

OFFICIAL DECISION NOTICE PUBLISHED BY DEMOCRATIC SERVICES ON 08 FEBRUARY 2021

The Cabinet Member for Finance and the Cabinet Member for Environment, Housing and Regeneration have made the following decision today:

1. THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT, HOUSING AND REGENERATION

CAPITAL RELEASE REPORT (January 2021)

DEPARTMENT: Residents Services

SERVICE AREA/ PROGRAMME: Better Neighbourhood Fund

2020/21 Programme RELEASE NO: 3

DECISION: FULL APPROVAL

That:

Infrastructure,
Procurement,
Business
Improvement,
Communications,
Waste Services,
and ICT

Perry Scott,

Director of

Helena Webster, Residents Services

- 1. The Cabinet Member for Environment, Housing and Regeneration approved the allocation of £39.1k within the HRA Better Neighbourhood Fund from the 2020/21 programme and agrees to the six projects improving Council owned housing estates as set out in Appendix B of the associated report; and
- 2. That the Cabinet Member for Finance and the Cabinet Member for Environment, Housing and Regeneration agreed to the capital release of £39.1k within the HRA Better Neighbourhood Fund 2020/21 programme to fund the six projects improving Council owned housing estate (Appendix A of the associated report).

REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS MADE

Each year £156k from the Housing Revenue Account budget is earmarked to facilitate Council tenants and leaseholders suggesting improvements to their housing estate, helping to instil a sense of pride in the community. This local Hillingdon Council initiative is known as the Better Neighbourhood Fund.

Five proposals with a total value of £55.3k were approved on 18 June 2020 and have completed. Nine proposals approved 9 November 2020 with a total value of £51.8k are now being implemented. A further six proposals had been recommended by the previous Cabinet Member to be taken forward for implementation by 31 March 2021 as set out in this report.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

The Cabinet Members could decide not to support the recommendations and/ or to defer any of the recommended projects to a later date.

If the release of funds is not approved, delivery of the six new proposals cannot be effectively and efficiently progressed as intended and the contribution towards improvements on Council housing land and estates would not be fully realised.

FURTHER INFORMATION

The detailed report relating to this decision is available to view here.

NOTES FOR OFFICERS ACTIONING CAPITAL RELEASE DECISIONS (APPROVAL / HOLD / MORE INFORMATION / NO DECISION YET):

- **Approved** Where project approval has been given, these funds will be released by corporate finance in due course.
- On Hold Where funding for projects have been put on hold by the Cabinet Members, then these cannot be progressed at this current time and no capital funds will be released to progress them. You may wish to consult with your relevant Cabinet Member.
- **More information required** Where projects require further information, the Cabinet Members are still yet to make their formal decision it is therefore effectively in suspension. If you wish your project(s) to proceed then you should provide further details about them to Corporate Finance.

DECISION AUTHORITY & IMPLEMENTATION

Where required, these decisions have been taken under The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

These decisions, unless called in, will come into effect from 5pm on Monday 15 February 2021.

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