

STRATEGIC HOUSING PANEL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 19 APRIL 2012 at 5:00pm

Present: Councillors George Clements (Chairman); Jon Downie;
Reg Heathcote; Alan Jacob; Sam Pollen and Peter Stephenson.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Paul Whalley.

Officers: Laurie Priebe, Housing Services Manager; Debbie Cochrane, Housing Policy Manager and Clive Willoughby, Member Services Technical Support Officer.

SH 52/11 Minutes

RESOLVED - That the Minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2012 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

SH 53/11 Order of Agenda Items

With the permission of the Chair, it was

RESOLVED – That Item 8 Empty Homes Strategy be withdrawn from the Agenda.

SH 54/11 Membership of Outside Bodies

As requested by Full Council, the reports on membership of Outside Bodies including the Cumbria Housing Executive Group, Copeland Homes Joint Steering Group and the Cumbria Supporting People Commissioning Body were received by the panel for information.

With regard the Copeland Homes Joint Steering Group, members requested the dates of meetings of this group for the remainder of the year.

The Housing Services Manager then provided an additional update on the Cumbria Supporting People Commissioning Body.

RESOLVED – That the reports be noted.

SH 55/11 Copeland Housing Strategy 2011-2015 : Draft Year 2 Delivery Plan

The Housing Services Manager apologised to Members for the late issue of this report.

The Copeland Housing Strategy 2011-2015; Draft year 2 Delivery Plan was then considered in detail by the Panel and a number of additions and alterations suggested.

The Panel were advised that this report had been taken to the Overview and Scrutiny Internal Committee on 16 April 2012 and comments from them were awaited.

Members were advised that any further comments would be welcome and an updated version of the Year 2 Delivery Plan of the Copeland Housing Strategy would be brought to a future meeting of this Panel.

RESOLVED – That the draft Year 2 Delivery Plan of the Copeland Housing Strategy be updated with the comments made and any received from the Overview and Scrutiny Internal Committee and an updated version be brought to a future meeting of this Panel.

SH 56/11 Future Use of the New Homes Bonus

The Panel received a verbal update from the Housing Services Manager on the Future Use of the New Homes Bonus.

It was stated that the framework for the use of the New Homes Bonus was currently being developed and a report would be brought to the June 2012 meeting of this Panel.

RESOLVED – That the verbal update be received.

SH 57/11 Private Sector Stock Condition Survey

The Panel received a verbal update from the Housing Services Manager on the Private Sector Stock Condition Survey.

Members were advised that a draft report had been received and discussions were ongoing with the report authors for clarification of some of the points made. The Final Report will be an Agenda item at a future meeting of this Panel

RESOLVED – That the verbal update be received.

The meeting closed at 6.30pm

Chairman

Date