

HARROGATE BOROUGH COUNCIL DECISION NOTICE	
Cabinet Member for:	Housing
Date of Decision:	17 November 2009
1. Decision No/ Your Ref:	Hsg 15/09/10
1a. Wards affected:	All
<p>2. Subject: (Title and description of action proposed as described in the written report) REGIONAL MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE LOAN SCHEME To seek approval for Harrogate Borough Council's participation in the Regional Mortgage Assistance Loans Scheme "Breathing Space".</p>	
<p>3. A. The information given in this form is a fair and accurate record of the decision made by Councillor Jean Butterfield, Cabinet Member (Housing):</p> <p>Portfolio Holder: (Signature)</p> <p>B. The Cabinet Member (Housing) declared the following interest: (Explain the nature of the interest)</p> <p>C. Was a substitute appointed?: No</p>	
<p>4. DECISION: (Completion of this Section is a statutory requirement)</p> <p>Please state:</p> <p>A. Decision/s made:</p>	

That the Cabinet Member (Housing) approves the Council's participation in "Breathing Space". This is the Regional Mortgage Assistance Loan Scheme, operated by Wakefield Metropolitan District Council, on behalf of local authorities across the Yorkshire and Humber region, to enable them to offer loans to help home owners in the District who are experiencing difficulties with their mortgage and/or secured loan payments. The Cabinet Member also delegates authority to Wakefield Metropolitan District Council to act as Accountable Body and to act as administrative body and banker for the scheme.

B. Reason/s for making decision:

The Regional Housing Board (RHB) has allocated two million pounds for a regional mortgage assistance scheme. After considering the other options available, the RHB agreed that the existing Wakefield Council loan scheme should be rolled out throughout the Yorkshire and Humber region. To enable Wakefield Council to act as the Accountable Body for the scheme and to act as administrative body and banker, formal approval is required to allow Wakefield to discharge these functions on behalf of Harrogate Borough Council under the provisions of the Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Authorities (Arrangement for the Discharge of Functions) (England) Regulations 2000, in accordance with the Council's well being powers under Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000.

C. Alternative options considered and rejected:

Not to delegate authority to Wakefield Council to allow Harrogate Borough Council to participate in the Regional Mortgage Assistance Loan Scheme.

This is not being recommended as funding provided by the RHB will not be utilised to assist home owners in the Harrogate District at risk of losing their home and the Council will lose the opportunity to further develop the range of homelessness services in the District, and with it the potential for further reductions in homelessness acceptances and temporary accommodation occupancy.

5. Please outline all additional material or information considered at the meeting whether written or oral and not detailed in the written report:

None

6. With regard to the written report please indicate:

A. The number of appendices:

Nil

<p>B. The number of background papers and their location/file reference:</p>	<p>Nil</p>
<p>C. The number of any additional papers considered which are to form part of the 'definitive report' on the matter:</p>	<p>Nil</p>
<p>7. Was all or any part of the report deemed to be exempt?</p>	
<p>7. No</p>	
<p>8. If so:</p> <p>A. Please state to which part of the report it is applicable and give the wording of the relevant paragraph of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972:</p> <p>B. Is there an Exempt Decision Notice?</p>	
<p>B. No</p>	
<p>9. A. Is this a Key Decision?</p> <p>(Key Decisions are subject to the 5 working days Call-in procedure and must not be actioned until notification to proceed has been received)</p> <p>No</p> <p>If so, please state:</p> <p>B. Forward Plan reference number:</p> <p>C. Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Commission:</p> <p>D. Date Member Services were supplied with report and accompanying papers for publication and consequent circulation to the Scrutiny Commission Chair:</p> <p>E. Urgent Item of Business – Call-in (Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 16b)</p>	
<p>If a matter is urgent and Call-in cannot be applied please state:</p> <p>(i) Reasons:</p> <p>(ii) Date of agreement of Scrutiny Commission Chair that the decision is urgent:</p> <p>(iii) Means of communication of agreement:</p>	

10. Officers in attendance at the meeting during consideration of this item:

- A. Jenks (Head Of Housing)
- D. Saxby (Executive Officer Housing Strategy)
- C. Firbank (Legal Services)
- C. Osbourne (Resources)
- C. Loftus (Housing Needs Manager)
- S.Deegan (DCS Graduate Trainee)

11. Decision to be actioned by: (Please state name and post title of the appropriate Officer who would need to be notified of validation and Call-in)

- A. Jenks (Head of Housing)
- Please also notify
- L. Williamson (Director of Community Services)

12. Please confirm that all Officers required to be consulted prior to forwarding this Decision Notice to the Member Services Section have been consulted: (e.g. Legal Services, Finance, Human Resources)

Yes

13. Date Decision Notice despatched to Member Services via Email:

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14. NOT TO BE COMPLETED UNLESS it was impracticable to include the Key Decision in the Forward Plan:

(See Access to Information Procedure Rules 15 and 16)

A. Call-in to apply: (Access to Information Procedure Rule 15)

Please state:

(i) Reasons:

(ii) Date Proper Officer and Scrutiny Commission Chair were supplied with report and papers:

B. Special Urgency Provision (Call-in cannot be applied):

(Access to Information Procedure Rule 16)

Please state:

(i) Reasons:

(ii) Date on which agreement obtained from Scrutiny Commission Chair that the decision is urgent:

(iii) Means of communication of agreement:

15. (For use in Member Services Section)

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| A. Decision Validated by: | Andy West |
| B. Date decision validated and published: | 18 November 2009 |
| C. Date Call-in procedure ends (if appropriate) – 4.30 pm on: | |
| D. If 9D or 14A is answered give date of public notice: | |
| E. File Ref and Officer Ref: | H245NOV17.doc/CB |
| F. If Special Urgency Provision (14B above) has been applied please confirm that relevant item will be included on next Council Agenda: | |