

MEAD COURT TASK GROUP held at COUNCIL OFFICES LONDON ROAD SAFFRON WALDEN at 2.00pm on 17 APRIL 2012

Present:- Councillor J Redfern – Chairman
Councillors J Loughlin, D Perry and Mr S Sproul
(Tenant Forum).

Officers in attendance: Maggie Cox (Democratic Services Officer), Roz Millership (Assistant Director: Housing and Environmental Services), J Snares (Housing Options/Homelessness Manager), M Stocks (Surveyor), S Robinson (Housing Enabling and Development Officer) A Taylor (Assistant Director: Planning and Building Surveying) and S Wood (Housing Strategy and Planning Policy Manager).

MC5 APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

An apology for absence was received from Councillor V Ranger.

MC6 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2013 agreed as a correct record.

MC7 MEAD COURT UPDATE

At the last meeting it had been agreed that a recommendation would be made to the Housing Board for resources to be committed to drawing up proposals for a local authority new build scheme as an option for the site. Further information had been requested for this meeting to enable the recommendation to be fully considered by the Housing Board.

The group was given an updated land valuation that included the additional garage site. A local authority self build scheme was still considered be the preferred option for this site. It was noted that the building costs matched the amount that had been included within the HRA Business Plan.

A revised plan of both the sheltered and garage sites had been prepared, based on the comments made at the last meeting and information relating to housing need. The Task Group considered the layout and made suggestions about the location of the flats, bungalows and green space.

There was also a discussion around the provision for parking, the need for garages and the alternative arrangement that could be made for parking on and around the site. It was suggested that it might be helpful to conduct a full parking survey of the area.

Other issues raised were the need to find an alternative location for the temporary accommodation that was currently making use of the site and the importance of keeping the existing tenants informed of all

developments. A further meeting would be arranged with Stansted Parish Council after the May elections.

A report would now be submitted to the Tenants Forum on 8 May, Housing Board on 9 May and Cabinet on 10 May. The draft plan of the site would be circulated together with the comments made at this meeting.

AGREED to recommend to the Housing Board that a business case plan for a local authority new build scheme be prepared for consideration.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be arranged once the future dates for the Housing Board had been agreed

The meeting ended at 3.30pm.