

HOUSING & HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 12 March 2018 commencing at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllr. Horwood (Chairman)

Cllr. Parkin (Vice Chairman)

Cllrs. Mrs. Bosley, Dr. Canet, Dyball, Eyre, Gaywood, Lowe, Parson, Pearsall and Miss. Stack

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. Scott

27. Minutes

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Advisory Committee held on 10 October 2017 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

28. Declarations of Interest

There were no additional declarations of interest.

29. Actions from Previous Meetings

There were none.

30. Update from Portfolio Holder

The Portfolio Holder's updated was noted. The Portfolio Holder further advised that the Council had won the Gold prize for Transformation in Health and Social Care at the iESE awards. Members agreed that it was a great achievement and thanked the teams for their hard work.

31. Referrals from Cabinet or the Audit Committee

There were none.

32. Be Inspired Be Active Project Report and Sustainability

Members received a [presentation](#) and considered a report updating them on the project outcomes, sustainability and subsequent work following funding from Sport England to deliver sports tasters and courses in four wards in the District.

In response to questions Members were advised that once the classes had ended, participants were supported to find a club to join that suited their needs. Sports

satellite clubs were run in schools and inclusive sport projects took place in Special Educational Needs schools. Officers sought additional external funding wherever possible. Members asked questions around the uptake of different classes and were advised that the figures would be circulated.

Action: Project Co-ordinator to circulate figures regarding sporting uptake and whether participants were involved in activities before.

Public Sector Equality Duty

Members noted that consideration had been to impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

33. West Kent Housing Association Presentation on Social Housing Provisions

The Chairman welcomed Deborah White, Housing Director at West Kent Housing Association who gave a [presentation](#) of an overview of the Housing Association's work to deliver social housing in the District.

Members asked questions of clarification and were advised that there were around 750 people currently on the waiting list for housing. The biggest demand was on 2 bedroom houses and it was approximately a two year waiting list, although this varied according to need and supply. Those requiring a property in the Emerald scheme for older people could wait for a property for less time depending on their needs and requirements. There were plans to address standards of temporary accommodation as part of the wider asset maintenance scheme. Under right to buy, on average only 1 or 2 were purchased a year.

The Chairman thanked Ms White for her attendance.

Public Sector Equality Duty

Members noted that consideration had been to impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty

Resolved: That the report be noted.

34. Draft Housing Allocations Policy for Consultation

The Head of Housing and Health presented a report which updated the Sevenoaks District Housing Allocations Policy to incorporate changes in legislation and the assessment of need to ensure social housing was allocated to those in priority need.

In response to questions Members were advised that workshops on the proposed changes had taken place to enable Members, housing associations and voluntary sector organisations to comment, ahead of the formal consultation. Changes also took into account best practice research with other local authorities. A Member raised a concern regarding Income Limit Summary and the disposable income of households.

Public Sector Equality Duty

Members noted that consideration had been to impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty

Resolved: That the comments made be noted.

35. Housing Strategy Progress Report (Number 1)

The Housing Policy Manager presented a report which advised Members of progress against a wide-range of agreed objectives in the District Council's latest 'Housing Strategy 2017: Wellbeing Starts at Home'. Members were informed that there had been some minor adjustments as services developed. He advised that time frames had changed from the previous Housing Strategy and deadlines were now internally set.

Public Sector Equality Duty

Members noted that consideration had been to impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty

Resolved: That the report be noted.

36. To note minutes of the Health Liaison Board

The Chairman of the Health Liaison Board presented the minutes of the meeting held on 7 February 2018 highlighting some of the discussion. The minutes were noted.

CHANGE IN ORDER OF AGENDA ITEMS

With the Committee's agreement, the Chairman brought forward consideration of agenda item 12 (Minute 38)

37. BRE Stock Modelling

The Chairman advised that the Building Research Establishment (B.R.E) Stock Modelling assessment that had identified the conditions of the private stock within the District data was now available.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

38. Work Plan

The work plan was noted and the following amendments made:

12 June 2018

Potential new shared ownership grant scheme

18 September 2018

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Challenges of homelessness Reduction Act
Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO)

THE MEETING WAS CONCLUDED AT 9.10 PM

CHAIRMAN