



Report of Directorate Support Governance Manager

Report to Director of Resources & Housing

Date: 25/03/20

Subject: Waiving of call in for the Council Housing Growth Programme – Off the Shelf New Build Property Acquisitions delegated decision

Are specific electoral wards affected? If yes, name(s) of ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Has consultation been carried out?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Will the decision be open for call-in?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, access to information procedure rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary

1. Main issues

- This report seeks to waive call in for a Key Decision, because to wait until call in has expired to implement the decision would be prejudicial to the Council's interests.

2. Best Council Plan Implications (click [here](#) for the latest version of the Best Council Plan)

- For call in not to be waived would adversely affect the provision of council housing. Housing has been identified as one of the Best City priorities.

3. Resource Implications

- If the original decision isn't implemented by 31st March there will be severe financial implications for the Council as Right to Buy receipts which would otherwise have been spent in Q4 will have to be handed back to central government.

Recommendations

- a) The Director of Resources & Housing is requested to approve the retrospective waiver of call in for the 'Council Housing Growth Programme – Off the Shelf New Build Property Acquisitions'.

1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1.1 To retrospectively waive call in for the 'Council Housing Growth Programme – Off the Shelf New Build Property Acquisitions' delegated decision.

2. Background information

- 2.1 A report was scheduled to go before Executive Board on 18th March.
- 2.2 Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the meeting was cancelled. Under current legislation, as members were not physically present in one location, it was not a properly constituted Executive Board meeting and therefore cannot take decisions.
- 2.3 Therefore the decisions that would have been taken are being taken by the relevant Director, via delegated decision.

3. Main issues

- 3.1 A report was scheduled to be discussed by Executive Board relating to the Council House Growth Programme.
- 3.2 That report can be seen [here](#).
- 3.3 Due to the cancellation of the Board, the decision was subsequently taken as a delegated decision by the Director of Resources & Housing. The decision can be seen [here](#).
- 3.4 As a Key Decision this is open to call in, but the call in period will not expire until 1st April.
- 3.5 Therefore, to prevent a financial impact that would be detrimental to the Council's interests, it is requested that call in is waived.
- 3.6 If the decision had been taken by Executive Board on 18th March as originally intended, the call in period would have been able to expire as normal.

4. Corporate considerations

4.1 Consultation and engagement

- 4.1.1 There has been no consultation regarding this decision.

4.2 Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration

- 4.2.1 There are no impacts as a result of this decision.

4.3 Council policies and the Best Council Plan

- 4.3.1 The original decision will supports a number of the Best Council Plan's priorities, as outlined in the original report linked above.

Climate Emergency

- 4.3.2 There are no implications for the climate emergency as a result of this report.

4.4 Resources, procurement and value for money

4.4.1 If this decision isn't implemented, and call in waived, there will be a significant negative financial impact for the Council.

4.5 Legal implications, access to information, and call-in

4.5.1 This is a Significant Operational Decision and is exempt from call in.

4.6 Risk management

4.6.1 To not take this decision risks a negative financial impact for the Council.

5. Conclusions

5.1.1 In this instance call in needs to be waived to ensure the decision can be implemented before on the 31st March.

6. Recommendations

6.1 The Director of Resources & Housing is requested to approve the retrospective waiver of call in for the 'Council Housing Growth Programme – Off the Shelf New Build Property Acquisitions'.

7. Background documents¹

7.1 None.

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.