

**MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY BOARD**

**WAS HELD 07 OCTOBER 2013**

The Mayor (Councillor Beavis) (ex-officio), Councillor Hook (P), Burgess (P), Carter C K, Chegwyn (P), Mrs Cully (P), Edgar (P), Foster-Reed, Henshaw (P), Mrs Hook (P), Hylands, Kimber (P), Mrs Morgan (P), Murphy (P) and Mrs Wright (P).

It was reported that in accordance with Standing Orders, Councillor Hook had been nominated to replace Councillor CK Carter and Councillor Chegwyn had been nominated to replace Councillor Foster-Reed for this meeting.

**15. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were received from Councillor Foster-Reed and Councillor CK Carter.

**16. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY BOARD HELD ON 10 JUNE 2013**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Board held on 10 June 2013 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

**17. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**18. DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations.

**19. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no public questions

**20. DISABLED AIDS AND ADAPTATIONS**

Consideration was given to a report from the Housing Services Manager which sought approval from the Board for the proposed changes to the Disabled Aids and Adaptations Policy.

A Member asked if the maintenance costs for a Stair Lift would fall to the tenant; the Head of Operational Services, Housing Services said that the proposal would mean that the annual service charge – currently £1.63 per week - would be incorporated within the tenants rent; the cost of any replacement of defective elements will still be met by the Council.

**RESOLVED:** That the following changes to the Disabled Aids and Adaptations Policy be approved:

- I. Raising the current caps on expenditure as detailed in 2.2.1

- II. Offering Level Entry Showers as standard to all tenants in elderly designated dwellings within the bathroom programme as detailed in 2.3.1
- III. That minor adaptations are dealt with by Housing Services as detailed in 2.4.3
- IV. That independent occupational therapists can be used in urgent/emergency cases as detailed in 2.4.6
- V. That a rent review is undertaken if adaptation works have resulted in an additional bedroom or other chargeable facilities as detailed in 2.5.1
- VI. A service charge for annual maintenance of stair-lifts as detailed in 2.5.2

## **21. OLDER PERSONS SERVICES: FLOATING SUPPORT**

Consideration was given to a report from Housing Services Manager which sought approval for the introduction of a tenure neutral floating support service for older people in the Borough.

A Member gave a request for clarification on points within the proposal; the Principal Older Persons Co-ordinator, Operational Services, advised that those in the sheltered schemes would be reassessed to see the level of support required; 48% of those surveyed have said they would opt out.

Support, if the proposal is agreed, will be in the form of a Housing Officer whose role will be managing the Health and Safety repairs of the buildings; a part-time Activity Officer and three Older Person Support Officers, who will work across the 5 schemes. The Older Person Support Officers (titles are planning to be changed at the request of Service Users) will have specialist knowledge in certain areas and full training will be provided for this.

A Member asked if consultation had been carried out with tenants in Cunningham Drive and Queens Close. The Principal Older Persons Coordinator, Operational Services reassured the Board that the consultation will be reaching these areas and continued to advise the locations involved in the consultation.

The schemes that had been consulted were:

Behrendt House

Alec Rose & Slocum House

Gloucester House

Fortune House

In addition consultation had taken place with the Sheltered Housing Forum

The schemes to be consulted are:

Woodlands House

Cunningham Drive and Queens Close bungalows

At the request of a Member, it was confirmed that summarised results of the consultation will be forwarded to Members when the process is complete.

**RESOLVED:** That the Community Board:

- a) Noted the outcome of the 2011 Hampshire County Council Supporting People (SP) Strategic Review of Older Persons Services within Hampshire and in particular the requirement to move towards a tenure neutral floating support service
- b) Approved the proposal to extend the current housing related support service in sheltered schemes to older people living in the Borough regardless of tenure (introduction of a floating support service) as detailed in 2.4 - 2.7

- c) Approved the re-designation of sheltered bungalows at Cunningham Drive and Queens Close as detailed in 2.6

## **22. WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION POLICY**

Consideration was given to a report from the Chief Executive advising the Board of the requirements of the Health and Safety Executive following an audit of the Council's Waste and Recycling Collection Operations and to seek approval for a revised Waste and Recycling Collection Policy.

Members discussed the situation for residents currently using refuse sacks and the option to replace these with wheeled bins. It was confirmed that there was no intention to force these households into using wheeled bins and it was recognised that areas where properties cannot have bins will remain with sacks. For those properties currently using sacks they would be offered the choice to move from sacks to bins. It was clarified that should fly tipping increase due to the cessation of collecting side waste, and it can be proven who carried out the fly tipping then enforcement action including prosecution would be taken. The Council will continue to clean away the fly tipping created by unidentified persons. It was highlighted that fly tipping is not a significant problem in Gosport.

A Member asked that in order to provide of clarity for residents who require help with moving refuse sacks that any publications sent to Residents included details as to how to request assisted lift. The Head of Streetscene, Community and Customer Services advised this information had been added to leaflets and would be included in any future letters sent to residents.

A Member requested that inclusion of recycling of aerosol cans be included in publications setting out which items can be recycled.

All Members agreed the Policy so that it now reads:

- a) Point 1.8 – The Council will only collect a maximum of 2 sacks each week and these sacks must be those provided by the Council. Each property will receive 52 black sacks and 52 clear sacks each year. If more than 2 sacks of household waste are placed for collection or any of the household waste is not placed in a sack provided by the Council they will not be collected. Any sack which weighs more than 13 kg will not be collected. A sticker or tag will be placed on any sack which is overweight.
- b) Point 1.9 – The Council provides each property with wheeled bins, communal bins or sacks free of charge. However if these wheeled bins or communal bins need replacing for whatever reason then a charge per wheeled bin and communal bin is payable before the replacement is delivered. Details of the charge payable may be found in the Council's Fees and Charges Book. Where a wheeled bin or communal bin is stolen or damaged by others and a crime reference number is provided to the Council no charge is payable. Replacement sacks can be purchased from the Town Hall in rolls of 10 sacks as defined in the Council's Fees and Charges book.

**RESOLVED:** That the Board approve:

- a) The Waste and Recycling Collection Policy as set out in Appendix 1 of the Report with points 1.8 and 1.9 amended to read as follows:
  - i. Point 1.8 – The Council will only collect a maximum of 2 sacks each week and these sacks must be those provided by the Council. Each property will receive

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- ii. Point 1.9 – The Council provides each property with wheeled bins, communal bins or sacks free of charge. However if these wheeled bins or communal bins need replacing for whatever reason then a charge per wheeled bin and communal bin is payable before the replacement is delivered. Details of the charge payable may be found in the Council's Fees and Charges Book. Where a wheeled bin or communal bin is stolen or damaged by others and a crime reference number is provided to the Council no charge is payable. Replacement sacks can be purchased from the Town Hall in rolls of 10 sacks as defined in the Council's Fees and Charges book.
- b) That that the changes set out in paragraph 2.2 – 2.4 of the report are implemented the week commencing 18 November 2013
- c) Recommends to Council that
  - i. Where an occupier requests a replacement bin, unless they are able to provide a Crime reference Number, a charge of £25 is payable for the replacement bin
  - ii. Replacement sacks are made available for purchase from the town Hall and
  - iii. A charge is made for replacement communal bins as set out in paragraph 2.5 of the report

### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business

The meeting concluded at: **18:58**

**CHAIRMAN**