

COUNCIL

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EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES OF PRINCIPAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (13 July 2009)

REPORT OF HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

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RECENT REFERENCES:

None

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Appendix A to this report sets out minute extracts relating to issues for the consideration of Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council considers the matters set out in the minute extracts.

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1. **CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS UNDER THE COMMITTEE'S POWERS**
OF CALL-IN

- (i) **DISPOSAL OF HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) LAND AT**
WILLIS WAYE, KINGS WORTHY (LESS EXEMPT APPENDIX 3)
(Report CAB1856 refers)

The Corporate Director (Policy) presented to the Committee detailed plans of the proposed development. He indicated a strip of undeveloped scrubland adjacent to the site of which a small proportion would be used for access to the new housing and the majority to be retained as undeveloped 'conservation' land. He demonstrated that the vast majority of this land could not be easily developed due to its sloping topography.

During discussion, Councillor Beckett clarified that Cabinet on 8 July 2009 had agreed to lease this 'conservation' land to the Registered Social Landlord (RSL). Cabinet wished the Council to retain ownership of the strip of land to control any potential future development, including further affordable housing. Cabinet had also agreed that the responsibility for the maintenance of this land should also be transferred to the RSL.

The Corporate Director (Policy) updated the Committee that following the Cabinet meeting, the RSL had been advised of the decision but had yet to make a formal response to the proposal, pending discussion by their Board.

At conclusion of discussion, the Committee agreed to not call-in the decision of Cabinet for review. Members were mindful that the proposal would achieve a significant number of affordable housing units. The Chairman also advised that a ward Councillor for Kings Worthy was very supportive of the proposal.

RECOMMENDED:

THAT THE DECISION OF CABINET ON 8 JULY 2009 TO APPROVE UP TO £150,000 OF THE CAPITAL RECEIPT DETAILED IN THE EXEMPT APPENDIX TO REPORT CAB1856 TO BE USED TO SUPPORT THE SUPPLEMENTARY HOUSING REPAIRS PROGRAMME ALREADY APPROVED (CAB1820 DATED 18 MARCH 2009 REFERS) AND INCLUDED IN THE COUNCIL'S CAPITAL PROGRAMME (CAB1775 DATED 14 JANUARY 2009 REFERS), BUT WHICH IS SUBJECT TO RECEIPTS GENERATED FROM ASSET SALES AND THAT ANY ADDITIONAL AMOUNT ACHIEVED THROUGH CLAW BACK ARRANGEMENTS BE USED TO SUPPORT THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAMME, BE NOT CALLED-IN FOR REVIEW.

RESOLVED:

That Cabinet's decision of 8 July 2009 to dispose of the land at Willis Waye, Kings Worthy, as outlined on the plan attached as Appendix 1 to the Report, to a Registered Social Landlord (subject to required conditions, compliance and consent etc as detailed in the Report and in the minutes of Cabinet), be noted.