

**Decisions taken at the CPH Climate Change, Planning & Housing Decision Session  
Meeting held on Tuesday, 15 February 2022**

**Present: Councillor A Mackiewicz: Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Planning and Housing**  
**Opposition Spokespersons: Councillor R Long, Councillor M McLoughlin**

Title	Decision Taken	Reasons	Date Effective
Apologies for Absence	No apologies were received.		
Declarations of Interests	Councillor Mackiewicz declared that he owned two rental properties in the borough.		
Questions and Deputations	No questions or declarations were received.		
Sustainable Warmth Programme	<p>The Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Planning and Housing:</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>(i) To approve the acceptance of the Midlands Energy Hub's conditional grant offer to the Council for the delivery of the Sustainable Warmth Programme;</p> <p>(ii) To delegate authority to accept the Council's final funding allocation for the delivery of the Sustainable Warmth Programme to the Director of Economy and Infrastructure; and,</p> <p>(iii) To approve the submission of the Council's delivery plan to the Midlands Energy Hub, based on the scope and approach set out in the report.</p>	<p>The preferred option is for the Council to participate in the SWP. This will build on the progress from LADS2, and support the delivery of the Council's Net Zero Action Plan.</p> <p>5.2</p> <p>As set out in Appendix 3, the current domestic retrofit standards being applied to government funded programmes are a significant shift from previous requirements and practice. This has required the Council and SCH to make a number of adjustments and invest in new skills, practices and procedures. As a result, much of the learning and foundations to support the SWP and future programmes, have either been completed or are well underway.</p> <p>5.3</p> <p>The Council is</p>	<p align="center">23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022</p>

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		<p>required to submit a detailed delivery plan and profile to MEH by 28 February, to account for how it will spend its funding allocation and set out delivery targets. This will require significant work and has not yet been completed. Rather than wait until after the plan is submitted for approval to participate in the SWP, it is recommended that this decision is delegated to officers so that the Council can start delivery as soon as the plan has been approved by MEH.</p>	
<p>Wharf Farm, 123 Dickens Heath Road, Dickens Heath</p>	<p>The Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Planning and Housing:</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>(i) To agree the addition of the house, stables and pigsties to the Local List.</p>	<p>Designated heritage assets of national significance are included on the statutory list maintained by Historic England. The demolition or alteration of designated heritage assets on that list requires consent from the local planning authority and, in some instances, Historic England. Unauthorised works to them are a criminal offence. Heritage assets that do not meet the exacting standards for inclusion in the statutory list can nevertheless be of significant local</p>	<p>23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022</p>

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		<p>architectural or historic interest and often contribute much to local character and distinctiveness. Whilst designated heritage assets are of the highest significance, the loss or degradation of locally important heritage assets can produce a cumulative negative impact upon the experience of their locality and upon the overall character of the Borough.</p> <p>Following some initial developable interest in the site officers have identified the buildings as having substantial local historic value. The property is therefore proposed for local listing in advance of a potential application and further consider by Historic England for statutory listing. It is your officers professional view that any request for consideration for higher level statutory listing requires assessment of the survival of interior fabric and fittings of the house and stables which it has not yet been possible to assess.</p> <p>In accordance with national planning policy set out in the</p>	

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		<p>National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) the Council maintains a list of such buildings, the Local List, to encourage their preservation. The NPPF sustains the Government's recognition of the importance of retaining heritage assets as part of sustainable development and its support for locally important heritage assets that are not, or do not appear to be, of sufficient importance to warrant statutory listing. Heritage assets are defined in the NPPF glossary and the Planning Practice Guidance.</p> <p>Controls over the demolition or alteration of buildings on the Local List are not as extensive as for buildings on the Statutory List. Formal consent is not necessarily required for alterations and addition to the list does not automatically reduce permitted development rights. However, inclusion on the Local List does provide some degree of protection - it is a material consideration when determining</p>	

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		<p>relevant planning applications, and recognises the special architectural and/ or historic character of a building, structure or place.</p> <p>The principal criteria for inclusion by the Secretary of State of a building on the statutory list are: architectural interest; historic interest; close historical association with nationally important people or events; and group value. Not all will necessarily be relevant to every case. Similar criteria apply to the inclusion of a heritage asset on a Local List. Criteria for additions are based upon those used by Historic England for considering additions to the Statutory List and have previously been agreed.</p> <p>The addition to the Local List would help to maintain the positive contribution that these buildings make to local character and distinctiveness. The road is very busy as a key route into and through Dickens Heath towards Solihull and the M42, as well as heading west to</p>	

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		<p>Tidbury Green and Wythall. In addition, the canal corridor is well used for leisure purposes and the lowered wharf area allows views of the site from the towpath beyond the canal. The farmstead is therefore seen alongside the canal by substantial numbers of people each year. Together with the canal and partly brick-built overbridge it lends some historic continuity to the immediate area, emphasised by the fields north of the canal. It is part of the tangible built heritage of this distinct area between Shirley and Tidbury Green and maintaining its contribution to that story will allow it to be more fully understood and appreciated in the future.</p>	
<p>Revenue and Capital Monitoring 2021/22 as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021</p>	<p>The Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Planning and Housing:</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>(i) To endorse the 2021/22 revenue and capital financial monitoring forecast as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021; and,</p> <p>(ii) To note the Portfolio's progress against the latest 3 year savings targets in the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.</p>	<p>Not applicable.</p>	<p>23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022</p>