

CABINET**4 July 2012****Minute Extract****157. MINUTES OF THE CABINET (HOUSING) COMMITTEE HELD 20 JUNE 2012:****(a) HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) 2011/12 BUDGET OUTTURN**
(Report CAB2354(HSG) refers)**(b) STOCK CONDITION SURVEY OF COUNCIL OWNED HOMES**
(Report CAB2357(HSG) refers)

Cabinet considered the minutes of the Cabinet (Housing) Committee held 20 June 2012. In considering the above minutes, Cabinet also had regard to Reports CAB2354(HSG) and CAB2357(HSG) and the recommendations contained therein. Members noted that both these Reports would also be considered by The Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 9 July 2012, prior to Council on 18 July 2012.

Councillor Coates spoke in support of the recommendations as set out.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Learney stated that as a Ward Councillor for St Lukes, Councillor Prowse welcomed the proposed Stanmore estate improvements. She also supported the proposals generally on behalf of the Liberal Democrat group. However, Councillor Learney noted the potential for redevelopment of some garage blocks for Council Housing. However, she believed that in recent years the garages primary use was for purposes other than cars, for example for storage. She suggested that in appropriate cases the Council carry out consultation on replacing existing garage blocks with a mixture of purpose built, smaller storage units, together with areas dedicated for more open parking spaces.

Councillor Coates thanked Councillor Learney for her support and agreed that her suggestion be investigated further by officers.

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the Report.

RECOMMENDED:**WITH REGARD TO CAB2354(HSG)**

1. THAT THE REVENUE CARRY FORWARDS AMOUNTING TO £75,780 BE AGREED AS SET OUT IN PARAGRAPH 3.1 OF THE REPORT.

2. THAT, SUBJECT TO THE MATTER NOT BEING CALLED-IN BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE, A SUPPLEMENTARY CAPITAL ESTIMATE OF £300,000 BE APPROVED TO FUND ESTATE IMPROVEMENT WORKS ON STANMORE AND THE ASSOCIATED ENGINEERING RESOURCES REQUIRED TO DELIVER THE PROGRAMME.

WITH REGARD TO CAB2357(HSG)

3. THAT, SUBJECT TO THE MATTER NOT BEING CALLED-IN BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE, A REVENUE VIREMENT WITHIN THE HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) OF £300,000 IN 2012/13 BE APPROVED, WITH THE REVENUE SUPPORT TO THE CAPITAL PROGRAMME (RCCO) BEING REDUCED IN ORDER TO MEET THE STOCK SURVEY COSTS WHICH ARE A CHARGE TO REVENUE AND NOTE THAT THE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR EXTERNAL ENVELOPE WORKS WILL BE REDUCED BECAUSE OF THE REDUCTION IN THE RCCO.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Cabinet (Housing) Committee held 20 June 2012 be received and the recommendations contained therein be agreed.