

## **Report to Council – 16 July 2024**

## **Report of Cabinet – 8 July 2024**

Cabinet met on 8 July 2024. The minutes have been published on the council's website.

The following were present at the meeting:

Present: Mayor Taylor (Chair)  
Councillor Dychton (Deputy Mayor and Portfolio Holder for Community)  
Councillor Pattinson (Portfolio Holder for Housing and Wellbeing)  
(for minute numbers 12 to 17 and 20 to 21)  
Councillor Rodrigues (Portfolio Holder for Property and Resources)  
Councillor G Saffery (Portfolio Holder for Planning)  
Councillor Stotesbury (Portfolio Holder for Transport and Sustainability)  
Councillor Williams (Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhood Services)

Also present: Councillor Bell, Opposition Group Leader

Officers: Chief Executive  
Chief Finance Officer  
Associate Director of Customer and Corporate Services and Monitoring  
Officer  
Associate Director of Environment (for minute numbers 12 to 16)  
Associate Director of Housing and Wellbeing  
Waste Recycling and Venues Lead (LA) (for minute numbers 12 to 16)  
Environmental Health Manager – Environment  
Housing Enabling and Development Manager  
Democratic Services Manager

### **18. Relocation of New Hope Service from 64 Rickmansworth Road**

Cabinet received a report of the Housing Enabling and Development Manager which asked members to recommend to Council that the remaining capital receipt from the sale of the 64 Rickmansworth Road was ringfenced for additional social and temporary accommodation.

The Mayor invited Councillor Rodrigues to introduce the report.

Councillor Rodrigues informed members that the Housing team was looking at all options to increase affordable private sector accommodation and social housing. He explained that the property in Rickmansworth Road was not the most suitable accommodation for New Hope. Following a decision to sell the property, it was recognised that would require alternative accommodation. The second part of the recommendations was to ring fence the capital receipt. There would be schemes

coming forward in the next few months, which would provide an opportunity to invest to save for the council. The report would need to be presented to Council for approval.

Councillor Bell advised he supported the proposal, as it would help the homeless. He recognised that New Hope needed more space.

The Mayor commented that the proposal made sense and asked Cabinet to vote on the recommendations in the report.

Resolved –

1. that Cabinet recommends that Council provides a capital grant of £160,000 to Watford Community Housing. This grant to be used to secure an alternate property for New Hope to deliver services currently delivered from 64 Rickmansworth Road.
2. that Cabinet recommends that Council allocates the remaining capital receipt from the sale of 64 Rickmansworth Road to secure additional housing units. The sum allocated to be no greater than the total capital receipt profit, less the £160,000 committed to Watford Community Housing.