

CABINET**26 June 2013****Minute Extract****122. MINUTES OF THE CABINET (HOUSING DELIVERY) COMMITTEE HELD
22 MAY 2013**

(Report CAB2500 refers)

Cabinet considered the minutes of the Cabinet (Housing Delivery) Committee held 22 May 2013.

Cabinet noted that the minutes contained recommendations relating to the Updated Council House New Build Programme (Report CAB2486(HD) refers).

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor J Berry expressed concern about the worry to Council tenants that had been caused by the Council's previous proposals to demolish Council homes in Milland Road. In addition, tenants were concerned about proposals to build on play areas in parts of Winchester that already had a high degree of development. She recognised that building new Council homes was essential but these should be at the right rent level and in the right location. She requested that the Housing Strategy and Design Specification be reviewed at the earliest opportunity and the Council should consider building two-bedroom bungalows for older people.

The Head of New Homes Delivery responded that, following the deletion of the Milland Road option, the current Programme did not include any proposals to demolish Council homes. Both the Strategy and Design Specification had been agreed within the last year and Officers were mindful of possible changes in demand for housing types, for example as a result of the Government's Welfare Reform.

Cabinet noted that the Council would offer compensation to any tenants if their home were to be demolished and a Report setting out the exact terms and statutory basis of any such compensation would be submitted to a future Cabinet (Housing) Committee.

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

RECOMMENDED:

1. THAT THE REVISED HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) NEW HOUSEBUILDING CAPITAL PROGRAMME BE APPROVED, AS SET OUT IN APPENDIX 1 OF REPORT CAB2486(HD), SUBJECT TO THE DELETION OF THE BUDGET PROVISION FOR MILLAND ROAD.

2. THAT THE USE OF ALL CURRENT AND FUTURE AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS AND CAPITAL RECEIPTS TO FUND THE HRA NEW HOUSEBUILDING CAPITAL PROGRAMME BE APPROVED.

3. THAT THE FOLLOWING BUDGETS IN THE 2013/14 GENERAL FUND CAPITAL PROGRAMME BE DELETED:

- (i) AFFORDABLE HOUSING / REGENERATION - £148,000;**
- (ii) AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUNDED BY DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS £1,441,000.**

RESOLVED:

That the remaining minutes of the Cabinet (Housing Delivery) Committee held 22 May 2013 be received (as attached as Appendix A to the Minutes).