

Decision under Delegated Powers

Officer Requesting Decision

Sally Ramalho, Principal Officer – Customer Engagement & Older People's Services

Officer Making the Decision

Eileen Mallon, Strategic Director of Housing, Planning and Regeneration, and Regulatory Services

Recommendation

That the Council sign a wayleave agreement with Virgin Media to allow them to install cabling and equipment at sheltered courts to improve residents' access to broadband facilities should they require them.

Reason

To enable Landlord Services to support the objectives set out in the Council's Corporate Plan 2016-2020 to "improve the way in which customers can access our services" by providing access to broadband for residents living in the Council's sheltered schemes.

Authority for Decision

Part 2a of the Constitution contains authority for the Strategic Director (Housing, Planning and Regeneration, and Regulatory Services) to manage and maintain the housing stock and associated land and buildings including undertaking stock condition surveys, responsive repairs, planned maintenance, modernisation and improvements and installation of energy efficiency measures" (item 1 on page 8-17 of the Council's Constitution.

Decision and Date

Approved.
E. Mallon - 5/5/17

Background

Charnwood BC manages 14 sheltered courts throughout the Borough. These courts provide around 435 homes for elderly and vulnerable residents.

One of the key Themes in the Corporate Plan is Delivering Excellent Services. The Council aims to improve the ways in which customers can access services. An action has been identified in the Corporate Plan that aims to ensure all our sheltered courts have access to broadband.

Virgin Media have held discussions with us and have agreed to install the necessary cabling and equipment at our sheltered courts at no cost to the Council. Tenants may then connect to the broadband service should they wish to pay for it.

Virgin Media will work with our Asset Management team on site to ensure that the installations meet our requirements and are not detrimental to our buildings.

A wayleave agreement has been drawn up and checked by Legal Services and requires signing to enable these works to go ahead.

Financial Implications

Costs for the installation of cabling and equipment will be met by Virgin Media. There are no financial costs for the Council.

Comments from HR

N/A

Risk Management

Risk Identified	Likelihood	Impact	Risk Management Actions Planned
Inability to provide access to Broadband for our sheltered housing tenants	High	Medium	Agree to wayleave agreement

Key Decision:

No

Background Papers:

Wayleave agreement