

## SOUTH HOLLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Report of:** Cabinet

**To:** South Holland District Council Wednesday, 24 November 2021

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**Subject** Report from Cabinet meeting on 26 October 2021

**Purpose:** To consider recommendations of the Cabinet in respect of:

- **HRA Housing Delivery Framework – To introduce a HRA Housing Delivery Framework to inform future investment decisions for the HRA Capital Programme relating to housing development (Cabinet minute 18) (Cabinet agenda item 8)**

### **Recommendations to Council:**

1. That the HRA Housing Delivery Framework, at Appendix A to the report, which informs and guides future Executive decisions for the HRA Capital Programme for housing development, be approved;
2. That the HRA Housing Delivery Framework be included as a local choice policy in the Council's Policy Framework and that the Constitution, at Article 4.3, be amended accordingly; and
3. That the Deputy Chief Executive (Corporate Development) and S151 be granted delegated authority, in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holder, to negotiate, approve, enter into and sign grant agreements relating to grant allocations which have been approved by Council, Cabinet or Portfolio Holder relating to the delivery of homes for the HRA.

### **1.0 BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 Article 4 of the Council's Constitution provides that only the full Council may exercise the functions of approving, adopting or amending the policy framework and budget, and adopting or changing the Constitution. Staffing matters are also a Council function. The Cabinet however has a responsibility for advising the Council on such matters. At its meeting on 26 October 2021, the Cabinet made recommendations to Council in respect of the above item which may affect the budget and policy framework, Constitution or comprise staffing issues.
- 1.2 The remainder of this report details the recommendations of the Cabinet which must be read in conjunction with the individual report to Cabinet, a copy of which is attached as appendices.
- 1.3 Note that reference to appendices within the recommendations above and the Cabinet minute text below refer to the appendices (as numbered) that were attached to the original Cabinet report.

2.0 **HRA Housing Delivery Framework**  
**(Report submitted to Cabinet – Agenda Item 8 attached)**

Consideration was given to the report of the Portfolio Holder – Assets and Planning, the Portfolio Holder – HRA and Private Sector Housing, and the Deputy Chief Executive (Corporate Development) (S151).

It was noted that recommendation 2 of the report had additional wording that was not required, and that ‘...and the Policy Framework be amended to include the’ be removed.

**DECISION:**

- 1) That the proposal to amend the Policy Framework to include the HRA Housing Delivery Framework be supported and recommended to Council for approval.

*(Other options considered:*

- *Do nothing.*

*Reasons for decision:*

- *To identify the preferred nature of schemes for future investment;*
- *To ensure that investment decisions are made which adhere to the framework;*
- *To clarify that schemes which are outside of the remit of the framework will only be pursued if they have been referred to, and approved by, Council; and*
- *To provide a framework within which the Executive can approve the delivery of HRA housing projects.*

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Background papers:-

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**Key Decision:** N

**Exempt Decision:** N

**Appendices attached to this report:**

Appendix Cabinet Agenda Item 8 and Appendix A