

DECISION SESSION - EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR HOUSING & SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS

MONDAY, 18 DECEMBER 2017

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Decision Session Executive Member for Housing & Safer Neighbourhoods held on Monday, 18 December 2017. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

Members are reminded that, should they wish to call in a decision, notice must be given to Democracy Support Group no later than 4pm on the second working day after this meeting.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Louise Cook & Catherine Clarke (job-share).

4. SHARED OWNERSHIP PROGRAMME 2017-21 - PROPERTY ACQUISITION STRATEGY

Resolved: That the property acquisition strategy be considered and the following be approved:

- That the Assistant Director of Housing and Community Safety in consultation with the Director of Customer and Corporate Services be given delegated authority to approve the purchase of homes for the programme.
- For flexibility on the balance of the programme between homes delivered on new developments and those on the second hand market.
- That dwellings be purchased by the council in advance of them being marketed and sold on as shared ownership homes.

Reason:

- To enable a clear and appropriate level of scrutiny before approval is given for purchases of properties whilst also being within a timescale that will not put the council at a disadvantage in a competitive housing market.
- To enable the council to meet its obligations with the Homes and Communities Agency to acquire at least 15 homes for the shared ownership programme by the end of the 2017/18 financial year.
- To enable the council to take advantage of opportunities to purchase homes in advance of individual shared owners being identified for them.