

## RESOURCES AND SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

29 JULY 2019

### RECOMMENDATIONS MONITORING REPORT

<b>Recommendation(s) Including Date of Meeting and Minute Number</b>	<b>Actions Taken and Outcome</b>	<b>Completed, follow-up work required or added to Work Programme</b>
<p><b>Date of meeting;</b> 18 March 2019  <b>Minute number;</b> 67  <b>Recommendation;</b> that this Committee recommends to Cabinet that –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The uncommitted grant income of £98,000 received from Government as New Burdens Funding be allocated to meet the rising costs of the homelessness service;</li> <li>(2) The Housing Portfolio Holder be urged to direct his Officers to demolish the former Honeycroft sheltered housing scheme building as a matter of urgency in view of the ongoing costs to this Council such as Council Tax on empty properties;</li> <li>(3) The previously carried feasibility studies be revisited in order to investigate the potential of the former Spendells sheltered housing scheme building being used for the homeless as a temporary alternative housing provision to bed and breakfast accommodation.</li> </ul>	<p>The Housing Portfolio Holder Responded as follows;</p> <p><i>“I would like to thank the Committee for its recommendation [number (1)] which I am happy to accept; I would like to thank the Committee for its recommendation [number (2)] and I can advise the Committee that officers are in the process of recruiting a surveyor to organise the demolition of this building in conjunction with the demolition of another large building in order to maximise value for money. Due to the complexity of the demolition it has not been possible to organise this within existing resources and the initial recruitment process was not successful. The new post holder will also be responsible for some new build projects following the recent retirement of the Building and Structures Manager; and I would like to thank the Committee for its recommendation [number (3)] and I can confirm that this is one of the options being considered alongside a parallel proposal from a partner agency which would like to lease the building for housing purposes.”</i></p> <p>It was moved by Councillor G V Guglielmi, seconded by Councillor P B Honeywood and <b>RESOLVED</b> that Cabinet notes the Resources and Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee’s recommendations and endorses the responses of the Housing Portfolio Holder.</p> <p><b>UPDATE FOR 14.10.19 ;</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The second recruitment exercise has not moved the process forward and so the Building and Engineering Manager is considering outsourcing the bulk of the process, whilst retaining overall monitoring within the department given the complexity of the demolition process</li> <li>• It is anticipated that a report will come to November’s Cabinet</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">Completed</p>

