

STRATEGIC HOUSING PANEL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 6 OCTOBER 2010

Present: Councillors G Clements, Chairman; A Jacob; J Jackson; Mrs C Watson

Officers: L Priebe, Housing Services Manager; D Cochrane, Housing Policy Manager; K Skillicorn, Housing Research and Policy Officer; D James, Member Services Officer

Also present M Jepson, Head of Legal and Democratic Services, R Osbourne, Ann Treble

Gaynor Asquith Arc 4 Consultants, A Thorn and S Varty, Copeland Homes

Apologies for absence: Councillors J Bowman; R Pitt J G Sunderland; & and J Betteridge

SH 34 Minutes of the Meetings

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 August 2010 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

SH 35 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Clements declared a Personal Interest in the agenda items due to being a Board Member of Copeland Homes.

SH 36 Financial Products for Investing in Housing Renewal – Presentation by Gaynor Asquith of Consultants Arc4

Members received a presentation from Gaynor Asquith of Arc4 Consultants looking at financial products for investing in Housing renewal. The presentations introduces equity and non equity based loans.

The presentation was then open to a question and answer session from members and officers

RESOLVED – That a) the presentation be noted; and

b) officers be authorised to continue looking at models for private sector renewal and seek the procurement of advice subject to any financial implications being reported back to this Panel.

SH 37 Progress Report on Strategic Housing Improvement Plan

A report was submitted and noted on progress in advance of a full report to the Panel on the 3 November 2010.

RESOLVED – That a) the report be noted; and

b) a presentation be made to the next meeting on progress made with the housing pages on the Copeland Web Site.

SH 38 Voids & Reletting plus Energy Efficiency – Presentation by Home Group

Members received and update from Copeland Homes on Retrofit Housing for the future and Home Groups ERDF Retrofit Match Funding Bid for renewable energy and energy efficient measures along with the current position with regard to empty homes in Copeland.

This was then open to a question and answer session by Members and officers.

The meeting closed at 12.30 pm

Chairman

Date