



POLICY AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 19TH JANUARY 2016

SUBJECT: RE-PROFILING OF WHQS PROGRAMME AND HRA CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2016/17

REPORT BY: ACTING DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES AND SECTION 151 OFFICER

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- 1.1 The report was considered by the Caerphilly Homes Task Group (CHTG) on the 10th December 2015 and highlighted the changes to the WHQS Programme and set out the HRA Capital Programme budget for 2016/17. In addition, the report sought the views of the CHTG prior to its presentation to Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet.
 - 1.2 Major slippage during the 2014/15 financial year has necessitated a review of the investment strategy. A revised strategy was approved by Cabinet in February 2015, together with the Capital Programme for the 2015/16 financial year. The new programme was front loaded in an attempt to catch up on the slippage. However, this has led to resourcing issues, particularly in the Eastern-Valleys and has caused problems for the WHQS team due to the number of properties being worked on across the County Borough.
 - 1.3 The Task Group noted that it would not be possible to catch up on the external works programme within 2015/16. Most of the current financial year planned programme is expected to run into 2016/17. There are a number of sequence changes to the external works to take account of the change in approach in the Lower Rhymney Valley and to minimise, as far as is practical, conflicts between the internal and external works. Where overlaps arise, these will need to be managed on the ground.
 - 1.4 The HRA Capital Programme budget allocates the necessary resources based on the Savills cost plan to deliver the programme during 2016/17. It was noted that, as per experience, significant variances may arise once the properties have been surveyed and works specifications prepared. A large contingency has therefore been included within the budget proposal.
 - 1.5 Following consideration and discussion, it was moved and seconded that the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee support the Re-profiling of WHQS Programme and HRA Capital Programme 2016/17 and recommend its adoption at Cabinet. By a show of hands this was unanimously agreed: -

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the Officers report:

- (i) The Caerphilly Homes Task Group recommend to the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet the adoption of the reprofiling of the WHQS Programme and the Capital Programme for 2016/17 that flows from the reprofiling.

- (ii) A further report be presented when sufficient information is available to update the Savills cost plan based on an analysis of actual costs being incurred for internal and external works.

1.6 Members are invited to consider the report and the above recommendations.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 Caerphilly Homes Task Group Report – 10th December 2015