

## CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

At a meeting of the **EXECUTIVE** held in the Council Chamber, Priory House, Monks Walk, Shefford on Tuesday, 11 September 2018.

### PRESENT

Cllr J G Jamieson (Chairman)  
Cllr R D Wenham (Vice-Chairman)

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| Executive Members: | Cllrs | I Dalgarno<br>S Dixon<br>E Ghent | Cllrs | Ms C Hegley<br>B J Spurr<br>J N Young |
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| Deputy Executive Members: | Cllrs | A D Brown<br>Mrs A L Dodwell<br>Ms C Maudlin | Cllrs | Mrs T Stock<br>B Wells |
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| Apologies for Absence: | Cllrs | Mrs S Clark<br>K M Collins<br>G Tubb<br>S Watkins |
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| Members in Attendance: | Cllrs | R D Berry<br>D Bowater<br>F Firth<br>Mrs S A Goodchild | Cllrs | K C Matthews<br>B Saunders<br>M A G Versallion |
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| Officers in Attendance | Mr R Carr<br>Mr M Coiffait<br>Mrs S Hobbs<br>Mr P Keates<br>Mrs J Ogley<br><br>Mr S Rix<br>Mrs M Scott<br>Mr C Warboys | Chief Executive<br>Director of Community Services<br>Senior Committee Services Officer<br>Head of Development and Regulation<br>Director of Social Care, Health and Housing<br>Interim Monitoring Officer<br>Director of Public Health<br>Director of Resources |
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#### E/18/38 **Members' Interests**

Councillor Dixon was not present for items 4 and 7 'Independent Living Scheme at Houghton Regis Central' due to a potential pecuniary interest in the items.

#### E/18/39 **Public Participation**

No members of the public had registered to speak.

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### **Houghton Regis Central: Award of Contract**

The Executive considered a report from the Executive Member for Assets and Housing Delivery that sought approval in principle to award the contract for the design and build of the Houghton Regis Central Extra Care Housing Scheme.

In response to a question, the Director of Community Services explained that the appointed contractor would be announced publicly once the contract had been signed. Further discussions were due to take place with Homes England over their funding contribution as this could be affected by the longer timescale, however the Director was confident the majority would be received.

In response to a question, the Executive Member for Adults, Social Care and Housing Operations advised that a stakeholder group would be set up and it would include representation from Red House Court. This Group would look at issues such as renaming the development.

Reason for decision: To enable the Council to progress with the Scheme and award the Contract to Contractor A.

### **RESOLVED**

- 1. that the award of the contract to design and build the Houghton Regis Central Extra Care Housing Development to Contractor A be approved in principle;**
- 2. to authorise the Director of Community Services, in consultation with the Executive Member for Assets and Housing Delivery, to make the final award subject to Homes England funding being clarified; and**
- 3. that the maximum budget specified in the exempt Appendix A be approved.**

The decision was unanimous.

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### **Affordable Housing Guidance Note (South Central Bedfordshire)**

The Executive considered a report from the Executive Member for Regeneration that set out the revised Affordable Housing Guidance Note for endorsement as planning guidance. This covered the affordable housing target in the south of Central Bedfordshire.

Reason for decision: To ensure that that the Council was not at risk of challenge if it sought to secure affordable housing in line with the identified need.

**RESOLVED**

1. that the Affordable Housing Guidance Note (South Central Bedfordshire) be endorsed as planning guidance for Development Management purposes; and
2. to authorise the Director of Regeneration and Business, in consultation with the Executive Member for Regeneration, to make any minor amendments to the Affordable Housing Guidance Note.

The decision was unanimous.

E/18/42 **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

**RESOLVED**

to exclude the press and public from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that its consideration was likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

E/18/43 **Houghton Regis Central: Award of Contract**

Minute E/18/43 related to exempt business. See minute E/18/40 for details.

(Note: The meeting commenced at 2.30 p.m. and concluded at 3.10 p.m.)

Chairman .....

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