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Recommendations from the Overview & Scrutiny Committee – Thursday 7th November 2019

**Agenda Item 8.1 –
Conversion of Property in Stourport on Severn**

**Agenda Item 9.1 –
Wyre Forest District Local Lottery Proposal**

**Agenda Item 10.1 –
Social Housing Delivery**

**6pm
Tuesday, 12th November 2019
Council Chamber
Wyre Forest House
Finepoint Way
Kidderminster**



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Conversion of a Property in Stourport on Severn

The Committee received a report from the Head of Strategic Growth which presented the business case for converting a property in Stourport in Severn into temporary accommodation, to be run by the Council as an alternative to using private sector Bed and Breakfast (B&B) facilities particularly for families.

The Committee welcomed the financial aspect of the proposal which represents an opportunity for the Council to reduce its B&B costs going forward and generate additional revenue. In addition, Members acknowledged the importance of the authority being able to control the standard of the temporary accommodation and supporting people whilst they are going through difficult times by accommodating them within their local area, enabling them to remain close to friends and family.

Recommend to Cabinet that:

The proposal to refurbish 11b Raven Street, Stourport on Severn into temporary accommodation be agreed.

Background papers:

See the report on page 102 of the pdf at this link:

http://www.wyreforest.gov.uk/council/docs/doc55164_20191107_o_and_s_agenda.pdf

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To consider whether to progress with establishing a local lottery for Wyre Forest

The Committee received a report from the Corporate Director: Community Well Being and Environment to consider whether to progress with establishing a local lottery for Wyre Forest.

The Committee welcomed the presentation from the External Lottery Management Company, Gatherwell, and were assured by the safeguards in place to mitigate the risk to problem gamblers.

Members acknowledged the benefits of establishing a lottery to support local charities and organisations across the District. Several Members expressed their support for retaining the Community Leadership Fund (CLF) in addition to the proposed lottery as each individual Councillor had the discretion on what organisations or one-off community projects to support.

Recommend to Cabinet:

To progress a WFDC lottery subject to:-

- 1. The lottery should not be a precursor to the CLF being removed and recommend to Cabinet that support for the lottery does not mean the removal of the CLF.**
- 2. The formal details and parameters of the scheme should come back to scrutiny for further consideration before then going back to Cabinet for a decision and, therefore, there should be no delegation in respect of these matters agreed in the report going to Cabinet at its next meeting.**
- 3. There should be a cross party, politically balanced panel established to oversee the smooth running of the lottery and to decide which charities could be supported.**

Background papers:

See the report on page 42 of the pdf at this link:

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Social Housing Update

The Committee received a report from the Corporate Director: Economic Prosperity and Place which provided an update on the delivery of social housing as requested by Council in May 2019.

The Committee welcomed the update, and notwithstanding their disappointment; acknowledged the Council's situation regarding options for delivery of social housing within the District and the importance of having an adopted Local Plan.

Recommend to Cabinet that:

- 1. The Council's situation regarding options for delivery of social housing be noted.**
- 2. The Cabinet have due regard for the recommendations from the Corporate Director: Economic Prosperity and Place and keep the Social Housing delivery under regular review.**

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