

Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee 2022/23 - work programme

Part 1 of 4: Recommendations made

#	Agenda Item	Recommendation	Meeting date	Made to	Agreed?	Details
R22-06-20-10.1	Housing Allocations Task and Finish Group	<p>That the Executive implement the Group's recommendations that with regard to the Housing Allocations policy:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The Council should keep the income threshold at £60,000 per annum and the savings threshold at £30,000. However, this should be reviewed by the Resources Overview and Scrutiny committee or another appropriate O&S committee within 12-18 months. 2) Establish a process to signpost applicants who are unable to join the housing register due to the income or savings threshold to Affordable Home Ownership Schemes notably shared ownership. 3) Maintain the existing position that children will only be accommodated in one home even if a 50/50 residence arrangement exists. An exception will be made if 	20/06/2022	Executive	Agreed	These recommendations were deemed compatible with the aims and objectives of the allocations policy.

		<p>there is a court order in place requiring this or if Surrey County Council Children’s Services (or an equivalent organisation elsewhere) provide compelling evidence that a second home is required.</p> <p>4) Only housing related debts such as rent arrears and deposit scheme debts to Waverley Borough Council, housing associations and to private landlords should be taken into account when considering eligibility for either inclusion on the housing register or the allocation of a property. Other debts owed to the Council such as council tax or housing benefit overpayments would be disregarded for these purposes. Housing related debts to private sector landlords is currently under review.</p> <p>5) Given the administrative burden in checking debts and that the average time someone is on the register is 2-3 years, it makes sense that checks at application stage are more light touch given an applicant’s debts status can change so much over time.</p> <p>6) Establish a process by which the Housing Options team signpost applicants unable to join the housing needs register due to</p>				
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		<p>debts to local debt advice charities.</p> <p>7) The Chair of the Housing Allocations Group and the Chair of Resources Overview and Scrutiny to write a joint letter the Secretary of State for Housing, Levelling Up and Communities to reiterate the need for the importance of ensuring the Local Housing Allowance (LHA) rates properly reflect rents in Farnham.</p>				
R22-06-20-15.1	Godalming Regeneration Project: Update	<p>That the Executive accepts the recommendations in para 2 of the report to:</p> <p>i) Agree to change the name of the Burys Development Project to the Central Godalming Regeneration Project.</p> <p>ii) Recommend to Council to approve a supplementary estimate of £164,000 to progress the project to the next phase (3), including preliminary public engagement, to be funded from the Property Investment reserve.</p>	20/06/2022	Executive	Agreed	

Part 2 of 4: Other resolutions

#	Agenda Item	Resolution	Meeting date	Status	Actioned to	Timescale	Details of current status
6.1	Community Infrastructure Levy	Convey Cllr Furniss' comments about a two stage application process to the CIL Advisory Board	20/06/2022	Completed	Principal Planning Officer	August 2022	
7.1	Corporate Performance Report Q.4 2021-22	Add an additional column on the General Fund Account Summary Table to show projected outturn	20/06/2022		Head of Finance and Property	September 2022	
14.1	Work Force Profile	A further report to be brought to the next meeting which: i) examines data from exit interviews and identified key trends; ii) examines the long term impact of career breaks and maternity leave on the gender pay gap; and iii) addresses the key issues facing the Council in terms of recruitment and retention.	20/06/2022	Completed	Head of Policy & Governance / Human Resources	September 2022	On the agenda for September 2022 meeting

Part 3 of 4: Upcoming items

#	Title	Purpose for scrutiny	Leader Member/Officer	Date for O&S consideration	Date for Executive decision (if applicable)
R1	Collaboration with Guildford	Receive an update on the progress towards a joint management team	The Chief Executive	Standing	N/A
R2	Business Transformation	Receive an update on progress and savings realisation	David Allum	Standing	N/A
R3	Property Investment Advisory Board Activity update report	Receive a report updating the Committee on the progress and activity of the Property Investment Advisory Board	Peter Vickers	Standing	N/A
R4	Property Investment quarterly report (exempt)	Receive an item detailing the performance of property portfolio	Peter Vickers	Standing	N/A
R5	Hybrid Working	To receive updates on how the Council is responding to the opportunities and challenges presented by remote working	David Allum / Robin Taylor	Standing	N/A
R6	Housing Development Update	Receive an update on the current council housing developments.	Louisa Blundell	Standing	N/A
1	MTFP mid-year review	Review the progress of the Medium-Term Financial Plan 2022/23 – 2025/26	Graeme Clark / Peter Vickers	Extraordinary meeting	Nov 2022
2	Corporate Performance Report Q.2 2022/23	To scrutinise the performance of the areas and KPIs within the Committee's remit	Heads of Service / Jenny Sturgess	September 2022	N/A
3	Homelessness Update Report	Receive a report on the Council's effort to prevent homelessness in the past year	Andrew Smith / Michael Rivers	Nov 2022	N/A

4	Housing Revenue Account Business Plan Strategic Review	Review the financial plan for the Council's housing	Hugh Wagstaff	Nov 2022	Feb 2023
5	Service plan development 2023 - 26	Consider the implementation of the plans approved by Executive and discuss the development of the 2023 – 26 plans	Heads of Service	Nov 2022	Feb 2023

Part 4 of 4: Task and Finish groups

Subject	Objective	Key issues	Chair	Lead officer	Status	Progress	Target Completion Date
Housing Revenue Account	To scrutinise the upcoming strategic review and stock condition survey of Waverley's Council homes	TBD	TBD	Mark Mills	Research and education prior to formal start	Awaiting formal start	January 2023
Housing allocations policy	The objective of the review is to confirm that the allocation scheme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is fit for purpose and delivering fair, transparent and efficient access to social housing • reflects current statutory and regulatory requirements, and • reflects local housing need 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the scheme meet statutory and regulatory requirements? • Who has been successful in accessing social housing? • Do stakeholders understand the scheme? • Does the scheme reflect local housing need? 	Cllr George Wilson, Cllr Michaela Wicks (vice-chair)	Michael Rivers / Mark Mills	Completed	Report accepted by Executive in July 2022	June 2022

	and affordability, and • is managed by team with sufficient resources to administer it effectively						
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