** That the Housing Committee agreed to

- (i) Delegate authority to the Executive Director Environment Development and Housing (in consultation with the Executive Director of Finance and Resources) to enter into the necessary contract(s) to secure the design and build of housing on small site(s) following a RIBA supported design competition as described in paragraphs 3.8 to 3.12 in the report.
- (ii) Approves the Pilot 2 proposal set out in the report for development of a small site by a housing co-operative represented by Co-operative Housing in Brighton & Hove.
- (iii) Approves the Pilot 3 proposal set out in the report for the design and build of housing on small site(s) using Passivhaus principles.

### **59. THE BRIGHTON & HOVE PROPERTY STANDARD**

*Contact Officer:* Janine Healey

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59.1 **RESOLVED:** That the Housing Committee approves that:

- (i) That all residents be offered additional choice of coloured wall tiles, when having a kitchen or bathroom installed.
- (ii) That all residents be offered additional choice of kitchen cupboard doors and handles when having a new kitchen installed.

- (iii) That a change in policy is agreed to allow tenants who have installed their own kitchen or bathroom to have the other room modernised by the council, if its old or in disrepair (as per the age and condition requirements of the governments DHS).
- (iv) To run a twelve moth pilot enabling all one bed ground floor flats that become empty and require a bathroom replacement, to be considered for the installation of a level access shower instead of a bath.

## **60. RESPONSE TO TENANT SCRUTINY PANEL REPORT ON STANDARD LETTERS**

**60.1 RESOLVED:** That the Housing Committee:

- (i) That the evidence, findings and recommendations of the Tenant Scrutiny Panel relating to standard letters used in Housing be noted.
- (ii) That the actions proposed in this report in response to the Tenant Scrutiny Panel's recommendations be agreed.

NB The above decisions will be implemented after close of business on 12 March 2014 unless they are called in.