
EXECUTIVE SUB COMMITTEE FOR PROPERTY

RECORD OF DECISION

A meeting of the Executive Sub-Committee for Property was held on 16th April 2012 at 2pm

PRESENT:

Councillor D Budd (Chair) Councillors M Carr, C Rooney and NJ Walker

**OFFICIALS:

Andrew Carr and Nigel Sayer

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor B Coppinger

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at this point of the meeting.

**MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 27th March 2012 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

MIDDLESBROUGH COMMUNITY LAND TRUST- PROPERTY DISPOSAL

The Executive Director of Regeneration submitted a report that sought approval of the Executive Sub Group for Property to transfer three Council owned properties in the former Gresham Phase 3 clearance area to the Middlesbrough Community Land Trust (CLT) at nil value. The transfer would enable the CLT to bid for Government resources to bring the properties back into use as affordable housing for local people.

The report outlined that The CLT was made up of local residents, many of whom have been directly affected by the Council's HMR plans, and is a Company Limited by Guarantee. The CLT aimed to improve and re-use empty housing in Middlesbrough, focusing initially in Gresham, St Hilda's and Grove Hill. The Council has attended several meetings with the CLT and there is a desire to work constructively together.

The Department for Communities and Local Government (CLG) had recently released guidance to enable Community and Voluntary Groups to bid for funding to bring empty homes back into use. The guidance enables the CLT to bid for funding to bring homes and other types of property (including commercial property) vacant for more than six months back into use as affordable housing. The CLT intended to submit a bid to the Empty Homes Fund and, to this end, has recently made a written request for the Council to transfer empty properties in its ownership (preferably in Gresham) to the CLT. The deadline for submission of bids is the 17th April 2012.

The Council outlined that there were three options as to how to respond to the request to transfer properties to the CLT at nil value. Each option was further discussed in the report:

- Option 1: **No transfer**
- Option 2: **Transfer one or two properties:**
- Option 3: **Transfer three properties:**

ORDERED

That the Executive Sub Group for Property approve the transfer of three Council owned properties in the former Gresham Phase 3 clearance area to the Middlesbrough Community Land Trust (CLT) at nil value.

REASON

The decision was supported by the following reason:

The reason behind the recommendations is to enable the CLT to bid for Government resources to bring the properties back into use as affordable housing for local people.

The decision will come into force after five working days following the day the decision was taken unless the decision becomes subject to the call-in procedure.