



**AGENDA ITEM: 13**

**EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW &  
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:  
4 February 2010**

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**Report of: Council Secretary and Solicitor**

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**SUBJECT: PUBLIC SECTOR HOUSING CAPITAL INVESTMENT SCHEMES AND  
PROGRAMMED WORKS PROJECTS – 2010/11 – INCORPORATING  
THE DECENT HOMES UPDATE**

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Wards affected: Borough wide

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 To consider the decision of Cabinet in respect of the Public Sector Housing Capital Investment and Programmed Works Projects for 2010-11 and progress on implementing the Decent Home Standard within the public housing stock.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 That the report attached at Appendix 1 and Minute 92 of Cabinet detailed at paragraph 3.2 below be considered and any agreed comments be submitted to the Housing Portfolio Holder in advance of the Council meeting to be held on 24 February 2010.

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## **3.0 BACKGROUND**

3.1 The report of the Executive Manager Housing and Property Maintenance Services, which was considered at Cabinet on 19 January 2010, is attached at Appendix A to this report.

3.2 The minute of Cabinet reads as follows:-

### **“92. PUBLIC SECTOR HOUSING CAPITAL INVESTMENT SCHEMES AND PROGRAMMED WORKS PROJECTS - 2010/11 - INCORPORATING THE DECENT HOMES UPDATE**

Councillor Mrs Hopley introduced the report of the Executive Manager Housing and Property Maintenance Services which presented the proposed Public Sector Housing Capital Investment and Programmed Works Projects for 2010-11. The report sought

approval to award work to the contractors, within the Council's framework to deliver elements of the 2010/2011 programme, and to invite tenders/quotations for the 2010/2011 contracts outside the framework. The report also detailed progress officers have made on implementing the Decent Home Standard within the public housing stock and sought approval for a change of focus for the 2010/2011 capital investment plans to prioritise health and safety and energy efficiency measures whilst still achieving the required "decency" standards, and for borough wide consultation to be carried with tenants regarding tenants' improvement priorities.

A revised Appendix A was circulated at the meeting, together with a draft resolution from Councillor Mrs Hopley.

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the details set out in the report before it together with the draft resolution proposed by Councillor Hopley and accepted the reasons contained there in.

- RESOLVED:
- A. That the progress made to date on implementing the Decent Home Standard at paragraph 5 of the report be noted.
  - B. That the Housing Portfolio Holder be given delegated authority to submit firm proposals to Council on 25 February 2010 to enable the Public Sector Housing Capital Investment and Programmed Works Projects for 2010-11, as detailed in paragraph 7 of the report, along with the 2011/12 and 2012/2013 programmes, included in Appendix A to the report, to be approved, subject to any amendments which are necessary as a result of agreeing the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Estimates 2010/11 and the Medium Term Capital Programme.
  - C. That the Executive Manager Housing and Property Maintenance Services investigate the feasibility of releasing the money allocated for Kitchens and Roofing for energy efficiency measures, such as replacing single glazed windows and doors with double glazing and upgrading storage heaters, whilst still meeting the Decent Homes Standards by December 2010.
  - D. That it be noted, in light of the Kirkby Regeneration announcement, that Capital Investment in the Findon and Firbeck Area has not been included in the programme and views on this are specifically sought for Council's consideration.
  - E. That a borough wide consultation be carried out during the 2010/2011 financial year, to ascertain tenants' investment priorities, to inform the Capital Investment Programme for future years.
  - F. That the Executive Manager Housing and Property Maintenance Services present the report and views of Cabinet to Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Tenants and Residents Forum.

- G. That call in is not appropriate for this item as the report is to be submitted to Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 4 February 2010.”
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### **Background Documents**

There are no background documents (as defined in Section 100D(5) of the Local Government Act 1972) to this Report.

### **Equality Impact Assessment**

There is no evidence from an initial assessment of an adverse impact on equality in relation to the equality target groups.

### **Appendices**

1. Report of the Executive Manager Housing and Property Maintenance Services - PUBLIC SECTOR HOUSING CAPITAL INVESTMENT SCHEMES AND PROGRAMMED WORKS PROJECTS - 2010/2011 - INCORPORATING DECENT HOMES UPDATE – Cabinet 19 January 2010.