

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

STRATEGIC HOUSING ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, 11th November, 2013

Present: Cllr A G Sayer (Chairman), Cllr D J Trice (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Ms J A Atkinson, Cllr Mrs J M Bellamy, Cllr Mrs B A Brown, Cllr C Brown, Cllr D J Cure, Cllr Mrs S L Luck, Cllr M Parry-Waller and Cllr Ms S V Spence.

Councillors Mrs Anderson, Balcombe, Baldock, Mrs Bates, Bishop, Bolt, N Heslop, Luker and Mrs Murray were also present pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No 15.21.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Smith and Mrs Woodger.

PART 1 - PUBLIC

SH 13/042 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor N Heslop declared an Other Significant Interest in the report regarding the Supporting People Programme on the grounds that he was a member of the Board of the Bridge Trust. He withdrew from the meeting during consideration of this item.

SH 13/043 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the notes of the meeting of the Strategic Housing Advisory Board held on 22 July 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

SH 13/044 GLOSSARY

The Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health submitted a glossary of terms used within the reports to the Advisory Board.

MATTERS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE CABINET

SH 13/045 ENERGY COMPANY OBLIGATION PROGRAMME

Decision Notice D130132MEM

The joint report of the Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health and the Cabinet Member for Housing gave an update on the delivery of Energy Company Obligation (ECO) funding within the Borough and sought endorsement of the proposed roll-out of the project.

RECOMMENDED: That the approach to the roll-out of the ECO funding project within the Borough be endorsed.

MATTERS SUBMITTED FOR INFORMATION

**SH
13/046** **SUPPORTING PEOPLE PROGRAMME UPDATE**

The report set out details of the commissioning intentions of the Kent Supporting People programme for the period 2014-2017.

**SH
13/047** **REVIEW OF THE HOUSING ALLOCATIONS SCHEME**

The report provided an update on the implementation of revisions to the Council's housing allocation scheme to reflect local needs.

**SH
13/048** **LANDLORDS FORUM UPDATE**

The report outlined the aims and operation of the West Kent Landlord Forums and updated Members on the event held on 9 October 2013.

**SH
13/049** **STRATEGY AND ENABLING UPDATE**

The report provided an update on progress made by the Council's Registered Provider (RP) Partners to provide new affordable homes within the Borough and provided an update on various housing strategy initiatives.

**SH
13/050** **HOUSING NEEDS UPDATE**

The report provided an update on the activity of the Housing Options team. It was noted that the number of households seeking housing advice had significantly increased as a result of the economic downturn.

**SH
13/051** **PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING UPDATE**

The report provided updates on the private sector stock condition survey modelling exercise undertaken by the Building Research Establishment (BRE), the Collective Switching Scheme and other measures taken in support of the private rented sector.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION IN PRIVATE

**SH
13/052** **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

The Chairman moved, it was seconded and

RESOLVED: That as public discussion would disclose exempt information the following matter be considered in private.

PART 2 - PRIVATE

**SH
13/053**

SERVICE OF STATUTORY NOTICES

(Reason: LGA 1972 - Sch 12A Paragraph 3 - Financial or business affairs of any particular person)

The report of the Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health set out details of statutory notices served since the last meeting of the Advisory Board.

The meeting ended at 2035 hours

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RECORD OF DECISION

**Decision Taken By: CABINET MEMBER FOR
Housing**

Decision No: D130132MEM

Date: 11th November 2013

Decision(s) and Reason(s)
Energy Company Obligation Programme
(Joint report of Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health and Cabinet Member for Housing)
(Annex 1)
The report gave an update on the delivery of Energy Company Obligation (ECO) funding within the Borough and sought endorsement of the proposed roll-out of the project.
Following consideration by the Strategic Housing Advisory Board, the Cabinet Member for Housing resolved that: The approach to the roll-out of the ECO funding project within the Borough be endorsed.
Reasons: As set out in the report submitted to the Strategic Housing Advisory Board of 11 November 2013.

Signed Cabinet Member for J Anderson
Housing:

Signed Leader: N Heslop

Signed Chief Executive: J Beilby

Date of publication: 15 November 2013

This decision will come into force and may then be implemented on the expiry of 5 working days after publication unless it is called in.