

STRATEGIC HOUSING PANEL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 2 DECEMBER 2009

Present: Councillors; Councillors G Clements (Chairman); J Bowman; J Jackson; A Jacob; G Sunderland; P Whalley

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Pitt and J Jackson

Officers: L Priebe; A Davis; D Cochraine; D James, Member Services Officer

SH 49 Minutes

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2009 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record subject to Councillor P Whalleys declaration being recorded in all discussions relating to Copeland Homes due to being on the Copeland Homes Board.

SH 50 Copeland Homes

Arising form the minutes of the meeting held on 11 November Members asked for heir concern to be noted of the lack of response received with regard to actions agrees at the last meeting SH46 refers.

SH 51 Declaration of Interest

Councillors P Whalley and G Clements declared a personal interest in all discussions involving Copeland Homes due to being a Member of the Board and Councillor Whalley being a tenant.

SH 52 Preparing the Development Strategy Service Plan

Members received a presentation on progress made in the preparation of the 2010/11 Development Strategy Service Plan for both the private and public sector. During the presentation Members asked for the proposed targets for 2010 to be submitted to the next meeting of the panel.

It was **AGREED** that a) proposed targets be presented to the next meeting of the panel; and

b) the presentations be noted.

SH 53 Housing Assistance Policy

Members received a presentation on progress made for the revision of the Housing Assistance Policy as agreed in January 2008.

RESOLVED – That the presentation and progress to date be noted.

SH 54

Home Group's Board Restructuring Consultation

Members received a verbal update on the proposed restructure of the Copeland Homes Board. Members noted that the existing Copeland Homes Board would continue to 2010 and asked if this could be extended to 2013 in light of the deadline for achieving decent homes standard being extended to this date. Member asked who would monitor the Copeland Homes Board and felt that there should be a regional accounting and reporting procedures in place. Members further felt that in light of the proposed restructure that the terms of the transfer document should be scrutinised to ensure that all aspects had been complied with.

RESOLVED - That a) the update be noted;

b) Overview and Scrutiny Committee be recommended to scrutinise compliance with the transfer document.

SH 55

Voids Update

It was AGREED that this item be deferred to the next meeting of the panel.

The meeting closed at 6.45 pm

Chairman

Date