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Agenda Item 14

Member Question to Strategy and Resources Committee

QUESTION FROM	QUESTION TO
Councillor Stephen Davies	Councillor Steve Lydon, Leader of the Council (or in his absence Cllr Matti Ross, Chair of Housing Committee)
<p>At the Housing Committee the identified shortfall has partly been made up by the Sale of property. Was the decision to sell this property as a result of the shortfall, and if so should this not have been made clear, or was it a sale already planned and if so what had the money been earmarked for?</p> <p>Do we have a shortfall as a result of this decision on a previously planned expenditure?</p> <p>As this is a disposal of a District Council Resource when did either the Housing Committee or the Strategy and Resources Committee have a discussion on this in the context of other options as opposed to a take it or leave it, as suggested at the last Strategy and Resources Meeting. Having listened to the Housing Committee Webcast they were not offered any alternative?</p>	<p>The decision to sell properties was not as a result of the shortfall in the HRA balance for 2015/16: the decisions followed on from previous committee resolutions concerning the Council's assets. The capital receipts from the sales already authorised will be allocated according to the Council's priorities, they are not specifically "earmarked".</p> <p>Any re-programming of projects has not resulted from property sales but as a result of the financial shortfall.</p> <p>The disposal of the HRA land was considered at Housing Committee in 2014 and 2015. They had opportunities at that time to consider other options and also had an opportunity in September 2016 to challenge the Action Plan presented and propose alternative actions.</p>