



Leicester
City Council

MINUTES EXTRACT

Minutes of the Meeting of the HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Held: THURSDAY, 9 JANUARY 2003 at 5.30pm

P R E S E N T :

Councillor Walker - Chair
Councillor Nasim - Labour Spokesperson
Councillor Platts - Conservative Spokesperson

Councillor Kamal
Councillor Nurse

Councillor Taylor
Councillor Subedar

Also in Attendance

Christine Cronogue - Leicester Federation of Tenants' Associations

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79. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were asked to declare any interests which they might have in the business on the agenda, and/or indicate that Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applied to them.

Christine Cronogue declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Minute 85 - 'Update on Petition to Council - Fencing at Blissett Road, and Minute 91 - Housing Capital Programme 2002/2003 and 2003/2004, because she was a tenant of a Council house property.

The prejudicial interest did not apply under the provisions of the Model Code of Conduct Paragraph 10(d), and therefore, she remained in the meeting, and took part in the discussion of the items.

91. HOUSING CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2002/2003 AND 2003/2004

The Corporate Director of Housing and the Chief Finance Officer submitted a joint report which reviewed the current year's approved Housing Capital Programme, and following receipt of the Single Capital Pot, recommended a Programme for 2003/2004 of £24.520 million for the next Financial Year. This was despite the Housing Investment Programme being cut by 15.6%.

The report explained that the Programme had been developed in line with departmental priorities, and tenants' wishes, and proposed to spend the following :-

- a) £7.6 million on new uPVC windows and doors.
- b) £2.150 million on kitchen and bathroom modernisations
- c) £700,000 on re-wiring properties
- d) £2.2 million on replacing inefficient boilers
- e) £300,000 for improvements in Sheltered Housing Schemes
- f) £1.1million for re-roofing/re-guttering properties
- g) £2.2.million for Renovation and Home Repair Grants in the Private Sector
- h) £180,000 for Environmental Budgets for tenants
- i) £500,000 for CRI type initiatives from the new Community Associations (the old Tier 2)
- j) £2.6 million for Disabled Adaptations and Disabled Facilities Grants (this was over three and a half times the amount expected to be made available by the Government for tackling disadvantage in peoples ' homes)

These proposals had been discussed with the Housing Management Board .

RESOLVED :

- 1) that the information in the report be noted ; and
- 2) that, Cabinet be informed that the Housing Scrutiny Committee considered that, in the event of the funding expected for Disabled Adaptations and Disabled Facilities Grants being reduced, the shortfall be made up from other resources either within the Single Capital Pot or from Housing Revenue Account reserves.