

HOUSING COMMITTEE

28 MARCH 2017

7.00 pm – 8.20 pm
Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Stroud

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Minutes

Membership

Councillor Mattie Ross **	P	Councillor Norman Kay	P
Councillor Chas Townley *	P	Councillor Phil McAsey	P
Councillor Catherine Braun	P	Councillor Jenny Miles	P
Councillor Miranda Clifton	P	Councillor Elizabeth Peters	Ap
Councillor Colin Fryer	P	Councillor Tom Skinner	P
Councillor Julie Job	P	Councillor Debbie Young	P

** = Chair * = Vice Chair
P = Present A = Absent

Tenant Representatives

Ian Allan	P	Sadie Tazewell	P
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Other Councillors in Attendance

Councillors Nigel Cooper and John Jones.

Officers in Attendance

Strategic Head (Tenant and Corporate Services)	Accountancy Manager
Head of Housing Contracts	Asset Operations Manager
Head of Housing Management	Head of Asset Management
Tenancy Operations Manager	Business Development Manager
Policy Implementation Manager	Democratic Services Officer

HC.064

APOLOGIES

Apologies of absence were received from Councillors Liz Peters and Karen McKeown (non-Committee Member who had submitted a question).

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

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PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were none.

HC.067

MINUTES – 21 FEBRUARY 2017

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 21 February 2017 are confirmed and signed as a correct record, with the

amendment of 'Councillor Chas Fellows' being replaced with 'Councillor Chas Townley' (HC.050).

HC.068**WORK PROGRAMME 2017/18**

The Vice-Chair of Committee suggested that a meeting be set up with members to discuss the work programme for the new civic year.

RESOLVED To hold a meeting to discuss the Work Programme.

HC.069**PERFORMANCE MONITORING**

An update had been received from Councillors Debbie Young and Catherine Braun and circulated to members prior to the meeting. Councillor Braun summarised various points within the report.

HC.070**HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) BUDGET MONITORING 2016/17 – REPORT 3**

The Accountancy Manager outlined the above report and replied to members' questions. He confirmed that the figures on Table 3 were correct but the text 'General Fund' should have read 'HRA'.

RESOLVED

- a) **To note the projected outturn position on the HRA for 2016/17.**
- b) **To approve in principle the provisional capital slippage, as set out in Table 5 (subject to the final outturn position).**

HC.071**ENERGY STRATEGY**

The Asset Operations Manager outlined the above report and answered members' questions regarding advice on switching supplier.

RESOLVED To adopt the Energy Strategy in Appendix 1 to the report.

HC.072**COMMUNITY HOUSING FUND**

The Policy Implementation Manager outlined the above report, answering members' questions on the one-off grant (from stamp duty tax on second homes), the role of the enabler and the performance framework of targets.

Councillor Jenny Miles proposed an amendment to the decision box b) to add to the last sentence the words "in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of Housing Committee." Members unanimously supported this amendment.

RESOLVED

- a) **To approve the commitment of the Community Housing Fund to provide a community housing enabler; and**
- b) **To delegate authority to the Policy Implementation Manager to allocate the remaining funds to community housing groups, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of Housing Committee.**

HC.073

TENANCY FRAUD POLICY

The Tenancy Operations Manager presented the above report which updated the previous policy that had been approved in 2013. Confirmation was given that this and other operational policies were now due to be reviewed. After discussion with members the Chair withdrew the report.

HC.074

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Questions were submitted by Councillors Liz Peters and Karen McKeown. (To view the questions and answers on the Council's website click on [Agenda Item 11](#)).

The meeting closed 8.20 pm.

Chair