

27 March 2019

HOUSING COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Housing Committee will be held on **TUESDAY 9 APRIL 2019** in the Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf, Stroud at **7.00 pm.**



Kathy O'Leary
Chief Executive

Please Note: This meeting will be filmed for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's internet site (www.stroud.gov.uk). By entering the Council Chamber you are consenting to being filmed. The whole of the meeting will be filmed except where there are confidential or exempt items, which may need to be considered in the absence of the press and public.

AGENDA

- 1 **APOLOGIES**
To receive apologies for absence.
- 2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
To receive declarations of interest.
- 3 **MINUTES**
To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 5 February 2019.
- 4 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**
The Chair of Committee will answer questions from members of the public submitted in accordance with the Council's procedures.
DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF QUESTIONS
Noon on THURSDAY 4 APRIL 2019.
Questions must be submitted in writing to the Chief Executive, Democratic Services, Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf, Stroud and sent by post or by Email:
democratic.services@stroud.gov.uk

5 **PETITION**

A petition organised by Debbie Hicks received on 14 February 2019, has been received as follows:

“STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL: PETITION FOR OUR HOMELESS

1. Stop accepting funding from the highly exploitive, secretive and undemocratic, Gloucestershire Social Impact Bond. End provision or outsourcing of homelessness support with SIB. Restore accountability by employing qualified and trained professionals ‘in house’ at Stroud District Council for the next three years to support the homeless and rough sleepers in Stroud.
2. Immediately put rough sleepers in Stroud into accommodation or shelter for a transit period of a year. Use £200k from the unearmarked reserves to pay 1 years rent and deposits for up to 10 rough sleepers.
3. Using your powers under the *2004 Housing Act*, use Emergency Dwelling Management Orders to take management of a minimum of 40, long term, empty dwellings in the Stroud district and release these to those defined as homeless. Pay for the low administrative costs with this by unearmarked reserves.
4. During the initial transition period of a year while setting up EDMO’s and bringing homelessness support back in house, set up a working group to oversee and implement the process and open it up to public scrutiny. Invite members from the homeless community, local charities, Trade Unions and other relevant/interested parties.”

In accordance with the Council’s Petitions Scheme, the petition is to be debated by Committee. The petition organiser will be given 3 minutes to present the petition and the petition will then be debated by Committee for a maximum of 15 minutes.

6 **OLDER PEOPLE’S HOUSING STRATEGY (HRA)**

To present the above strategy in relation to the Council’s housing stock which is suitable for older people.

7 **DECANT POLICY**

To adopt the revised decant policy.

8 **BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2018/19 MONTH 10**

To note the outturn forecast for the General Fund and HRA Revenue budgets and Capital programmes for Committee.

9 **DE-POOLING OF RENTS AND SERVICE CHARGES**

To gain the approval to carry out further investigation into implications of de-pooling.

10 **REVISION OF THE INTRODUCTORY AND SECURE TENANCY AGREEMENTS AND CONDITIONS**

To inform Committee of the proposed changes to the Tenancy Agreement terms and conditions and to seek authority to issue formal notice of change.

11 REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE SERVICE 2020

To share the outcome of the details service review and to seek authority to in-source the Repairs and Maintenance Services function from 1 April 2020.

12 WORK PROGRAMME

To consider the work programme.

13 MEMBER REPORTS

- a) Housing Review Panel
- b) Performance Monitoring
- c) Tenant Representative to provide a verbal update to Committee

14 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

See Agenda Item 4 for deadline for submission.

Members of Housing Committee 2018-19

Councillor Chas Townley (Chair)

Councillor Jenny Miles (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Catherine Braun

Councillor Miranda Clifton

Councillor Jim Dewey

Councillor Chas Fellows

Councillor Colin Fryer

Councillor Lindsey Green

Councillor Julie Job

Councillor Norman Kay

Councillor Phil McAsey

Councillor Debbie Young

Tenant Representatives

Leticia Gardiner

Juliette Smith