

Decisions taken by the Cabinet Member for Housing Decision Day on Wednesday, 11 December 2024

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Part A – Items considered in public

A4	Petition regarding proposed community garden in Winnall and bin storage arrangements for 69-163 Firmstone Road, Winchester (DD82)	<p><u>That the Cabinet Member for Housing:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agreed in principle to the proposal to create a community garden in Winnall, subject to a legal agreement and the required permissions. 2. Agreed the establishment of a constituted community group (subject to point 1), via the Housing and Communities teams, to manage the land as a growing space and as a space for residents to socialise in. 3. Agreed that the council 	<p>Consider and respond to the points raised in a petition submitted on 20th August 2024, as per the council's petition policy (background document and petition as Appendix 1).</p> <p>Discuss the proposed creation of a community garden in Winnall.</p> <p>It is imperative that the council is clear on its robust management of Housing land in its response to the petitioner who is seeking to create a community garden on Housing land in Firmstone Road, Winnall, Winchester.</p> <p>The development and</p>	None.
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		<p>enter into the appropriate legal arrangements with the community group to permit them to manage the land, subject to points 1 and 2 being agreed, as set out above.</p>	<p>establishment of a community group, with a constituted agreement, is necessary in the management of Housing assets.</p>	
<p>A5</p>	<p>Shared Ownership Sales Policy (DD79)</p>	<p>1. That the Shared Ownership Policy be adopted; and</p> <p>2. That the policy be reviewed on an annual basis.</p>	<p>From time to time the council must review its New Homes Shared Ownership Policy. This paper proposes the adoption of the policy set out in Appendix 1. This will ensure a consistency of approach by the council and enable home ownership customers to understand eligibility for a Shared Ownership home. The policy applies to all new Shared Ownership homes provided by the council whether or not they are funded by Homes England.</p>	<p>1. Not updating the policy. The current policy would be out of date, there would be a lack of transparency and clarity for prospective purchasers, a risk of inconsistency of approach and of challenge, financial risks, and a risk of being unable to access Homes England funding.</p> <p>2. A higher minimum surplus income. This would have been inconsistent with general practice across the industry and may exclude some households from the</p>

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