

WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE CO-PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR HOUSING DECISIONS  
- 20 JULY 2023

(To be read in conjunction with the Agenda for the Meeting)

**Present**

Cllr Paul Rivers

**Apologies**

**Also Present**

19 MINUTES (Agenda item 1)

Co-Portfolio Holder for Housing (Operations and Services), Cllr Paul Rivers, approved the minutes of the meeting held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023.

20 HOUSING SERVICE: DAMP AND MOULD POLICY (Agenda item 5)

Having considered the comments of the Landlord Services Advisory Board (Executive Working Group), the Executive Co-Portfolio Holder for Housing, Cllr Paul Rivers:

**RESOLVED to approve the adoption of the new damp and mould policy for social housing tenants, with immediate effect.**

Reason for the decision:

The Housing Ombudsman Service has recommended all Councils have a damp and mould policy in place.

21 FIRE EQUIPMENT SERVICING CONTRACT PROCUREMENT (Agenda item 6)

Having considered the comments of the Landlord Services Advisory Board (Executive Working Group), the Executive Co-Portfolio Holder for Housing, Cllr Paul Rivers,

**RESOLVED to approve the signing of a Fire Equipment Servicing contract with Sureserve Fire and Electrical Ltd for the period 2023 to 2026.**

Reason: Waverley Borough Council has statutory requirement to ensure all fire alarms, emergency lighting, fire extinguishers and automatic opening vents are

regularly tested and maintained in line with industry standards, in order to protect resident and other visitors from the effects of smoke and fire, and to ensure escape routes are kept free of smoke and fire. This contract is required in order to facilitate the fulfilment of these obligations.

### **Overview & Scrutiny Committee - Resources**

22 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUY BACK OF EX-LOCAL AUTHORITY PROPERTY, SHAMLEY GREEN (Agenda item 7)

Having considered the comments of the Landlord Services Advisory Board (Executive Working Group), the Executive Co-Portfolio Holder for Housing, Cllr Paul Rivers,

#### **RESOLVED to,**

1. **approve the principle of the buy back on the terms set out in the report, and the use of the Buy Back reserve for this , together with any related professional costs and Stamp Duty Land Tax, and further approves the property being appropriated for Housing Purposes as part of the Housing Revenue Account.**
2. **delegate authority to the Executive Head of Housing Services to approve the final terms of the purchase.**
3. **delegate authority to the Executive Head of Legal and Democratic Services to approve the final form of wording of any legal agreements related to the purchase.**

Reason: to support the Council's ability to meet housing needs in the borough.

### **Overview & Scrutiny Committee - Resources**

23 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC (Agenda item 8)

**The meeting commenced at 11.30 am and concluded at 11.37 am**

**Chairman**