

MEETING	CABINET
DATE	7 MAY 2013
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS ALEXANDER (CHAIR), CRISP, GUNNELL, LEVENE, MERRETT, SIMPSON-LAING (VICE-CHAIR) AND WILLIAMS
APOLOGIES	COUNCILLOR LOOKER
IN ATTENDANCE	COUNCILLORS BARNES, D'AGORNE, DOUGLAS AND STEWARD

PART B - MATTERS REFERRED TO COUNCIL

144. NEW COUNCIL HOUSE BUILDING - PHASE 1

[See also Part A Minute]

Consideration was given to a report which set out proposals to deliver the first phase of new council homes and sought approval for the council to pursue development of a number of sites within the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) to build between 50 and 70 new homes.

The Cabinet Member outlined the report and advised that the Council needs to improve its housing stock level to address the high level of housing need in the city. The sites identified in the report as suitable for development are sites within the council's own portfolio and the Beckfield Lane site would be the first to come forward.

Details of the funding route was outlined at paragraphs 14 to 16 of the report, including the use of £1million of commuted sums that are ring fenced for the delivery of affordable housing.

RECOMMENDED: That Cabinet agree to recommend the use of £1m commuted sums, and thereby increase the approved capital programme (HRA) for new homes from £6m to £7m.

REASON: To allow a total scheme budget of £7m to deliver the project.

Councillor James Alexander, Chair
[The meeting started at 5.30 pm and finished at 7.55 pm].