

A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY BOARD

WAS HELD ON 3 OCTOBER 2011

The Mayor (Councillor Carter C R) (ex-officio) (P), Chairman of the Policy and Organisation Board (Councillor Hook) (P), Councillors Mrs Bailey (P), Burgess (P), C K Carter, Mrs Cully (P), Edgar (P), Mrs Forder (P), Henshaw (P), Hylands (P), Mrs Hook (P), Jessop (P), Kimber (P) and Murphy (P).

It was reported that, in accordance with Standing Orders, Councillor Hook had been nominated to replace Councillor Carter, C K for this meeting.

18. APOLOGIES

An apology for inability to attend the meeting was received on behalf of Councillor Carter, C K.

19. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY BOARD HELD ON 13 JUNE 2011

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Board held on 13 June 2011 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

20. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

21. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations.

22. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

PART II

23. COASTAL PARTNERSHIP

Consideration was given to a report of the Housing Services Manager on the above. The Manager's report drew the Board's attention to three areas, (i) the progress made on the Coastal Partnership and the Board's approval of the agreement, (ii) an update on the River Hamble to Portchester Coastal Flooding and Erosion Risk Management Strategy, and (iii) an update on the Coastal Communities Adapting to Change (CCATCH) project.

RESOLVED: That the Board agrees:

- a) the Housing Services Manager in consultation with the Chairman of the Community Board and the Borough Solicitor progressing the Coastal Partnership Agreement and that the Borough Solicitor signs the final agreement on behalf of the Council;

- b) Havant Borough Council acting as the lead authority for the Partnership;
- c) the Partnership moving towards a single employer with Havant Borough Council being the employer of all new posts, including those that become vacant where Portsmouth City Council or Fareham Borough Council is the existing employer;
- d) to note that Havant Borough Council will recruit to the additional 2 posts once the Partnership Agreement is signed by all 4 authorities;
- e) to note progress on the River Hamble to Portchester Coastal Flooding and Erosion Risk Management Strategy; and
- f) to note this Council's contribution to the Coastal Communities Adapting to Change project.

24. EXTENSION OF DECORATION PARTNERING ARRANGEMENT

Consideration was given to a report of the Housing Services Manager which sought approval to extend the existing partnering arrangements for the delivery of external and communal decoration programme for council housing, inclusive of any associated remedial and repairs work.

The report advised of the reasons for extending the current arrangement:

- high recorded resident satisfaction with work to date
- value for money achieved over the first five years of the arrangement
- the option of an extension of 2 years would, in any event, have been taken up had it, as is normal practise, been included in the original contract
- the risks associated with extending the contract are assessed as low

RESOLVED: That the Board:

- a) approves the extension of the current partnering arrangement with Richardson Decorating Contractors Ltd for decoration and associated Repairs, to run until midnight 31st March 2014; and
- b) agrees to waive contract procedure rules as per Part 4 Schedule 13 (3.1) of the Constitution for the reasons detailed in paragraph 4.5 of the Manager's report.

25. PROPOSAL FOR AGNEW FAMILY CENTRE

By reason of special circumstances, the Chairman determined that the following item be considered at this meeting notwithstanding the fact that the item had not been available for public inspection in accordance with the provisions of Section 100B(4)(a) of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985.

The special circumstances were created by the fact that the allocated funding for the proposed Family Centre would need to be spent in this financial year. Although it is unlikely that the refurbishment would be complete by the end of this financial year, it is anticipated that 90% of the funding would be spent by that time providing works commenced as soon as possible. Secondly, Board approval of the scheme was required tonight in order that a planning application could be submitted to the council's Regulatory

Board at its next available meeting.

Consideration was given to a report of the Housing Services Manager which advised members of a proposal to change the use of Agnew House to Agnew Family Centre. The Manager explained in detail the proposed scheme and the financial considerations which had directed the council down this route. This scheme was very much needed in the light of the hit the bed and breakfast budget was taking. The budget for bed and breakfast for 2011/12 was £10,000. As at 21 September the spend was £86,800 and is projected to rise at year end to around £160,000. Without additional family centre accommodation it would be difficult to control this expenditure which fell in full on the General Fund.

Following detailed questions by members of the Board of the Manager and a comprehensive debate of the scheme the Board approved the requested change of use to a Family Centre.

RESOLVED: That the Board:

- a) agrees the proposed change of use of Agnew House sheltered scheme to Agnew Family Centre which would support families during the early stages of homelessness; and
- b) notes that the Housing Services Manager will report to a future Community Board on the proposals for the redevelopment of the area currently occupied by the St Vincent Road bungalows and the vacated blocks known as Barclay House and the surrounding land at Trinity Green.

26. ANY OTHER ITEMS

There was no other business.

The meeting ended at 6.49 pm.

CHAIRMAN