

Meeting	Joint Decision Session - Cabinet Member for Finance & Performance and Cabinet Member Homes and Safer Communities
Date	4 December 2014
Present	Councillors Williams and Simpson-Laing

18. Declarations of Interest

The Cabinet Members were asked to declare any personal interests not included on the Register of Interests, any prejudicial interests or any disclosable pecuniary interests they may have in the business on the agenda. None were declared.

19. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the Decision Session – Cabinet Member for Health, Housing and Adult Social Services meeting held on 3 February 2014 and the minutes of the Decision Session – Cabinet Member for Finance and Performance held on 20 November 2014 be approved and signed as a correct record.

20. Public Participation

It was reported that there were no registrations to speak at the meeting under the Council's Public Participation scheme.

21. New Council House Build Programme Phase 1 - Replacement Site

The Cabinet Members considered a report which sought approval to pursue a site at Pottery Lane for new council housing as a replacement for the York Road, Haxby site approved by Cabinet in May 2013.

Officers gave an update on progress on new council house building and explained the reasons why, following a detailed assessment of the York Road, Haxby site, it had been deemed unsuitable for development at this stage. Details were given of the alternative site that had been identified on Pottery Lane. A feasibility study had indicated that this could provide six new two-bedroom family houses. Should a decision be taken to proceed with the site a public information event would take place in advance of the submission of any planning application. It was estimated that the total scheme costs would be in the region of £830,000.

The Cabinet Members gave consideration to the following options:

- Option 1 – the use of a site at Pottery Lane for new council house building as an alternative to York Road, Haxby.
- Option 2 – officers identify a further alternative site to York Road, Haxby.
- Option 3 – no replacement site is sought for York Road, Haxby and phase one of the new council housing remains at the 65 homes already identified.

Resolved: That Option 1 in the report i.e. the use of the Pottery Lane site for new council house building be approved, with authority delegated to the Assistant Director for Housing and Community Safety to approve the budget and funding route.¹

Reason: To allow the aim of building 70 new council homes, as previously approved by Cabinet, to be met - delivering high quality affordable homes in the shortest possible timeframe.

Action Required

1. Record in Officer Decision Log

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Councillor Williams – Cabinet Member

[The meeting started at 11.50 am and finished at 12.00 pm].