

Committee: Community

Agenda Item

Date: January 24, 2008

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Title: RECOMMENDATIONS FROM HOUSING
INITIATIVE TASK GROUP

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Item for decision

Summary

- 1 This report advises the Committee of the recommendations from the Housing Initiative Task Group held on 10 December 2007.

Recommendations

- 2 Committee approve the recommendations set out in the attached Minutes of the Housing Initiative Task Group (Appendix I) as follows:
 - That a stock options appraisal be funded from the HRA during 2008/09.
 - That the following two options for Holloway Crescent are investigated further:
 - Utilise the sheltered block and the garage area to create a mixed site for general needs use and elderly accommodation – the preferred option.
 - Dispose of the site to raise a capital receipt, to include the garage area but not the green (to be retained as an open space), and obtain a valuation from the District Valuer's office to give some indication of the implications of pursuing the different options being examined.
 - That investigations should also include the principal of redeveloping Mead Court at Stansted, with the first preference being the redevelopment of the sheltered block and garage area at Holloway Crescent for general needs housing, in conjunction with a housing association and/or a private developer
 - That residents at Holloway Crescent be given the opportunity to comment upon the options under consideration.

Background Papers

- 3 The following papers were referred to by the author in the preparation of this report and are available for inspection from the author of the report.
 - Minutes of the Housing Initiative Task Group held on 10 December 2007w
 - Housing Revenue Account Business Plan 2007/08

Impact

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Communication/Consultation	Parish Councils, Tenants, PCT, Housing Associations
Community Safety	N/A
Equalities	N/A
Finance	Cost of stock options appraisal approx £60,000
Human Rights	N/A
Legal implications	Required relating to Council assets
Sustainability	N/A
Ward-specific impacts	N/A
Workforce/Workplace	Increased workload

Risk Analysis

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Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
UDC cannot remain a viable landlord	Medium	Medium	Carry out a further housing options appraisal