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For additional copies or further details please contact James Kinsella (020 8379 4041), Governance Team.

CALL – IN UPDATE

Please note no decisions have been called in for review from the following lists:

- List No.72 Issued on Friday 24th April 2015 with a Call In date of Friday 1st May 2015.**
- List No.73 Issued on Tuesday 28th April 2015 with a Call In date of Wednesday 6th May 2015.**
- List No.74 Issued on Friday 1st May 2015 with a Call In date of Monday 11th May 2015.**
- List No.75 Issued on Friday 8th May 2015 with a Call In date of Friday 15th May 2015.**

LIST REFERENCE: 1/02/15-16

SUBJECT TITLE OF THE REPORT							
TO INCREASE RATES PAID FOR PRIVATE ANNEXE ACCOMMODATION USED AS PART OF TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION PORTFOLIO							
Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by decision	Decision taken by	Date Decision to come into effect	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by
Part 1 & 2 (Para 3)	All	Cabinet Member for Housing & Housing Regeneration (Cllr Oykenner) & Cabinet Member for Finance (Cllr Stafford)	Thursday 28 th May 2015	None	Key Decision KD 4108	Malcolm Dabbs 020 8379 4216	Yes Wednesday 27 th May 2015

DECISION

AGREED: subject to no call-in being received, the following decision will come into effect on Thursday 28th May 2015:

1. That the caps on rents paid to providers of accommodation on the Private Leased Annexe (PLA) scheme are increased by 8.49% to maintain the supply of accommodation for use as temporary accommodation or accommodation to prevent homelessness where this can be achieved.
2. Implement the suggested price increase (see 3.10 Table 2 of the report) to all PLA providers across the entire portfolio with effect from 1st June 2015 in order to prevent the loss of properties. This is an invest-to-save measure.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

1. The loss of Private Sector Leaseholder Annexes (PSL) and PLA accommodation from the portfolio and the increase in households housed in Temporary Accommodation. Currently over 1100 units are being used, which is causing a significant cost pressure on the portfolio.
2. Higher levels of rents would obviously improve the rate of properties being offered for the schemes, but the evidence suggests that the recommended level will maintain the balance between achieving sufficient properties for the Council's requirements at this time, while achieving best value for the Council.
3. Maintaining the rent levels paid to providers and landlords or increasing them at a level below those recommended would result in more properties being lost from the schemes.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Rents for the PLA scheme were raised by 5.4% in July 2013 for the 759 units leased. This increase has not stopped the continuing requests for properties to be returned to agents and from the intelligence gathered, this is because agents have the option to gain greater returns from other organisations – particularly other London Boroughs. Providers have indicated that an increased rate of return will help stabilise the portfolio and therefore reduce the numbers of properties being demanded back by individual landlords, as the payments being offered by Enfield would match those offered by other organisations.
2. The PLA scheme is an efficient part of the portfolio, in terms of quality and stability. Historically, each PLA provides the local authority with a small monetary surplus, because the rent that we collect on them exceeds the costs of managing and leasing them, This surplus has been used to subsidise Nightly Paid Accommodation (NPA's) and other costs to the service. NPA's on the other hand operate at a significant deficit to the Council. The loss of affordable PLA accommodation and the increase in the use of expensive NPA's has led to a significant budget pressure for the service. The graph in 5.2 of the report shows the extent of the gradual loss of PLA's and significant increase in NPA's.
3. The service has established an action plan to minimise this cost pressure by addressing the loss of PLA accommodation and by reducing the cost of expensive NPA's. The proposed recommendations are an important part of this action plan to help stabilise the portfolio and prevent even greater cost pressures.

BACKGROUND:

Please note that a copy of the Part 1 report is available via the Decision list link on the Council's Democracy pages. As the Part 2 report contains exempt information it will not be available to the press or public.

LIST REFERENCE: 2/02/15-16

SUBJECT TITLE OF THE REPORT							
ST. EDMUND'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, ENFIELD – PROVISION OF NEW SCHOOL MEALS KITCHEN AND ASSOCIATED WORKS – TENDER ACCEPTANCE REPORT							
Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by decision	Decision taken by	Date Decision to come into effect	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by
Part 1 & 2 (Para 3)	Lower Edmonton	Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services & Protection (Cllr Orhan)	Thursday 28 th May 2015	None	Key Decision KD 4117	Sue Watson 020 8379 3222	Yes Wednesday 27 th May 2015
DECISION							
<p>AGREED: subject to no call-in being received, the following decision will come into effect on Thursday 28th May 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the contents of the Report are noted. 2. To note that the Governing Body will accept the tender from Contractor "A" for the development of a new school meals kitchen and associated works at St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School with professional and technical expenses, loose furniture & equipment and VAT, details of which are in the Part Two Report. 3. To authorise entering into a formal agreement with the Diocese of Westminster Education Service to contribute to the cost of this scheme from the allocation of Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) Capital Fund 2015 grant in the sum of £250,000.00 to the overall scheme as detailed in the Part Two report; 4. To authorise that the UIFSM grant payment is forwarded by Enfield to the Diocese of Westminster upon receipt from the Education Funding Agency (EFA). 							
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:							
There are no alternative options. The funding is earmarked for use at St. Edmund's Primary School, Enfield only. If the new school meals kitchen is not constructed, the EFA will ask for the funding to be returned to them and St. Edmund's will not be able to fulfil the statutory requirement to provide hot free school meals to all Key Stage 1 pupils at the school.							

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. The decision is necessary to provide authority for the release of UIFSM funds to the Diocese of Westminster. The Diocese of Westminster fully supports this project and is acting as Banker on the scheme and will reimburse the contractor as work progresses on the new school meals kitchen and enable grant funding to be spent by the required deadline of 31st August 2015 under the Terms of Conditions of UIFSM grant funding.
2. St. Edmund's is the only primary school in Enfield that does not have its own full-cook kitchen and had been identified by the DfE as not providing free hot meals to all KS1 pupils. 60 Reception aged pupils currently eat sandwiches in their classrooms and hot meals are transported in from another Primary School for the remaining pupils. This scheme will provide a full-cook kitchen at St. Edmund's to enable hot meals to be provided on site which will also enhance quality and nutritional value of the meals. Any delay will severely affect the ability of the school to provide hot free school meals to all Key Stage 1 pupils on satisfactory completion of the works as well as jeopardise meeting the EFA deadline on 31st August 2015 for the expenditure of the UIFSM grant funding.
3. In addition, the design has been future-proofed to enable the kitchen to provide free hot school meals to all pupils if this becomes a statutory requirement in the future.

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