

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

2020/21
Decision No.
2267

Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 17 May 2021

Portfolio	Housing
Subject:	Policy on Assistance with Home Adaptations, Repairs and Improvements
Report of:	Director of Leisure and Community
Corporate Priority:	Providing housing choices; Strong, safe, inclusive and healthy communities

Purpose:

This report sets out the rationale for publishing a policy on Assistance with Home Adaptations, Repairs and Improvements ("the policy").

The draft policy, attached to the report as Appendix A, enables a more flexible approach to helping residents, irrespective of tenure, remain in their own homes improving their quality of life and reducing costs to health and care.

In addition to the mandatory disabled facility grant (DFG) funding up to £40,000 of work including top-up and aimed at adapting an occupant's accommodation to better suit their particular needs, the policy is effectively open-end in how assistance can be given. If adaptations to their current home through a DFG are determined not to be feasible then a relocation grant can be paid.

Any reports or improvements supported by an Occupational Therapist or other health and social care professional, such as level access showers, stair lifts or ramps, costing less than £6,000 will have the requirement for means testing waived, which can otherwise present a significant bureaucratic barrier. Funding can also be used for essential repairs to reduce injury and accidents in the home, as well as property deep cleans. This might include, but is not limited to, cases for facilitating timely hospital discharge or reducing admissions to hospital (e.g. fall prevention measures) and residential care homes. Includes those in palliative care living at home with family

Options Considered:

A recommendations

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees that the Policy on Assistance with Home Adaptations, Repairs and Improvements, attached as Appendix A to the report, be approved.

Reason:

So that the Council can use central government funding to provide a better service to more residents of the Borough requiring assistance to remain in their own homes.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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Portfolio	Planning and Development
Subject:	Withdrawal of the Warsash Neighbourhood Forum and Area
Report of:	Director of Planning and Regeneration
Corporate Priority:	Maintain and extend prosperity; Protect and enhance the environment; Providing housing choices; Strong, safe, inclusive and healthy communities

Purpose:

To note the withdrawal of the Warsash Neighbourhood Forum and agrees to withdraw the Warsash Neighbourhood Area.

On 1st July 2019 the Council formally approved an application for the Warsash Neighbourhood Forum to be established. At the same meeting an application was approved for the Warsash Neighbourhood Area for the purposes of producing a Neighbourhood Development Plan. The Council received notification from the Neighbourhood Forum on 19th October 2020 that they have withdrawn from the neighbourhood planning process.

This report briefly explains the process that the Warsash Neighbourhood Forum has undertaken to date in relation to Neighbourhood Planning, and the process for the withdrawal of a Neighbourhood Forum and Area.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) notes the Warsash Neighbourhood Forum's withdrawal for the purposes of producing a Neighbourhood Plan and notes the withdrawal statement, which meets the requirements of the relevant legislation; and
- (b) agrees to withdraw the Warsash Neighbourhood Area.

Reason:

Given that the Warsash Neighbourhood Forum notified the Council that they have withdrawn

from the Neighbourhood Planning process it is recommended that Council note this decision.

Confirmed as a true record:

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Portfolio	Planning and Development
Subject:	Purchase Notice for Springfield Way Open Space, Stubbington
Report of:	Director of Planning and Regeneration
Corporate Priority:	Dynamic, prudent and progressive Council

Purpose:

For the Executive to decide whether or not to comply with the Purchase Notice served by Chambers Properties Ltd requiring the purchase by the Borough Council of two areas of open space at Springfield Way, Stubbington.

A Purchase Notice is a legal notice that the owner can serve on the local planning authority where planning permission for the development of the land has been refused, and the land has become incapable of reasonably beneficial use in its existing state. A Purchase Notice can only be served in specific circumstances.

The land the subject of the Purchase Notice was purchased by Chambers Properties Ltd in 2018. In 2019 Chambers Properties Ltd applied for planning permission for the construction of housing on the land. That application was refused, and Chambers Properties Ltd are of the view that the land has become incapable of a reasonably beneficial use in its existing state, and has submitted a Purchase Notice to the Borough Council that requires the Council to purchase the land.

The Council must determine whether the land has a restricted use by virtue of an existing planning permission and therefore whether to refer the Purchase Notice to the Secretary of State.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees that:

- (a) the land the subject of the Purchase Notice has a restricted use by virtue of an existing planning permission; and
- (b) the Council declines to confirm the Purchase Notice and refers it to the Secretary of State.

Reason:

The Council is required under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to respond to the Purchase Notice which has been served on it.

Confirmed as a true record:

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Portfolio	Policy & Resources
Subject:	Levelling Up Fund
Report of:	Director of Leisure and Community
Corporate Priority:	Dynamic, prudent and progressive Council; Leisure opportunities for health and fun

Purpose:

To provide an overview of the Government's Levelling up Fund and the Council's proposed bid for funding to support the Ferneham Hall and Osborn Road Car Park projects.

The Government announced the launch of the £4.8 billion Levelling Up Fund at the 2020 Spending Review. The fund will invest in local authority infrastructure projects that support:

- The regeneration of town centres and high streets
- Upgrading local transport
- Cultural and heritage assets

A bid is being developed that focusses on delivering enhanced, modern and accessibly cultural facilities in the Borough, that improve the vibrancy and vitality of the town, and represent the first major step of the town centre regeneration vision:

- Construction of Fareham Live, a new arts and entertainment venue
- Modernisation of the adjacent Osborn Road Multi-Storey Car Park

Funding of £13.1m will be sought from the Levelling Up Fund, with the Council providing an additional £4.7m, already secured through Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) contributions.

A successful bid would mean that the capital and financial burden to the Council, as well as the use of future Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) receipts would be significantly reduced.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive approves the submission of an application from the Government's Levelling Up Fund, including letters from support from both MPs, seeking a contribution of £13.1m towards the capital costs of the Fareham Live and Osborn Road projects.

Reason:

To ensure that an application can be submitted to the Government's Levelling Up Fund.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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