

## **STRATEGIC HOUSING PANEL**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 16 AUGUST 2011**

Present: Councillors George Clements, Reg Heathcote; Alan Jacob; Sam Pollen; Paul Whalley

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jon Downie and Peter Stephenson

Julie Betteridge, Head of Regeneration and Community; L Priebe, Housing Services Manager; K Skillicorn, D James Member Services Officer

Andrea Thorn – Home Group, attended the meeting for Agenda Item 7 Copeland Homes Steering Group – Terms of Reference

#### **SH 10      Appointment of Deputy Chairman Chairman**

It was moved by Councillor Paul Whalley duly seconded and

**RESOLVED** – That Councillor Jon Downie be appointed Deputy Chairman for the Municipal Year

#### **SH 11      Minutes**

**RESOLVED** - That the Minutes of the meetings held on 12 April and 23 June 2011 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

#### **SH 12      Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests**

Councillors Paul Whalley declared personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 7 Copeland Homes Steering Group due to being tenants and left the meeting during its consideration.

#### **SH 13      Confirmation of Nominations to Outside Bodies**

At the last meeting of the Panel Members recommended that Council approve that a) Councillor George Clements be nominated as Council representative for Cumbria Supporting People and Cumbria Housing Executive; and

b) Councillors Peter Stephenson and Paul Whalley be nominated as Council representative to Home Steering Group (Minute SH 09 refers)

further to this recommendation Council resolved that each panel would have delegated authority to agreed representations and this recommendation is now put to Members for formal confirmation.

Prior to confirmation of the recommendations Councillor Paul Whalley expressed concern that should he accept the appointment any issue relating to him being a tenant would result in him having to declare a personal and prejudicial interest and therefore have to withdraw from the meeting and subsequently could not be an effective member on the Steering Group. It was agreed that on this advice another member would be nominated in his place, it was further noted that this could also be the position with regard to Councillor Peter Stephenson and as he had submitted his apologies to this meeting it was moved by Councillor Reg Heathcote duly seconded and

**RESOLVED – That** a) Councillor Alan Jacob be appointed to the Home Steering Group in place of Councillor Paul Whalley;

b) authority be delegated to the Chairman to confirm the remaining appointment; and

c) Councillor George Clements be appointed as Council representative for Cumbria Supporting People and Cumbria Housing Executive.

**SH 14      Copeland Homes Steering Group – Terms of Reference**

Consideration was given to the proposed terms of reference for the Copeland Homes Joint Steering Group (JSG) set up in succession to the Copeland Homes Board.

**RESOLVED – That** a) the report be noted;

b) that the revised terms of reference be noted;

c) minutes of the Steering Group be included on future agendas of the Panel.

**SH 15      Housing Strategy: Year 1 Delivery Plan/12**

Consideration was given to a report setting out the details of the production of future delivery plans which formed part of the adopted Copeland Housing Strategy 2011-15. During consideration of this item it was noted that although Home Group had been late in submitting a response to the plan they were in full support of the Plan.

**RESOLVED - That** a) the consultation process leading to the Year 1 Delivery Plan be noted;

b) reports be submitted to Overview and Scrutiny Committee 6 monthly; and

c) quarterly progress monitoring reports be submitted from October.

**SH 16      Localism Bill – Update on Housing Implications**

A report was submitted and noted giving members an indicative summary of the social housing element in the Localism Bill. It was noted that a quarterly Monitoring report would be submitted to the October meeting of the panel.

**SH 17      Update on Private Housing Sector Stock Condition Survey & Cumbria Warm Homes Project**

Members received a verbal update on the current position with regard to the private housing sector Condition Survey and Cumbria warmth project. It was

**AGREED** - that financial update reports be submitted quarterly to this Panel.

The meeting closed at 12.25am

Chairman .....

Date .....