

## PROPOSAL FORM FOR ITEMS FOR FOR CONSIDERATION BY OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY

**Submitted by:**

Cllr David Palethorpe

**Item for Consideration:**

To review TDC policy and implementation reference Community (CIC) Assets Rents/Charges Subsidy

**Expected outcome i.e. new policy, new action, new partnership, review and/or scrutinise the performance of other public bodies or of the Council in relation to its policy objectives, performance targets and/or particular service areas:**

To review and consider the policy and implementation of rent subsidies with reference to CIC assets.

To provide a report and make recommendations for consideration by the Executive on Rent Subsidy Policy

**Priority for matter to be considered ✓ :**

High (up to 3 months)     Medium (3-6 months)     Low (over 9 months).

Basis on which priority has been set

Concerns have been expressed by Councillors regarding both internal and external audit failing to identify that annual rent reviews have not been carried out over a number of years resulting in rises now being proposed that endanger the existence of valuable Community assets.

Cllr C Parker brought to the attention of Council serious concerns about the continuing viability of Bucklands CC if the proposed rent increase was implemented. Cllr Hall at the recent Council meeting (5 September 2023) declared an interest and explained in support of Cllr C Parker the value of Bucklands to the Community.

Cllr R Keeling informed Council that the proposed rent increase will not be applied for the current financial year (2023/2024) and requested that O & S carry out an urgent review of the policy and its implementation.

Following a debate at Council there was a cross party consensus that this was an issue that should be a priority for O & S members to consider carrying out as it is of high local importance and community value.

**The suggested item should be included in future programme(s) because: (please tick as appropriate) ✓**

- (a) It is a district level function over which the district has some control
- (b) It is a recently introduced policy, service area of activity which would be timely to review.
- (c) It is a policy which has been running for some time and is due for review
- (d) It is a major proposal for change
- (e) It is an issue raised via complaints received
- (f) It is an area of public concern
- (g) It is an area of poor performance
- (h) It would be of benefit to residents of the district

(i) Which of the Council's objectives does the issue address?

The council objective is to be a Community Powered Council in which strategies and policies are developed and implemented that are fair and equitable to all residents across the District.

(j) Is there a deadline for the Council to make a decision? (If so, when and why?)

There was cross party consensus at the Council meeting (5 September 2023) that this issue was a priority to be resolved asap

**Members are requested to provide information on the following:-**

(k) What do you wish to achieve from the review?

To provide a report and recommendations for considering by the Executive

(l) Are the desired outcomes likely to be achievable?

The desired outcomes are achievable

(m) Will it change/increase efficiency and cost effectiveness?

The review will be designed to consider the current policy to ensure it is efficient and provided recommendations regarding the importance and value to the community

**Additional information** – an explanatory sentence or paragraph to be provided below to support each box which has been ticked.

Possible Consultees (not an exhaustive list)

Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council

Executive Members with specific responsibility for this area

Council members

Council Officers

Community (CIC) Groups

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