

1 Extra Care Housing Development, Hungerford (EX2042)

June Graves and Tandra Forster sought agreement to establish a pre planning cost risk sharing arrangement with Sovereign South & West (SSW), in the context of partnership working to deliver a key supported Living Development project, as part of the Putting People First Programme of work.

Nick Carter felt that further clarification was required on exactly who would be making the final decision. June confirmed that there were two delegated decisions to be made – the agreement to negotiate a risk sharing agreement between the Legal teams and the final approval of the detailed agreement would be delegated to the Portfolio Member for Adult Social Care as an Individual Decision. It was suggested that this needed to be made clearer within the report.

Corporate Board referred to the financial implications and the statement that around £175k of any abortive costs might have to be funded through the Council's Risk Fund and queried whether this was correct as Nick felt that this issue was not part of what the reserves or risk fund was set aside for. It was therefore agreed that the words "set aside for this purpose" should be deleted from the report.

Corporate Board noted the risks and controls which had been put in place but queried the compromise of the independence of the planning process. It was agreed that "integrity" would be a better word to use than "independence". Gary Lugg confirmed that there were no issues in respect of the planning process as far as officers were concerned. However, there were issues with one of the Portfolio Holders which June Graves confirmed that she was aware of.

Action(s):

- (1) Amended report to be considered at the Management Board meeting on 17th June 2010 and the Executive on 22nd July 2010.**