

## COUNCIL - MONDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER 2023

### Report of the Cabinet

#### PROCUREMENT OF A VOID REPAIRS CONTRACTOR

##### Purpose of Report

To consider a recommendation of the Cabinet in respect of the procurement of an additional contractor to work on void properties (HRA revenue budget increase).

##### Recommendation

That the HRA revenue budgets be increased by £858.1k on an ongoing basis to fund the estimated cost of the works delivered through the void repairs contract and the officer resource needed to support the effective management of the contract and void repairs generally.

##### Reason

To provide sufficient budget to meet the estimated cost of works delivered through the void repairs contract, and to provide an appropriate level of resource to support effective contract management and clearance of a backlog of voids and re-let properties faster.

##### Policy Justification and Previous Decisions

At its meeting on 10th August 2023, the Cabinet considered a report of the Director Housing and Wellbeing to consider the procurement of an additional contractor to work on void properties. That report is attached as an Annex and sets out policy justification in respect of the matter.

An extract from the Cabinet minutes which details the Cabinet's consideration of the matter is set out below.

##### *"23. PROCUREMENT OF A VOID REPAIRS CONTRACTOR*

*Considered, a report of the Director Housing and Wellbeing to consider procurement of an additional contractor to work on void properties (item 6 on the agenda filed with these minutes).*

*Councillor Seaton, Chair of the Scrutiny Commission, presented a report setting out the Commission's pre-decision scrutiny of the matter and recommendation (copy filed with these minutes).*

*The Leader thanked the Scrutiny Commission for its consideration of the matter, its input was valued.*

**RESOLVED**

1. *that the Director of Housing and Wellbeing be authorised to commence a procurement exercise, identify a suitable framework, and subsequently award a contract for the delivery of void repairs and associated works for a period of up to four years;*
2. *that **it be recommended to Council** that the HRA revenue budgets be increased by £858.1k on an ongoing basis to fund the estimated cost of the works delivered through the void repairs contract and the officer resource needed to support the effective management of the contract and void repairs generally;*
3. *that the report of the Scrutiny Commission be noted.*

### Reasons

1. *To support clearance of a backlog of voids and re-let properties faster.*
2. *To provide sufficient budget to meet the estimated cost of works delivered through the void repairs contract, and to provide an appropriate level of resource to support effective contract management and clearance of a backlog of voids and re-let properties faster.*
3. *To acknowledge the work undertaken by and the views of the Scrutiny Commission”.*

### Implementation Timetable including Future Decisions and Scrutiny

The decision by Council will come into effect immediately. The Scrutiny Commission considered the Cabinet report for pre-decision scrutiny at its meeting on 7th August 2023.

### Report Implications

All detailed in the Cabinet report, attached as an Annex.

### **Wards Affected**

All wards.

### **Publicity Arrangements**

Not applicable.

### **Consultations**

Not applicable.

### **Links to the Corporate Strategy**

Caring for the Environment	Yes
Healthy Communities	Yes
A Thriving Economy	No
Your Council	No

Key Decision: Yes

Background Papers: None additional to those listed in Cabinet report

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