

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE

9 JANUARY 2019 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: Mr MA Hall - Chairman
Mr K Morrell – Vice-Chairman
Mrs MA Cook, Mr C Ladkin, Mr M Nickerson and Mrs MJ Surtees

Members in attendance: Councillors

Officers in attendance: Bill Cullen, Rosemary Leach, Rebecca Owen and Sharon Stacey

331 MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Morrell, seconded by Councillor Surtees and

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meeting held on 21 November be confirmed and signed by the chairman.

332 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared at this stage.

333 PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING ASSISTANCE POLICY

The Executive gave consideration to a report which recommended adoption of the Private Sector Housing Assistance policy. It was noted that the policy targeted households on a low income or those that were vulnerable for the purpose of improving living conditions. In response to questions from members, the following points were noted:

- Referrals came via the Lightbulb project, housing MOTs, health visitors, social services, the first contact referral scheme and also self-referral
- The current policy provided more assistance to those on benefits, but the issues experienced by high earning families with high outgoings had increased and this policy would therefore provide support to them too
- A lot of work had been undertaken across the county to set the income limits to qualify for assistance
- Risk and vulnerability would be considered in assessing applications, in addition to need and income
- With the exception of disabled facilities grants, the policy was generally aimed at owner occupiers. It was suggested that this could be made clearer in the policy.

It was moved by Councillor Ladkin, seconded by Councillor Morrell and

RESOLVED –

- (i) The Private Sector Housing Assistance policy be adopted;
- (ii) Authority be delegated to the Executive member for Housing and Community Safety and the Director (Community Services) to make operational changes to the policy.

(The Meeting closed at 6.45 pm)

CHAIRMAN