

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Monday, 11 April 2011

Decision No: (CAB 10/11 5757)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING
SUBJECT:	HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) CAPITAL PROGRAMME PROJECT APPROVALS 2011/12 - PHASE 1
AUTHOR:	Bryn Shorey

THE DECISION

- (i) To agree to bring forward into 2011/12 £190,000 from the 2012/13 unallocated Decent Homes provision in order to provide a budget to carry out decent homes work to void dwellings
- (ii) To approve, in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules, spending on the following schemes

	2011/12 £000s
<u>Decent Homes</u>	
Decent Homes works 11/12	5,598
Disabled Adaptations 11/12	675
Structural Works 11/12	400
Roof Replacement 11/12	300
Electrical Rewires 11/12	300
<u>Total Decent Homes</u>	<u>7,273</u>
<u>Decent Homes Plus</u>	
Cheriton Avenue Land Drain	100
Heating System Upgrade 11/12	350
Energy Saving Programme 11/12	200
Supported Housing conversions 11/12	100
Supported Communal Improvements – Graylings.	590
Programme Management Fees 11/12	420

<u>Total Decent Homes Plus</u>	<u>1,760</u>
<u>Decent Neighbourhoods</u>	
Shirley Improvements	1,000
Footpath Improvements	250
<u>Total Decent Neighbourhoods</u>	<u>1,250</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>10,283</u>

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

1. Including sums in a Capital Programme does not give authority to spend the money. This is done by a separate scheme approval process. Financial Procedure Rules require that all schemes with a total estimated cost of more than £500,000 be approved by Cabinet before they can proceed.
2. Schemes with an estimated cost of up to £500,000 can be approved by an Executive Director following consultation with appropriate officers and Cabinet Members. Within this, schemes over £200,000 will usually require a formal report, decision making meeting and decision notice. It has been decided to include all schemes that currently need spending approval in a single report

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

1. There have been various consultation meetings with tenants' groups and leaseholders during the last 6 months with regard to the proposed programme of capital expenditure associated with the Housing Revenue Account (HRA). The 2007 HRA Business Plan also supports the types of programmes of work highlighted above as meeting our long term strategy and this has once again been supported by all parties who expressed support for schemes of work at this time.
2. The alternative option of not undertaking this work would leave the council's homes and surrounding areas in their present condition and would not accord with the views expressed during the consultation process or with the Council's policies of providing homes of a Decent Homes Standard to all tenants.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date:
11 April 2011

Decision Maker:
The Cabinet

Proper Officer:
Ed Grimshaw

SCRUTINY

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

Call-In Period expires on

Date of Call-in *(if applicable) (this suspends implementation)*

Call-in Procedure completed *(if applicable)*

Call-in heard by *(if applicable)*

Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*