

Community and Wellbeing Policy Development Advisory Group
13 JULY 2020

Present: Councillors: Tricia Youtan (Chairman), Andrew Baldwin, Frances Haigh, Lynn Lambert, Roger Noel, Jim Sanson, Ian Stannard, Belinda Walters and James Wright

Apologies: Councillors: Chris Brown, Colin Minto and Kate Rowbottom

1 **NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Group received the notes of the previous meeting.

2 **AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNCIL'S PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING POLICY TO REFLECT CHANGES TO THE ELECTRICAL SAFETY SITPRSE REGULATIONS 2020**

The Principal Environmental Health Officer reported an amendment to HDC's Private Sector housing policy. Landlords would need to carry out an electrical safety certificate survey prior to each new tenancy. Existing tenancies would need an inspection in 2021.

HDC's communications department had published media releases on various HDC communication platforms regarding the new electrical safety standards.

3 **COMMUNITY HUBS - UPDATE**

The Head of Housing & Community Services provided the Group with an update regarding the Community Hubs that had been set up within the district during the Covid-19 pandemic. 27 Hubs had been set up to provide vulnerable members of the public with access to medication, food and other essentials.

At the beginning of July, the need for these hubs was diminishing and so Age UK had agreed to carry out public support going forward.

The Community Development team were working with the Hubs to see if they would be able to continue to operate should there be a second wave during the pandemic. There had also been discussion with Parish Councils to develop new emergency plans.

4 **SLINFOLD - POSSIBLE PROPERTY ACQUISITION**

The Head of Housing & Community reported that there was an opportunity for HDC's housing company to purchase four properties within Slinfold that would be used for affordable housing.

5 **FORWARD PLAN EXTRACT FOR THE COMMUNITY MATTERS AND WELLBEING PORTFOLIO**

The Forward Plan extract was noted.

The meeting closed at 6.39 pm having commenced at 5.30 pm

CHAIRMAN