

Bolsover District Council

Executive

14 July 2014

New Bolsover Project – Use of Dwelling

Report of the Head of Housing (Portfolio Holder: Cllr K Reid)

This report is public

Purpose of the Report

For members to consider using one HRA property at New Bolsover for the HLF funded New Bolsover project

1 Report Details

- 1.1 As part of the HLF project at New Bolsover, there is a requirement for an on site presence for the Community Development Worker, other staff and the occasional meeting.
- 1.2 There are a high number of empty HRA properties at New Bolsover.
- 1.3 It is recommended to use one of these empty properties to provide an office base. There will be no rent charge made for the property, but the project will be expected to pick up utility costs and Council Tax.
- 1.4 Initially it is proposed to use 157 New Bolsover for this purpose. This will incur a rent loss of £77.59 per week (based on a 48 week rent year). However, as the project progresses it may be more helpful to refurbish a property and to use this as a office space show house.
- 1.5 It is therefore proposed to permit the use of one HRA property for the use of the New Bolsover project for a period of up to 5 years. Initially this will be 157 New Bolsover, but this may be 'switched' to another property as determined by officers without the need for a further report.

2 Conclusions and Reasons for Recommendation

- 2.1 To agree to use one property at New Bolsover as an office base for a period of up to five years.

3 Consultation and Equality Impact

- 3.1 None carried out. However the main project will involve a considerable amount of community involvement and an on site presence with help this.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

4.1 None considered

5 Implications

5.1 Finance and Risk Implications

Potential rent loss of £3,724.32 per year, at current rent levels. However as properties are difficult to let in the area this may not be relevant.

5.2 Legal Implications including Data Protection

None

5.3 Human Resources Implications

None

6 Recommendations

6.1 That one HRA property at New Bolsover is used as a Project Office for a period of up to 5 years.

6.2 That there is no charge made for this use.

6.3 That initially the property used will be 157 New Bolsover, but officers are able to 'switch' to another property without the need for a further report.

7 Decision Information

Is the decision a Key Decision? (A Key Decision is one which results in income or expenditure to the Council of £50,000 or more or which has a significant impact on two or more District wards)	No
District Wards Affected	Bolsover South
Links to Corporate Plan priorities or Policy Framework	

8 Document Information

Appendix No	Title
Background Papers (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet (NEDDC) or Executive (BDC) you must provide copies of the background papers)	
Report Author	Contact Number

Report Reference –