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Dear Councillor,

Record of Decision taken by Joint Cabinet and Employment & General
Committee - 22 February, 2022

At a meeting of the Joint Cabinet and Employment & General Committee held on 22 February, 2022, the following decisions were reached on the items listed in the attached schedule.

The implementation of these Cabinet decisions is suspended until the call-in period has expired without a call-in being validly invoked. Any Member of the Council shall be entitled to call for a decision to be suspended by giving notice to the Monitoring Officer *either by telephone, fax, email or in writing not later than 5.00 pm on the day following the date of the Cabinet meeting.*

Any decision so suspended shall not be capable of implementation for a period of five calendar days from the date of the Cabinet meeting which will expire on 27 February, 2022.

(DURING THE CALL-IN PERIOD A REQUEST MAY BE MADE IN RESPECT OF ANY DECISION SO SUSPENDED BY NOT LESS THAN ONE QUARTER OF THE TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF THE OVERVIEW AND PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE. TO DO THIS YOU WILL NEED TO NOTIFY THE MONITORING OFFICER IN WRITING, BY FAX OR BY EMAIL BY 5.00 PM ON 27 FEBRUARY, 2022 BEING FIVE DAYS FOLLOWING THE DAY OF THE CABINET MEETING.)

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Public Information

5. Housing Restructure phase 1

***RESOLVED**

1. That the establishment of a new staffing structure and ways of working for the Housing Directorate, which provides leadership and operational capacity to deliver cohesive proactive customer focussed services, be approved.
2. That the Phase 1 Housing Restructure and the associated funding arrangements be approved.
3. That the proposed timescales for the Phase 2 Restructure of the Housing Property Service be approved.

REASONS FOR DECISIONS

1. The Housing Directorate delivers two fundamental functions, the management and maintenance of the Council's housing stock and the provision of key statutory functions including homelessness and private sector housing. Reshaping the approach to delivering these services is designed to ensure that there are clear and effective customer pathways so that we improve the quality of life for local people, a key priority within the Council Plan.
2. Following the publication of the Social Housing White Paper the management and maintenance of Council Housing will be subject to a regulatory framework governed by the Regulator of Social Housing. The proposed service reshape prepares and future proofs the Housing Service to enable the Council to meet these new responsibilities.
3. Development of the Phase 2 Housing Property Service reshape is expected to begin in the Spring of 2022 once Phase 1 has been approved. The aim is to deliver a comprehensive repairs, maintenance and investment service driven by quality, customer service and cost management to respond effectively the challenges of regulatory compliance, the climate change agenda, fuel poverty and the upcoming review of the decent homes' standard.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Randy', written in a cursive style.

Head of Regulatory Law and Monitoring Officer