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CALL – IN UPDATE

Please note that the following decisions have been called in for review from the following List:

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SUBJECT TITLE OF THE REPORT							
HOUSING CAPITAL WORKS AND 'DECENT HOMES' FUNDING PROGRAMME 2014/15 AND INDICATIVE PROGRAMME 2015/16							
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	All	Cabinet Member for Housing & Estate Regeneration (Cllr Oyken)	Monday 13 th October 2014	None	Key Decision KD 3897	Gary Clarke 0208 375 8267	Yes Friday 10 th October 2014
DECISION							
<p>AGREED: subject to no call-in being received, the following decision will come into effect on Monday 13th October 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Cabinet Member for Housing & Estate Regeneration approves the proposed programmes of area and component based works for 2014/15 prepared by Enfield Homes, as indicated in Appendices 1-2, (based on the current cost estimates contained within the report), to enable a further 1263 properties to be brought up to "Decent Homes" standard by 2015. 2. That the Cabinet Member for Housing & Estate Regeneration approves the indicative programme of works prepared by Enfield Homes for 2015/16 (listed at Appendices 3 & 4, of this report) subject to further survey work and resident consultation. 3. It should be noted that this indicative programme forms the basis of a subsequent funding bid to the Greater London Authority (GLA), which may result in a considerable number of homes being made 'Decent' earlier than envisaged in the previously approved 5 year Capital Works programme. Appendices 5 & 6 indicate which schemes/areas would have Decent Homes works brought forward in the event of a further £11.75m of grant funding becoming available. Similarly, Appendices 7 & 8 also indicate which schemes/areas would have Decent Homes works brought forward in the event of a further £14.899m of grant funding becoming available. 4. That the Cabinet Member for Housing & Estate Regeneration approves the procurement of an Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) compliant 'Housing Framework' for Enfield Council, which would include various works 'lots' to be used to deliver the Decent Homes programme up to 2018. 5. That the Cabinet Member for Housing & Estate Regeneration agrees to the proposal to utilise HRA 'front-funding' resources to enable the appointment of consultants and then subsequently obtain tenders for a number of schemes during 2014, which will then form part of the indicative programme for 2015/16, subject to these funds being within the appropriate annual budget limits set down by the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources. 							
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:							
The scheme forms part of the Decent Homes Programme, which is a Government initiative to bring all housing up to a decent living standard by 2015. It was assessed as a priority based on the stock condition survey and the energy efficiency retrofit measures available and therefore no other alternative options have been considered.							

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. The 'Decent Homes Backlog Funding' Grant allocation of £14.606m from the GLA for the year 2014/15 is crucial to the Council completing a significant proportion of catch-up repairs to its housing stock. Without this funding a substantial number of homes will be left 'non-Decent' by the target completion date of 2017, with the liability for the future funding of repairs resting entirely on the Council's Housing Revenue Account. The yearly proposed programmes shown at Appendices 1 & 2 and also in Appendices 3 & 4, of this report, are crucial to the delivery of these targets and objectives.
2. The procurement of the Consultants to prepare the tender documentation will continue to be through existing available frameworks and/or accredited supplier lists in accordance with the Contract Procedure Rules (CPRs) as required.
3. The procurement of the Contractors will initially be by use of tender lists provided via 'Construction Line' and then subsequently by the use of an OJEU compliant 'Housing Framework' that Enfield Homes will develop on behalf of the Council. It should be noted that the decision to move to a framework solution for on-going works contracts is in line with legal and procurement advice given in the Cabinet report of the 10th October 2012 and has been agreed internally by Officers at a meeting of the 'Strategic Procurement Board' in August 2014.
4. The programme for 2015/16 includes a very large Decent Homes contract on the Lytchet Way Estate, Southbury, which has an estimated works cost significantly in excess of current OJEU thresholds. This scheme will therefore in due course be subject to a fully transparent OJEU compliant tender exercise, with the attendant capitalised consultancy fees that this process would entail. It has therefore been recommended in this report to 'deliver' the Lytchet Way tender exercise as a 'Housing Framework' (in accordance with paragraph 4.3 of this report) rather than as a 'single tender' procurement exercise, thereby allowing the Council to reap the benefits of simplified tender processes via OJEU compliant 'call-off' contracts in the subsequent 4 year period.
5. Actual expenditure on staff costs at Enfield Homes, external consultancy fees and tendering costs during the relevant partial front funding phase of £2015/16 programme is anticipated to be in the region of £350,000 (assuming a £10m - £12m programme). This capitalised cost can be fully met from resources currently available in the Housing Revenue Account.

BACKGROUND:

Please note that a copy of the Part 1 report is available via the Decision List link on the Council's Democracy page.

SUBJECT TITLE OF THE REPORT							
PARKS LOCKING							
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	All	Cabinet Member for Environment & Community Safety (Cllr Bond)	Monday 13 th October 2014	None	Non-Key	Matthew Watts 020 8379 5430	Yes Friday 10 th October 2014
DECISION							
AGREED: subject to no call-in being received, the following decision will come into effect on Monday 13 th October 2014: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Authorisation to undertake a one year trial of ceasing to lock all pedestrian access to parks. 2. To evaluate the findings at the end of the trial and delegate the decision to continue this approach to the Director of Regeneration and Environment in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety. 							
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:							
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue to lock the 22 parks currently locked, although the budgetary pressure £33,000 would remain. 2. Look to the voluntary sector such as the Friends of Parks Groups to lock parks. This approach already happens at North Enfield Rec, where two individuals unlock and lock the park daily. Whilst this approach works at North Enfield Rec due to the dedication of those involved, it may be difficult to find reliable volunteers at all sites. This could be an option to consider if the proposed trial is unsuccessful. 3. Changing the working pattern of parks staff so that the park's gardeners could lock parks upon completion of their shift. Whilst this could work during the middle of winter when parks close early, it would not be sufficient to enable the continuation of parks locking at weekends or during other times of the year. Consequently the parks service would still need to cover the majority of the year via staff working overtime. 							
REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:							
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ceasing to lock parks at night would provide an annual additional saving of approximately £26,000 (in addition to the £9,000 already identified from the change of working practices outlined in the report). Approximately £7,000 of overtime costs would still be required to lock two vehicle barriers, which, as outlined in the report, is a caveat to these proposals. 2. The evidence suggests that the vast majority of crime within parks is against an individual and happens during daylight hours. 3. There is a trend across many London boroughs of either ceasing to lock parks or reducing the number that are locked. The recommendations within this report are consistent with this trend. 							
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