

31 August 2017



SUFFOLK COASTAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISIONS NOTICE

WEEK ENDING 1 SEPTEMBER 2017

**DECISIONS BY THE CABINET
CALL IN DEADLINE 5.00 PM ON 7 SEPTEMBER 2017**

No decisions were taken by Cabinet this week.

**DECISIONS BY INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER
CALL IN DEADLINE 5.00 PM ON 7 SEPTEMBER 2017**

The following decision has been taken by a Cabinet Member and will come into effect on 8 September 2017 unless the call-in procedure is activated:

Title: Approval of a House Renovation Grant that falls outside the scope of the agreed policy by virtue of the failure of the applicant to meet the eligibility criteria

Decision Made by Cabinet Member with responsibility for Housing: To approve a House Renovation Grant to meet the Decent Homes Standard and to deal with hazards in a home assessed under the Housing Health and Safety Rating System (HHSRS), including significant disrepairs, and the provision of adequate amenities and thermal comfort. The costs of the works will be well below the maximum House Renovation Grant available.

Reason for Decision: Renovation is the most appropriate solution to deal with the hazards at the property and the applicant does not have the finances to carry out the works at their own cost. The property has been assessed as failing the Decent Home Standard due to dangerous electrical wiring and significant penetrating dampness; renovation grants are available where a property fails to meet the Decent Home Standard. The applicant has significant health issues and has had to cease work. The grant is means tested and subject to conditions of future occupation; it must be repaid in full should the property be sold, or the owner move out within the next twenty years.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: Non payment of the grant. The applicant cannot afford to carry out the works and is in receipt of income related benefits, therefore, the non-approval of a grant would mean the works would not be undertaken. In these circumstances, the condition of the property would continue to deteriorate and, ultimately, create additional repair issues and poor living conditions. Relocation. The applicant has just moved to be near to family and cannot afford to move again; the availability of another suitable house in their price range, without defects, is potentially an issue.

Any Declarations of Interest Declared: None.

Any Dispensation Granted: None.

**DECISIONS BY INDIVIDUAL AUTHORISED OFFICERS
IN RESPECT OF KEY DECISIONS
CALL IN DEADLINE 5.00 PM ON 7 SEPTEMBER 2017**

No decisions were taken by individual authorised officers this week.

If you have a query or wish to request that a proposed decision is called in, please contact the Democratic Services Section by telephone on 01394 444426 or by email to democratic.services.scdc@eastsoffolk.gov.uk