

## **Record of Officer Decision**

### **Allocation of Affordable Housing Budget**

#### **Decision Taker and Date Decision Taken:**

Chief Executive of Torbay Council on 05 December 2017 in consultation with the Housing Rental Company Committee

#### **Summary of Matter or Issue Requiring Decision:**

Torbay Council recently authorised the disposal of land at Totnes Road and Redwell Lane to the Housing Company at nil cost.

As part of the housing company's due diligence and to provide certainty that the expected outcomes can be achieved various investigations and surveys need to be undertaken and a planning permission obtained.

It is anticipated that both sites will generate circa 12 homes and assist with the delivery of much needed affordable housing and meet the objectives set out in the Housing Strategy.

The provision of affordable housing on these sites will go some way to reducing the numbers on Torbay's Housing Waiting list which currently contains just over 1700 households.

When allocating the properties priority will go to households with a local connection.

This funding proposal meet the budgets spending criteria.

#### **The following officers of the Council, individuals and organisations were consulted:-**

Liam Montgomery – Head of Asset management and Housing  
Caroline Taylor – Director of Adult Social Care and Housing  
Anne-Marie Bond – Director of Corporate Services and Operations  
Martin Philips – Head of Finance  
Housing Rental Company Committee

#### **Decision Taken:**

To provide up to £100,000 from the Council's Affordable Housing budget to the Housing Company to fund the necessary works to obtain detailed planning permissions on sites at Totnes Road and Redwell Lane.

#### **Summary of Reason(s) for Decision Taken:**

To enable detailed planning permission to be obtained on the sites at Totnes Road and Redwell Lane to bring forward new homes.

#### **Summary of Alternatives or Options considered and rejected and Background Papers:**

Money could be borrowed to fund these investigations but additional financing costs would be incurred making the developments less affordable.

#### **Details of any conflict of interest and dispensation granted to the Officer taking the**

**decision or by any Member of the Council in delegating responsibility for any specific express delegation:**

None

**Implementation:**

This decision will come into force immediately.

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 5 December 2017  
Chief Executive Torbay Council