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REFERENCE: HC-01-21

ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY IN CHRISTIE MILLER ROAD SALISBURY

Purpose of Report

The report seeks consideration of proposals to bring a property back into use as affordable housing whilst addressing the requirements of DEFRA and respecting the impact the property has had on the local community.

Consultation

N/A

Options Considered

1. The options available are those that would comply with the DEFRA requirements that the Council would retain some form of control over the future use of the property. The Council could decide not to take ownership but that may lead to an adverse impact on the local community and thus has not been recommended.
2. The Council could take the property into its Housing revenue account and offer it as affordable rented accommodation. In such a scenario the property would be offered to the household with the highest housing need but they may not be sensitive to the history or impact on the local community from the property and thus that has not been recommended.

Reason for Decision

The proposals aim at bringing 47 Christie Miller road back into use as affordable housing, whilst maintaining an element of control on future occupation to a household who will chose to live in the property and respecting the impact the property has had on the local community.

DECISION MADE

1. That the Council acquires 47 Christie Miller Road for a nominal sum
2. That the Council undertakes the necessary work to bring the property into a habitable state.

3. That the property is offered for sale on a shared ownership basis with a maximum of 75% equity available for purchase

4. That the property is offered for shared ownership sale on a cascade basis starting with households who live within Christie Miller Road cascading out to a wider area if no purchasers come forward.

This decision was published on 22 January 2021 and will come into force on 1 February 2021.

The following report and appendices are attached:

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The following supporting documents are available from the officer named above:

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