

MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEMBER SIGNING MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, 21ST OCTOBER, 2022, 12.00 - 12.05 PM

PRESENT: Councillor Ruth Gordon, Cabinet Member for Council Housebuilding, Placemaking, and Development.

In attendance: Robbie Erbmann (Assistant Director for Housing), Bruno Bridge (Senior Housing Project Manager), Anna Blandford (Head of Housing Development), and Jack Booth (Principal Committee Co-ordinator).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING

The Cabinet Member considered the report which recommended accepting grant of up to £5,164,319 from the One Public Estate partnership through the Brownfield Land Release Fund 2.

Accepting additional grant would help to deliver new council homes on some of our most complex sites, ensuring that they are brought forward as council homes that are genuinely affordable and built to the highest standard.

The Cabinet Member asked if funding had to be used within a specific amount of time. The Assistant Director for Housing said that funding ensured that the land was ready for use, the start date for building did not affect this current tranche of funding in question.

The Senior Housing Project Manager highlighted that there was a correction to the report. It was noted that the proposed grant award included an allocation of £1.39 million in respect of Gourley Triangle. The Cabinet Member noted the inclusion of Gourley Triangle in the grant award. Subject to this inclusion, it was

RESOLVED

1. In accordance with Contract Standing Order 17.1, to approve the acceptance of capital grant from the One Public Estate partnership through the Brownfield Land Release Fund 2 the terms of which are summarised in part 6 of the report.

2. To delegate authority to agree the final grant documentation and contracts to the Director of Placemaking and Housing, after consultation with the Director of Finance and the Head of Legal and Corporate Governance (Monitoring Officer).

This decision was originally included on the Forward Plan for decision at the Cabinet meeting on 13 September 2022 (Update on the Council Housing Delivery Programme) but the item was deferred. Although other elements of the original report can be deferred, a timely decision is required in relation to the acceptance of grant funding from the Brownfield Land Release Fund, otherwise the funding will be reallocated. Due to the imminent deadline to accept grant funding in mid-October, it was not possible to comply with the usual 28-day notice period.

Given the above, it was not practicable to comply with the 28-day notice requirement in Part Four, Section D, Rule 13 of the constitution. This is set out in Part Four, Section D, Rule 16, of the Constitution.

CABINET MEMBER: Councillor Ruth Gordon

Signed by Cabinet Member

Date25 October 2022.....