

HOUSING PANEL (PANEL OF THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE)

Tuesday 29 April 2014

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Councillors Smith (Chair), Sanders and Hollick.

CO-OPTED MEMBERS PRESENT: Linda Hill (Co-optee)

OFFICERS PRESENT: Pat Jones (Principal Scrutiny Officer) and Mathew Metcalfe (Democratic and Electoral Services) and Tom Porter (Housing and Property)

59. APOLOGIES

None apologies for absence were received.

60. DE-DESIGNATION REVIEW YEAR 3 (2013/14)

The Allocations Manager submitted a report (previously circulated, now appended) the purpose of which was to review the lettings to de-designated flats and bungalows during Year 3 (2013/14) and to receive approval for the continued phased de-designation of properties in Year 4 (2014/15).

Tom Porter, Allocations Manager attended the meeting and presented the report.

During the debate the following points were raised:

- If all of the bungalows were de-designated there would none left for older people in need.
- Kerb appeal was an important factor when people considered moving and it was important that this was improved.
- There were lifestyle differences between older and younger people.
- Allocations were based on need no matter what the age of the tenant.

At the conclusion of the debate the Panel agreed:

- (a) To note the lettings performance to de-designated properties during Year 3;
- (b) To approve the de-designation process to continue in Year 4 (2014/15)

The meeting started at 5.00 pm and ended at 5.45 pm

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