

Decision Register Entry

Executive Forward Plan Reference

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Cabinet Meeting Resolution

Funding Approval for Indicative Affordable Housing Development Programme

Date of Meeting	11-Jun-14
The Issue	This report seeks to outline the indicative Affordable Housing programme for 2014-15 and outlines proposals for determining affordable housing projects for funding in 2015-2018
The decision	(1) To APPROVE the allocation of £1.015m Affordable Housing Capital budget for 2015-18; and
	(2) To DELEGATE the Director of Place, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Homes & Planning, to approve allocations of Affordable Housing Grant and Commuted Sums for developments falling within the scope of the indicative 2014-15 programme.
Rationale for decision	Council has established the parameters for the spend of the Council's Affordable Housing budget which have been further clarified by this decision. Our Registered Providers have been selected based on their demonstrable ability to deliver good quality affordable homes and their registered status means that their development functions are closely regulated and audited by the Homes and Communities Agency. The use of the PID/CSG framework provides an auditable trail of decision making on funding recommendations. Working within the framework of the indicative programme, the Director of Place, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Homes and Planning, is able to provide a responsive and flexible response to requests for funding approvals that will fulfil the timescales surrounding RP decision making.
Other options considered	Cabinet or Single Member approval of each housing development scheme within the programme. This was rejected as it does not provide a decision-making process that is flexible or responsive enough to deal with rapidly changing scheme details or opportunities.
The Decision is subject to Call-In within 5 working days of publication of the decision	