

COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

Explanatory Note

The Leader of the Council has established Delegation Schemes by which certain decisions may be made by the relevant cabinet member or specific officers.

Cabinet member decisions are subject to review under the Call-in Procedure.

From the date the notice of the decision made is published there are five working days during which any five Councillors may sign a request for the decision to be reviewed (called in) and deliver it to the Proper Officer.

If, at the end of the period, no request has been made, the decision may be implemented. If a valid call- in request has been made, the matter will be referred to the Scrutiny Panel

Part A – To be completed by the appropriate Cabinet Member/Officer

Title of Report

Response to Government's consultation paper "Raising the Accessibility Standards for New Homes"

Delegated Power

To comment on any consultative document on an issue within their Portfolio.

Decision Taken

To agree Colchester Borough Council's response to the "Raising the Accessibility Standards for New Homes" consultation paper as set out in the Portfolio Holder report.

Key Decision

No

Forward Plan

Not a key decision

This consultation:

- Considers how the accessible, adaptable and wheelchair user standard for homes in Part M of the Building Regulations are currently used as optional and technical standards and it is seeking views on various options to raise the accessibility standards of all new homes.
- Seeks views on 5 options and more than one option can be supported.
- Asks for views on whether the Government's estimated additional costs of £1,400 per dwelling to deliver M4(2) are agreeable. M4(2) is the standard which is capable of adaptations so an occupant can remain in their home.

Delivering homes for people who need them is a strategic priority for the Council. This includes ensuring that all new homes are designed to a high quality across all tenures.

Alternative Options

Not to respond. However, this would mean that Colchester Borough Council would not take the opportunity to influence government decisions on raising the accessibility standards for new homes.

Conflict of Interest

N/A

Dispensation by Head of Paid Service

N/A

Dispensation by Monitoring Officer

N/A

Approved by Portfolio Holder for Housing

Signature Cllr Adam Fox

Date 26 November 2020

(**NB** For Key Decisions the report must be made available to the public for five clear days prior to the period for call-in commencing)

Part B – To be completed by the Proper Officer (Democratic Services)

Portfolio Holder Decision Reference Number

HOU-012-20

Implementation Date

This decision can be implemented if no request for the decision to be reviewed (call-in) has been made **after 5pm on *Friday 4 December 2020***

Call-in Procedure

The Decision Notice for this decision was published on the internet on ***Friday 27 November 2020***.

A request for reference to the Scrutiny Panel must be made by **5pm on *Friday 4 December 2020***.

Signature of Proper Officer

K Barnard