

Minutes of Emergency Committee

Meeting Date: Thursday, 21 October 2010
Present: Councillor Robert Thompson
(Chair and substitute for Councillor Mike Ranson)

Councillors:

A Knox
T Hill
J Rogerson

In attendance: Chief Executive, Director of Development, Director of Resources, Director of Community Services, Head of Financial Services.

401 The Chief Executive outlined why it was necessary to call a meeting of the Emergency Committee.

Earlier in the week officers had received telephone calls from both Contour Housing Association and the Homes and Communities Agency [HCA] explaining that if the supplement to the Section 106 Agreement attached to the Planning Permission for the development at Primrose wasn't completed and in the hands of the HCA by Friday 22 October, there was a real possibility that the £1.2m Government funding could be lost. This funding had meant 25 affordable units were to be provided on site rather than the 13 agreed without Government funding.

He outlined the work that had been carried out at extremely short notice by our officers to ensure the document reflected what the Council wanted. This had now been agreed by all parties to the Section 106 and the agreement itself was being moved around the Country to obtain all the necessary signatures. He and the Mayor would sign the document on Friday.

The Director of Development explained what had been delegated to him on this matter and more importantly what needed member approval. The next Planning & Development Committee was on 4 November 2010.

Although the Section 106 itself and its supplemental agreement is covered by delegated powers, the essential accompanying application is not.

He stated officers were happy that the Section 106 agreement now covered all the main points that were required and that the accompanying application would have been recommended for approval at the Planning & Development Committee.

Members discussed the issues surrounding the approval and felt it needed to be dealt with as an urgent matter if there was a possibility that the Government funding for the development was at risk.

RESOLVED: The Emergency Committee agreed to the variation of Section 106 Agreement attached to the Planning Permission for the Primrose Development and the accompanying application ref 3/2010/0838.