

STRATEGIC HOUSING PANEL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11 AUGUST 2010

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

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

R Osbourne, attended the meeting for Agenda items 1-6

Apologies for absence: Councillor J Jackson; R Pitt

SH 25 Minutes of the Meetings

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 15 July 2010 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

SH 26 Declarations of Interest

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

Councillor Sunderland declared a Personal Interest in agenda item 7 (Cumbria Choice Based Lettings Scheme – Allocations Policy) due to being a Private Landlord.

SH 27 Home Insulation Scheme & Fuel Poverty

A report was submitted updating Members on recent developments with regard to installing cavity wall insulation and how this links in to the Copeland Climate Change Action Plan.

The report also described how activities in Copeland operate within the context of the Cumbria Fuel Poverty Task Group and the affordable warmth strategy of a registered Social Landlord.

During consideration of this item Members asked if the RSL's could be invited to a future meeting so see what they were doing on this issue.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

SH 28 Cumbria Choice Based Lettings Scheme Allocation Policy

(Note: Councillor J G Sunderland left the meeting during consideration of this item.)

Consideration was given to recommending the Allocations Policy of the proposed Cumbria Choice Based Lettings Scheme to the Executive for adoption when the scheme goes live, currently expected in January

2011.

If adopted, the Allocations Policy will replace the Council's present Allocations Scheme as policy for the Council when the new scheme goes live.

RESOLVED – That the report be recommended to the Executive for approval.

SH 29 Letter of Response to the Audit Commission

This item was deferred to the next meeting of the Panel.

SH 30 Copeland Homes Steering Group - Verbal Update

There was no update from the Copeland Homes Steering Group.

SH 31 Any Other Business

a) It was **AGREED** that the Housing Strategic Review report would be submitted to this Panel prior to being considered by the Executive and Full Council;

b) the meeting due to be on the 8th September 2010 be rearranged to enable the Chairman and Lead officer to attend.

The meeting closed at 3.30 pm

Chairman

Date