

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

STRATEGIC HOUSING ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, 19th May, 2014

Present: Cllr A G Sayer (Chairman), Cllr D J Trice (Vice-Chairman),
Cllr Ms J A Atkinson, Cllr D J Cure, Cllr M Parry-Waller,
Cllr Miss S O Shrubsole and Cllr Ms S V Spence

Councillors Mrs J A Anderson, O C Baldock, Mrs P Bates, P F Bolt, M A Coffin, N J Heslop, Mrs E M Holland, B J Luker, Mrs S Murray, Mrs A S Oakley, M R Rhodes and M Taylor were also present pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No 15.21.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs J M Bellamy, Mrs B A Brown, D W Smith and Mrs C J Woodger

PART 1 - PUBLIC

SH 14/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made in accordance with the Code of Conduct. However Councillor N Heslop referred to a potential interest in any items that might have implications for the Bridge Trust on the grounds that he was a member of its Board.

SH 14/15 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the notes of the meeting of the Strategic Housing Advisory Board held on 24 February 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

SH 14/16 GLOSSARY

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

PRESENTATION BY CIRCLE HOUSING RUSSET

The Board received a presentation from Mr R Morgan, Managing Director, Mr M Anderson, Regional Director Property Services and Mr P Hicks, Regional Development Director of Circle Housing Russet on the repairs and maintenance programme and services provided to their tenants within the Borough.

MATTERS SUBMITTED FOR INFORMATION**SH 14/17 SUPPORTING PEOPLE PROGRAMME UPDATE**

The report provided an update on the Kent Supporting People Commissioning Plan for the period 2014 to 2017.

SH 14/18 HOMES AND COMMUNITIES AGENCY AFFORDABLE HOMES PROGRAMME 2015-2018

The report provided details of the process to be followed by Registered Providers seeking to obtain capital subsidy from the Government for new affordable housing schemes in the Borough in 2015 to 2018.

SH 14/19 PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING UPDATE

The report provided updates on the West Kent Landlord Forum held on 26 March 2014, the responses provided to consultations on the Review of Property Conditions in the Private Rented Sector and on the Future of the Energy Company Obligation and the Primary Care Community Link Service run by the homelessness charity 'Porchlight'.

SH 14/20 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 between 2012/13 to 2014/15 and described the progress on various housing strategy initiatives.

SH 14/21 HOUSING NEEDS UPDATE

The report provided an update on the activity of the Housing Options team to promote the prevention of homelessness and address the housing needs of local residents.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION IN PRIVATE**SH 14/22 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

There were no items considered in private.

The meeting ended at 9.06 pm