

Agenda item 5(c)

Housing Asset Management – Second Revival

**LANDLORD SERVICES COMMITTEE (CABINET WORKING GROUP) – 12 MARCH 2014  
CONSULTATION ON RELEVANT DRAFT CABINET REPORT**

**35. HOUSING ASSET MANAGEMENT - NEXT REVIVAL**

Consideration was given to the draft report of the Assistant Director Housing and Regeneration 'Housing Asset Management – Second Revival' in relation to the option appraisal work that had been carried out in respect of 'Beechtrees flats' located in Skelmersdale.

The Property Services Manager provided an overview of the journey, from 2009 to date, in relation to bringing forward the proposals, as set down in the report, to be considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 18 March 2014.

The Asset Manager – Property Services attended the meeting and gave a presentation, supported by a series of slides, on the proposed project and the options to be considered, referencing details within the report and appendices. He also responded to questions during the course of the presentation.

In discussion comments and questions were raised in respect of the following:

- Member and Tenant involvement in the process.
- Criteria for selection of properties identified for review.
- Scope of options being considered – investment and long term sustainability.
- Aesthetic/practical options in relation to properties identified for refurbishment.
- Proposals in relation to heating systems and improvements to assist thermal performance of the buildings.
- External factors (proposed layout, landscaping and appearance) – benefits linked to identified social problems.
- Demographic of typical customers.
- Post revival works – application of Housing Allocation Policy.
- Reasons for recommendation of Option 3.
- Scope of the proposed consultation exercise.

Officers from Housing and Regeneration, who attended the meeting, responded to questions and provided clarification on the issues raised.

**RESOLVED:** That, as a consequence of the discussion on this item, it was agreed that the initiative and recommendations, as detailed at paragraphs 2.1 and 2.2, of the Housing Asset Management – Next Revival report of the Assistant Director Housing and Regeneration to Cabinet (18 March 2014), be supported.