



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE

DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet DATE DECISION MADE: 19th April, 2016

Agenda Item 4

SUBJECT:

Proposal To Deliver A Discretionary Empty Property Grant
Across Rhondda Cynon Taf.

**Cabinet Members Present
County Borough Councillors:**

A.Morgan (Chairman), R.Bevan, M.Forey, G. Hopkins, J. Rosser
& M Webber.

**Apologies for Absence
County Borough Councillors:**

A.Crimmings, E. Hanagan & K. Montague.

1. DECISION MADE:

Agreed –

1. To approve the empty property grant process and eligibility criteria, as set out in paragraph 6 of the report.
2. To approve the resource requirements to deliver the scheme as set out in paragraph 9.1 of the report.
3. To approve the amendments to the current 'Private Sector Renewal Policy' as detailed in paragraph 6.2 of the report, to reflect the new empty property grant.
4. To delegate authority to the Head of Community Housing to waive the 15% financial contribution in exceptional circumstances.
5. To note the potential 'lead in' periods associated with such projects, as outlined within paragraph 10.1 of the report.
6. That after 6 months of operation the uptake of the grant be reviewed and should it be necessary, a further report is brought to Cabinet to ensure the grant is delivering the Council's objectives.

2. REASON FOR THE DECISION BEING MADE:

- The need to advise Cabinet Members of the details of a proposed discretionary Empty Property Grant that will support and deliver the recent council decision to invest £1.5m to bring back into use long term empty properties in 2016/17 and 2017/18 across Rhondda Cynon Taf.
- To provide an effective grant mechanism that will enable the community housing section to deliver the Council's investment priority as it relates to empty properties.

3. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO DECISION BEING MADE:

- Report to Council on the 10th March, 2016 – 'Council's Corporate Plan – Investment Priorities'

4. PERSONAL INTERESTS DECLARED:

- None

5. DISPENSATION TO SPEAK (AS GRANTED BY STANDARDS COMMITTEE):-

- None

6. (a) IS THE DECISION URGENT AND NOT TO BE THE SUBJECT OF ANY CALL-IN BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:

YES NO ✓

Note: This decision will not come into force and may not be implemented until the expiry of 5 clear working days after its publication i.e. **27th April 2016** to enable it to be the subject to the Call-In Procedure in Rule 17.1 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

6. (b) IF YES, REASONS WHY IN THE OPINION OF THE DECISION-MAKER THE DECISION IS URGENT:

N/A

6. (c) SIGNATURE OF MAYOR OR DEPUTY MAYOR OR HEAD OF PAID SERVICE CONFIRMING AGREEMENT THAT THE PROPOSED DECISION IS REASONABLE IN ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES FOR IT BEING TREATED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULE 17.2:

N/A

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(Mayor)

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(Dated)



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(Proper Officer)

19.04.16
(Dated)