

## **STRATEGIC HOUSING PANEL**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 16 JUNE 2010**

Present: Councillors G Clements, Chairman; J Bowman A Jacob; J G Sunderland; P Whalley

Officers: J Betteridge, Head of Development Strategy; L Priebe, Housing Services Manager; D Cochrane, Housing Policy Manager; D James, Member Services Officer

Apologies for absence: Councillors J Jackson and R Pitt

#### **SH Minutes of the Meetings**

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the meeting held on 27 May 2010 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

#### **SH Cumbria Choice Based Lettings Partnership Agreement**

Consideration was given to the updated Cumbria Choice Based Lettings Scheme and Partnership agreement prior to submission to Council for formal approval.

**RESOLVED** - That Council be recommended to join the partnering scheme and sign up to the Partnership agreement at its meeting on 24 June 2010

#### **SH Strategic Housing Action Plan**

The action plan for Strategic Housing was submitted and noted.

During consideration of this item member asked for a comprehensive list of statutory duties and powers and it was agreed that this would be the subject of a future report.

Members also felt that Housing finance reports to be submitted to the Panel on a quarterly basis to enable a full understanding in addition to this monitoring reports showing delivery against targets should also be submitted to the panel.

**RESOLVED** – That a) taking on board comments made by Members the report be noted;

b) a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Panel giving a comprehensive list of Statutory Powers and Duties.

c) Quarterly reports be submitted to the Panel on Housing Finance;

d) by Exception monitoring reports be submitted to the Panel on a bi monthly basis commencing September 2010; and

e) a full update report on the action plan be submitted to the next meeting of the Panel

**SH Letter to the Chairman of the Audit Commission**

The Portfolio Holder and Chairman of the Strategic Housing Panel to the Chairman of the Audit Commission was submitted and noted.

**SH Any Other Business**

It was noted that prior to the commencement of the Meeting members had received a letter from Copeland Homes detailing plans for the closure of the Copeland Homes Board and proposals for the new steering group. It was noted that there was currently two tenant members on the Board and asked for Copeland Homes to consider increasing this to ensure representation throughout the Borough.

It was agreed that there would be a presentation to the next meeting on the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA).

The meeting closed at 1:00 pm

Chairman .....

Date .....