

Eden District Council Meeting 28.7.22

1. Questions from the Public

Jonathan Davies (JD, Penrith Town Councillor): On 25th of February 2021 EDC resolved to dissolve Heart of Cumbria and bring it into the council. This has not happened, why?

Mary Robinson (MR): The process is complex and ongoing. Residential properties will transfer over to the new authority.

Supplementary question: JD: I have had tenants contact me. They have requested to keep pets and to decorate their homes. They have been told that there is a strict no pets policy and also no decorating is allowed, even putting a picture on the wall. Will you agree to take urgent action here? MR: We will prepare a written response.

2. Budget for Capital Grant for Affordable Housing

This was to approve a capital budget for a grant to Eden Housing Association for the extension of 7 Pennine View, Newbiggen, funded from money from Section 106 income (from housing estate developers). It was approved by EDC Cabinet on the 24th of May 22.

Judith Derbyshire (JD): We transferred our housing stock to Eden Housing Association many years ago. There is a property at Newbiggin. The property needs to be extended to make it suitable to larger homeless families. We would use Section 106 funds. We have had a few larger homeless families and could have used this property. The Cabinet has approved this. The budget would be a capital grant of £174k.

Phil Dew (PD): I am not sure what we will get for the £174k.

JD: We have a very large homeless family and the property has 4 bedrooms and the extension will give another bedroom.

PD: I wonder if the council will invest in other larger properties.

JD: If you are talking to parish councils, please emphasise that if a family is going to be made homeless they should contact the housing department as soon as possible and not on the day before eviction.

All voted in favour.

There was another agenda item to approve capital grants of £544k for 4 Affordable Housing Projects but this was withdrawn.