

## **STRATEGIC HOUSING PANEL**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 9 FEBRUARY 2011**

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

Councillors J Bowman also attended the meeting.

Officers: L Priebe, Housing Services Manager; D Cochrane, Housing Policy Manager D James member Services Officer

J Betteridge, Head of Development Strategy; K Skillicorn, Housing Research and Policy Officer - Agenda items 1 - 8

An apology for absence was received from Councillors R Pitt.

Also present: A Thorne – Home Group, T Bruce, Goose Housing Research;

#### **SH 63     Minutes**

That subject to the close of the meeting being amended to 1.00pm the Minutes of the meeting held on the 19 January 2011 were signed by the chairman as a correct record.

#### **SH 64     Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Sunderland declared a Personal in the agenda items 6 and 8 due to being a private landlord.

#### **SH 65     Arrangement of the Agenda**

RESOLVED – That due to time constraints Agenda Item 10 – Strategic Housing Action plan 2010/11 Exceptions report be deferred to the next meeting.

#### **SH 66     Empty Homes Survey**

Members received and noted a presentation by T Bruce of Goose Housing Research findings of the vacant homes survey. Following the presentation the meeting was then open to a question and answer session from Members and officers.

#### **SH 67     A Fairer Future for Social Housing – Response to Consultation**

The response to the Department for Communities & Local Government on A Fairer Future for Social Housing was submitted and noted.

**SH 68     Draft Housing Strategy**

The draft Copeland Housing Strategy was put before Members for consideration. This strategy is one of the recommendations from the Audit Commissions re-inspection report published in 2010.

During consideration of this item Members stressed the importance of each objective being achievable.

Resolved – That taking on board comments and observations made by Members, the Strategy be noted and be the subject of a further report prior to being submitted for adoption.

**SH 69     Home Housing Group Repairs and Maintenance Strategic Review**

A letter from Mark Henderson, Chief Executive of Home Group Ltd, detailing the outcome of their Repairs and maintenance Review was submitted and noted.

**SH 70     Home Group Decent Homes Standard**

The Home group report updating member of the current position with regard to properties within Home Groups Decent Homes Extension.

During consideration of this item Members asked that where major demolitions had taken place eventual redevelopment must be looked at.

The meeting closed at 1.00 pm

Chairman .....

Date .....